

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; Psalm 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)*

This month we have been focusing on memorizing this verse from Psalms. Find a piece of paper, a pencil, and a black crayon or marker. With the help of a parent, write out the verse on the paper in pencil. Say the verse after it is written down. Then randomly pick two words to remove. Take your black marker or crayon and completely color over the two words, so you can't see the words. Now try to say the memory verse with those two words missing.

Next, color over two more words. Then try to say the memory verse again. Continue to color over two words at a time, while trying to say the memory verse each time, until all of the words of the memory verse are gone.

How many times did you say the memory 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)*

Close your eyes and imagine standing on sinking sand. How does it make you feel? Nervous? Anxious? Uncertain? Now imagine standing on a solid rock. How does that make you feel? Secure? Confident? Our God works all things out for the good. His plans are firm just like standing on the rock. Esther was not sure what God was going to do when she approached the King, but she knew God was in control.

With the help of a parent, draw a picture of you standing on a rock. This will help you to remember that God is in control and you can trust his plans for you no matter what.

KNOW that God deserves our thanks because He is in control

DAY 3

READ "But God chose you to be His people. You are royal priests. You are a holy nation. You are God's special treasure. You are all these things so that you can give Him praise. God brought you out of darkness into His wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9 (NirV)

Just like God chose Esther to become Queen at just the right time to save the Jews from Haman's bad law, God has chosen you. You are His special treasure. He says you are a royal priest. A holy nation. He created you so you can give Him praise. God was in control of Esther's life and worked everything out for good. He is in control of everything you are facing and you can trust Him. With the help of a parent, trace the crown to help you remember you are a royal priest, God's special treasure.



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)

There is no one like our God! There is nothing that comes as a surprise to Him. These verses say He knows the ending before the situation even begins to happen. There will be times when you will go through hard things. God does not ever leave you. He is always in control and will use it all for His good. Just like Esther, you can trust His plan.

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for being in control. Ask Him to help you to trust in Him.

"Dear God, I am so thankful that You are in control. I know that You have my best interest in mind and will work all things out for my good. Help me to trust in You and give You the thanks in all situations. I love you! In Your name I pray, Amen."

PRAY and thank God that He is in control.

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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

- Come to church 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks

Child's Name: _____