



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### ESTHER SAVED HER PEOPLE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of the book of Esther from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

In 2011, a car company aired a commercial featuring a young child dressed in a costume attempting to use imaginary powers to control objects around the house. After several failed attempts at moving objects, the boy stands in front of his dad's car, puts his hands out toward the car, and the car engine starts! The boy is amazed at his powers, but the commercial reveals the dad is standing inside the house using a remote to start the car. The father was in control the whole time!

As we read the book of Esther, God's name never appears in the story. He is not mentioned one time, yet it is evident that He is in control the whole time! When Mordecai heard Haman's evil plan to kill the Jews, he reminded Esther that perhaps God had made her queen for a purpose. God used Esther to save His people from Haman.

Esther's life did not go exactly the way she had planned. There were ups and downs, but God was in control the whole time! We can trust that God has a plan for us too. No matter what happens in our lives, we can know that God is in control, and His plans will always be for His glory and our good.

**Even though Haman tried to hurt God's people, God was in control and had a plan to save the Jews. Sin hurts us and breaks our relationship with God, but God had a plan from the very beginning to save us through Jesus' death on the cross.**

***Pray:*** *God, You are always in control. Help us trust that You have a plan and Your plans are good. Even when we don't understand what is happening, remind us that You have the power to use what the enemy meant for evil and turn it for good and for Your glory! Amen.*



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LEARN SCRIPTURE

*The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.*



**On that day it will be said, “Look,  
this is our God; we have waited  
for him, and he has saved us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited  
for him. Let’s rejoice and be glad  
in his salvation.”**

Isaiah 25:9



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.



## **Family Prayer Time**

### **Mornings**

Ask God to help you trust Him more. How can learning more about God's character and His mighty works help you trust Him more?

### **Evenings**

Thank God for His good and perfect will for your life. Even when we don't know or understand what He is doing, we can trust that He is perfectly working out His plan. Why can we trust that God's plans for us are good?



## **Family Activities**

### **For Fun**

Take turns playing with a remote-controlled car. Set up an obstacle course for each family member to guide the car through. Afterward, discuss how the person holding the remote was in control. Remind kids that God is always in control. God is perfect and will work out His good plans no matter what happens.

### **To Serve**

Purim is a Jewish feast to celebrate the saving of the Jewish people from Haman's plan. Baskets of pastries, candy, and juice are often given to families and those in need as part of the celebration. Assemble a basket of food and drinks that you can give to someone else. When asked what the gift is for, take the opportunity to share the story of Esther and how it points us to the greater Rescuer—Jesus!