



Unit Theme: Faith Over Fear

QUEEN ESTHER HELPS GOD'S PEOPLE

SEPTEMBER 2ND

WORSHIP

Join the Elementary in the Clubhouse for a time of Worship!

Song # 1: Grace Like a Wave

Song #2: Wave Walker

Song #3: Peace

Song # 1: Jump

Song #2: Real Love

Song #3: Who You Say I Am

AGREEMENTS

Make a verbal agreement together to follow the following guidelines:

#1 - I can LISTEN

#2 - I can LEARN

#3 I can STAY SAFE

#4 I can SHOW RESPECT

#5 I can PARTICIPATE

MISSIONS FOCUS

-Location: Colombia ((Find Location on globe))

-LifePointe Missionaries: The Castillo Family
(Show photo of Missionary)

-Offering: (Explain why we give to God our tithes & Missions Offerings)

-Pray: (Ask a child to help you pray over the nation, missionaries, and bless the offering!)



BIBLE VERSE

Today's Verse:

"All things are possible for the one who BELIEVES." - Mark 9:23

Show your kids how to find the verse together in the bible. Demonstrate as you search for the Book, Chapter, then Verse. Then, pick a portion of the verse to memorize. Say that part of the verse together and make up motions to go with each key word! Lastly, take time to discuss what Truths they can take away from the verse.

TRUTH

Today's Truth: *Nothing is Impossible with God!*

(Say it to the kids & have them repeat after you. Come up with original motions or use ASL

& Repeat this Truth all morning long!)

BIBLE STORY

Today's Bible Story: Queen Esther Helps Save God's People! (Utilize Bible Story Pictures as you Read)

Long ago, in a country called Persia (Babylon), God's people (the Jews) had been exiled for 70 years. The Jewish people were not treated well there. One of the King's advisors, named Haman even had plans to get rid of all the Jewish people from Persia. But when the King of Persia chose to marry a beautiful girl named Esther, there was hope for God's people! What the King did not know about Esther was that she herself was a Jew, and her uncle Mordechai, was the leader of the Jews.

When news began to spread about Haman's plans to rid Persia of all the Jewish people, Mordechai sent Esther a message. He told her what Haman was plotting and asked her to go to the King on the Jews behalf. Esther was so afraid. She knew NO ONE could see the King without being invited, or they would be put to death. Unless the King extended his scepter to you, would your life be spared. So Esther fasted (went without food) and prayed for three days. Then, she mustered up her courage and went to see the king. The King not only extended his scepter to her, but he also told her that she could have anything she wanted, up to half of his kingdom! All she asked was that the King and Haman join her for dinner that night.

As they were at dinner, the king again asked Esther, "Now what is your request? Esther simply asked that the King and Haman join her for dinner again the following night. Haman was very pleased that he'd been asked to dine with the King and Queen two nights in a row and was filled with pride. (If you read the whole story in the Book of Esther, you will realize how being too prideful really backfired on Haman!)

The following night, Esther finally shared the secret of her faith and proclaimed herself a Jew. She told the King of Haman's evil plans against her people. And she begged the king to spare their lives. The King had mercy on Esther and her people.

After hearing this, the King punished Haman as he intended to punish the Jews and spared all of God's people because of Esther's bold faith and courage to overcome fear!

Just like we learned in today's memory verse and Truth, nothing is impossible with God! When we have faith in God and believe in His promises, we can overcome any fear!

DISCUSSION TIME

Allow the kids time to ask Discussion questions and reiterate Today's Truth from the Bible Lesson!

REAL LIFE APPLICATION

Share a personal story or testimony of a time when God gave you faith to overcome your fears! Explain what happened and how God showed up!

PRAYER & MINISTRY TIME

- Prayer for healings (Practice using their authority in Christ to proclaim healing in Jesus' name!)
- Prayers of Encouragement (Practicing sharing God's loving thoughts to one another!)
- Prayer Requests (Give everyone opportunities to share)
- Pray together (Encourage a child to help you pray aloud)

TESTIMONIES / PRAISE REPORTS

Allow the kids time to testify to what God has done! Once they have shared what God did for them, have the rest of the family say together, "DO IT AGAIN GOD, DO IT AGAIN!" Then, ask that child to tell you who God revealed himself to be in that testimony. Give them suggestions, (ie. God is my Provider, Protector, Healer, etc.) Then, ask the rest of the family if they want to experience God in that way too! Then, have that child release that testimony over the rest of the family and pray you all could experience God as our (Provider, Protector, Healer, etc.) as well!

ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Option #1: LISTENING TO GOD ACTIVITY PAGE and/or COLORING PAGE!

Option #2: BIBLE STORY VIDEO! Watch together and discuss! -https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qV_av5ZXFu4

Option #3: FELT BOARD BIBLE STORY! Read the Bible Story & Use the felt board to show visuals!

Option #4: ACT IT OUT! Assign each person a role from today's story and act it out together. Get creative with props!

"Bible Story Figures" (Visuals to Print, Cut Out, and Tell the Story)



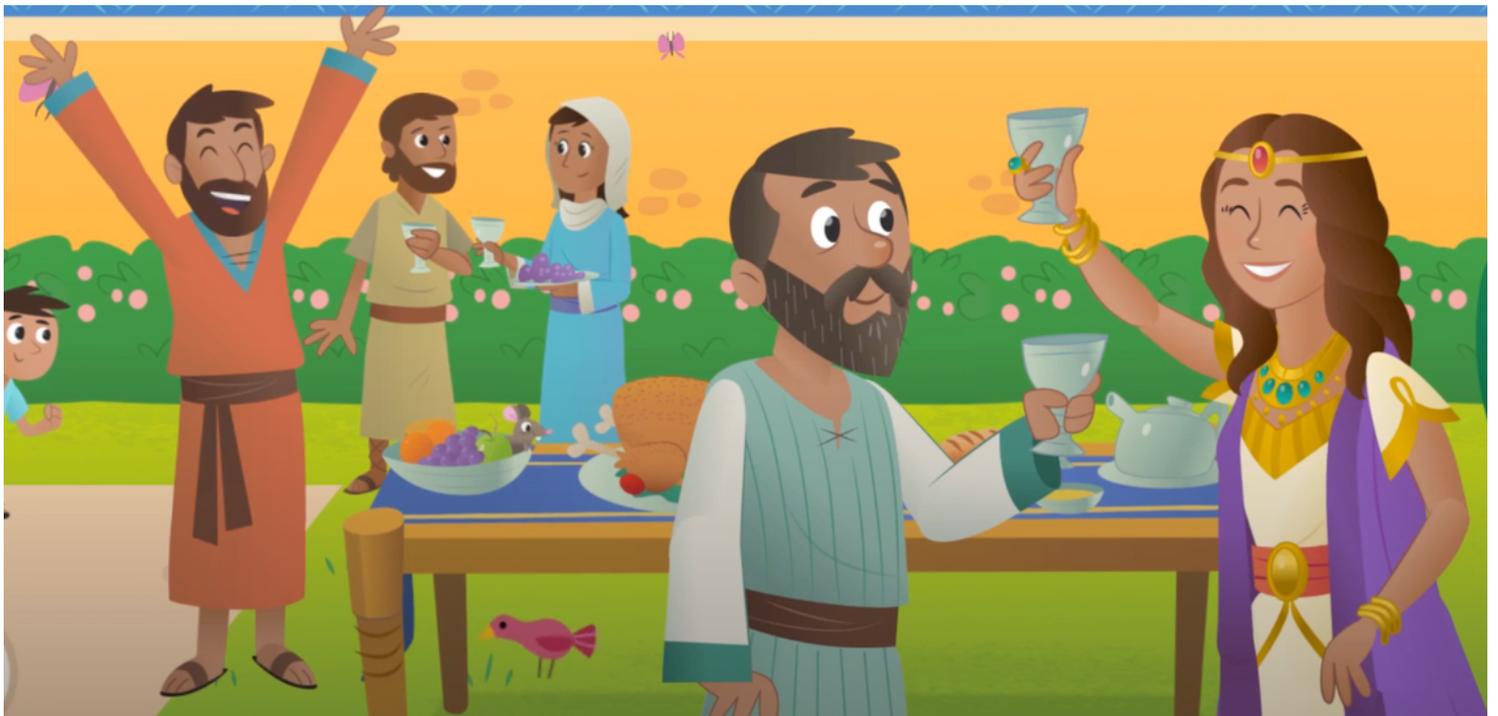
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Discussion Questions!

- Who did the King of Persia choose as His Bride? (Queen Esther)
- What did the King not yet know about His Queen? (She was Jewish)
- Who was the King's Advisor? (Haman)
- What was Haman's evil plan? (To rid Persia of all the Jewish People)
- Who was Mordecai (He was Esther's Uncle, and the Leader of the Jews)
- What did Mordecai ask of Esther? (That she plead to the King to save the Jewish people from Haman's evil plan)
- What could happen if the Queen went to the King uninvited (She could be put to death, or he could extend his scepter and spare her life)
- What happened when Esther went to the King (He spared her life AND told her he'd grant any request up to half of his kingdom)
- What did Queen Esther request (Dinner with Haman & the King)
- At their second dinner, what did the Queen do? (She pleaded that the King save her people, the Jews, and protect them from Haman!)
- How did the King respond? (He granted her request)
- Would you have had the faith to overcome your fear like Esther?

Take time to pray together and thank God for the gift of Faith! Take time to talk about what fears that each of the kids deal with. Then, pray that God would give them faith to overcome those fears with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Follow Up: Just like we learned in today's memory verse and Truth, nothing is impossible with God! When we have faith in God and believe in His promises, we can overcome our fears!

Close your eyes, ask God & Listen: #1 - God, will you bring to mind any fears that have been keeping me from believing your promises. #2 God, will you give me faith to overcome those fears and believe you for a miracle!

Ask this child, "What did God show/tell you!" Then, write down their response below.

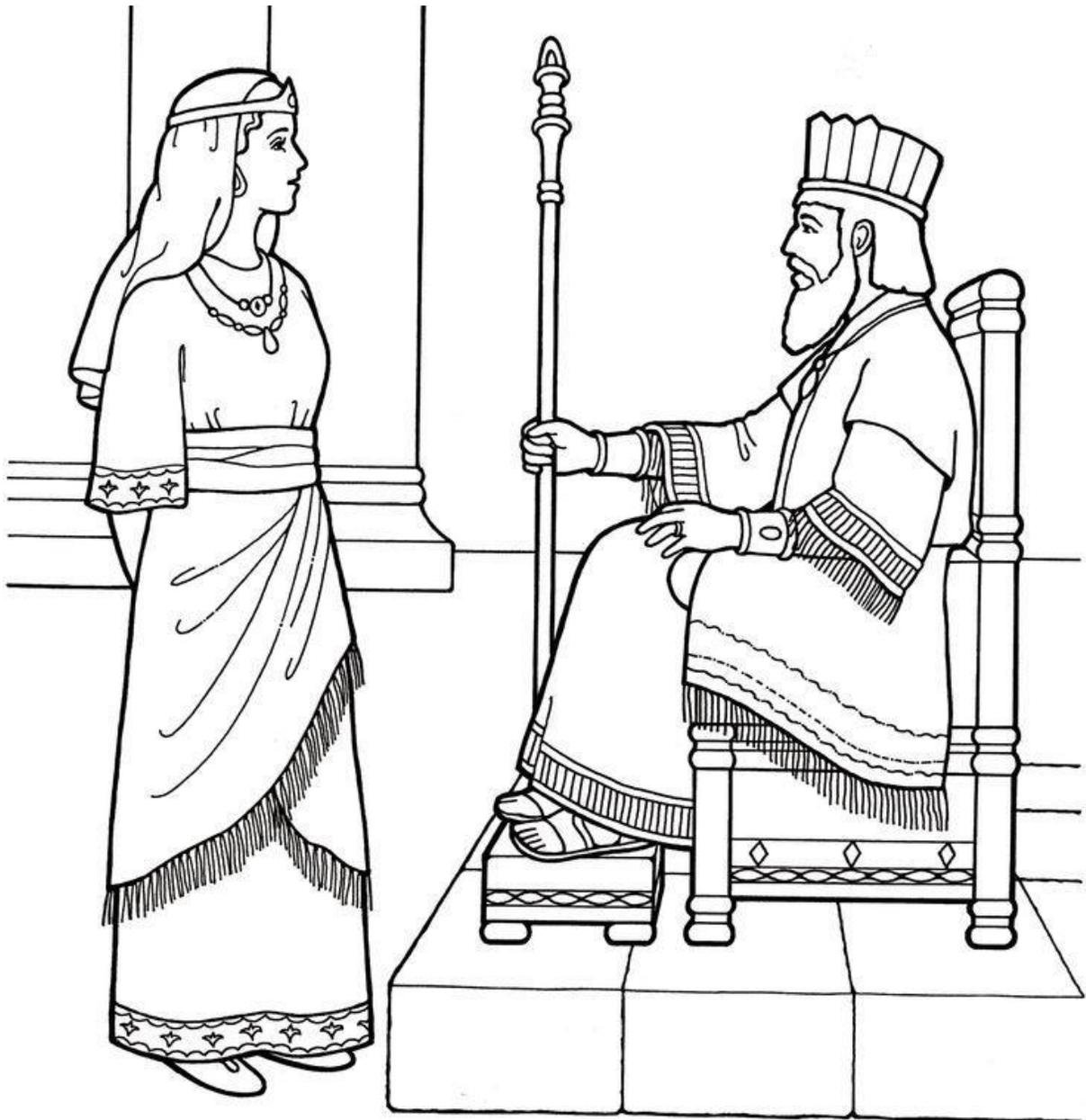
Find the Difference, Queen Esther Saves Her People

Queen Esther talks to the King to save her people. Find what is different in each picture.



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Name _____



Queen Esther overcame her fears with Faith!