

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 15-16

Bible Story: Esther *Esther 2-8*

Big Idea: God deserves our thanks

Focus: God deserves our thanks because He is in control.

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever". *Psalms 136:1 (NirV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on *Esther 2-8; Psalms 33:11; Isaiah 46:9-10; Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 2:9*

Mordecai and his cousin Esther were Israelites whose family had been exiled to Persia. When the king needed a new queen, Esther was chosen. Mordecai urged her to keep her Jewish identity secret. When Haman wanted to destroy the Jews, Mordecai told Esther to help. He told her that she might be in the palace for this very reason. Though it was risky, she approached the king and revealed Haman's plan. The king was furious, punished Haman and saved the Jews.

God's plan couldn't be stopped by Haman. God was honoring the covenant He made that a Rescuer would come through Abraham's family, the Jews. He worked through Esther to save His people so the Rescuer, Jesus, could come to Earth just as He promised. Esther risked her life by admitting she was an Israelite and by approaching the king. Many years after Esther, Jesus didn't just risk His life, but gave it up to save all people. He died on the cross and rose again so that we can be rescued from death and live in God's kingdom forever!

He Question: How can God have a plan for everything?

God is sovereign and in control. He loves us and knows what is best for the world.

We Question: Does God have a purpose for everyone?

God made each of us for a purpose. He has a great plan for our lives and works through us for His glory.

Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



During dinner, talk to your child about how you had to have a plan in place to put this dinner together. If you didn't have a plan, you probably would not have eaten a healthy meal. God is in control and our plan may sound like a good plan but He has the best plan and we can trust Him. We can praise Him because He will use it for His good.

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WEEK 3

God TIME

DAY 1

READ "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever". *Psalms 136:1 (NirV)*

Let's practice our new verse in a fun fall way. Find a piece of blank paper and red, orange, yellow, green, and brown markers.

Once you have those items, write the first word of the memory verse on the paper in the red marker. Then write the second word of the memory verse on the paper with the orange marker. Then write the third word of the memory verse on the paper with the yellow paper. Continue alternating all 5 colors, and writing one word at a time on the paper, until you have finished the entire verse

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that God deserves your thanks

DAY 2

READ "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever. What He wants to do will last for all time." *Psalms 33:11(NirV)*

Take a moment and look up a picture of the President or a King. When you look at their picture, what do you see? Do they look important or powerful? The President or a King often have power and authority because they are in charge of a country. They are supposed to help make the rules to keep their country and the people in their country safe.

Even though the President or a King are powerful, there is someone more powerful than them. There is someone who is always in control, no matter what...God!

Trace and color in the crown. Then write the word God across the crown as a reminder that God is the One who is always in control.



KNOW that God deserves our thanks because He is in control

DAY 3

READ Esther 2-8 (NirV)

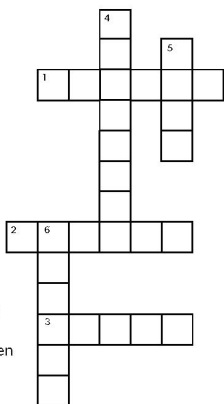
Complete the crossword puzzle to review this week's Bible story.

Across

1. Country where the Israelites were exiled
2. Esther's identity that Mordecai told her to keep secret
3. Advisor who plotted to destroy the Jews

Down

4. Cousin of Esther who told her to keep her identity secret
5. Esther risked her life to approach this ruler
6. Jewish woman chosen to be queen



BE THANKFUL because God is in control

**HEY PARENTS
SIGN HERE!**

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature _____

Date _____

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ Isaiah 46:9-10 (NirV)

Have you ever had plans for something that you thought would be great. But in the end, your plans didn't turn out well?

When your plans didn't go as you planned, how did you feel? Were you frustrated or sad? There will be times in your life where you will work hard to create a plan for something. It might be to build something or to plan an event. Even though you try your best, your plans may not always work. In those moments, turn to God. Remember that He is always in control.

Take a moment and pray to God. Thank Him for always being with you and for always being in control.

"Dear God. Thank You for always being with me. Sometimes, it can feel like something in my life makes no sense. I may not understand what is going on. In those times, help me to give You thanks and remember that You are always in control. I love You. In Your name I pray, Amen."

PRAY and thank God that He is in control

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

November 22-23	4th Grade
November 29-30	3rd Grade
December 6-7	2nd Grade
December 13-14	1st Grade
January 10-11	Kindergarten



Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Bring a friend 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
- UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks

Child's Name: _____