

Peace Kids At Home Lesson

for August 15, 2021, (ages 3-6th grade)

Watch the lesson on video on our Facebook page!

BIBLE PASSAGE: Queen Ester Saves her People – The Book of Ester

FAITH WORD: COURAGE

Exploring courage through discipline is our spiritual practice for this unit. In previous stories, we have heard about the courage of Rahab, Ruth, and Naomi: three women who faced fear and danger with courage. Through planning and discipline, they saved themselves from danger.

In today's story, Queen Ester not only saved herself but also saved the Jewish people. Queen Ester was Jewish, but her husband, the king, did not know she was Jewish. The king's helper, Haman, didn't like the Jewish people, so he tricked the king into making a law that would have all the Jewish people killed. Queen Ester was raised by her cousin Mordecai who also worked for the king. Mordecai convinced Queen Ester that she must intervene with the king to save her people.

Queen Ester took several courageous steps. First, she presented herself to the king without being summoned. Not even the queen could do that! Second, she invited the king and Haman to a banquet. She made a plan to tell the king she was Jewish at the banquet. When she told the king that she and her people would be killed under Haman's law, the king was very upset. So, he made a new law that kept Queen Ester and her people safe.

Not only did Queen Ester show courage but she did so with a deliberate plan. She asked her people to fast and pray to give her courage. That courage gave the queen the discipline to carry out the plan. Sometimes we ask for help from others or through the discipline of prayer to be courageous.

- Was Queen Ester afraid to tell the king she was Jewish?
- Why do you think Queen Ester's faith in God gave her courage?

Don't forget to watch the video lesson on Facebook or Youtube

WOMEN RULE

Interview a woman in leadership that you know. Tell her you are learning about Queen Ester's courage and ask:

1. Can you tell me about what you do?
2. What do you do when you're afraid?
3. Why is it important to do the right thing even if it's scary?

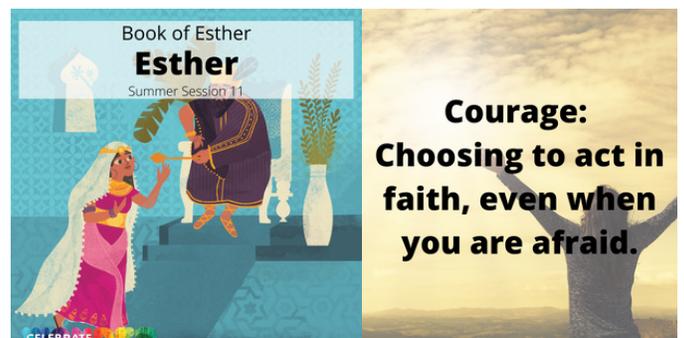


PRAYING TOGETHER

Dear God,

We thank you for creating all the different people your creation needs. We pray that you will keep safe those who are persecuted or are in danger for who they are. We also pray that you will change the persecutors' hearts and minds to kindness toward them so that everyone can live in peace.

Amen



Have a great week PEACE Kids!

Peace Kids At Home Lesson

for August 15, 2021 (ages 3-6th grade)

Watch the lesson on video on our Facebook page!

Page 2 (Lots of fun this week!)

Singing Together

Check out our YouTube playlist with this link:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL87BPzbTReyB3ellfmhk6TVuu67RHT6EZ>

MADE FOR THIS

I was made for this
I was made for this, I live for this
God has a reason, reason for my life
I'm gonna shout it out, without a doubt

I was born for this, built for a purpose
There is a God who made us all
Everything we see
He built the mountains, filled the oceans
And he built me
He is with me, he is for me
I am not alone
He is with me, he is for me
I know, I know, that I was

Made for this, I live for this
God has a reason, reason for my life
I'm gonna shout it out, without a doubt
I was born for this, built for a purpose

He is with me, he is for me
I am not alone
He is with me, he is for me
I am not alone
He is with me, he is for me
I am not alone
He is with me, he is for me
I know, I know that I was

Made for this, I live for this
God has a reason, reason for my life
I'm gonna shout it out, without a doubt
I was born for this, built for a purpose
Built for a purpose
Built for a purpose

BEING IN DANGER (Discussion Time)

In our Bible story, Esther was in danger simply for being a Jew. This kind of danger often is called "persecution."

- Can you imagine being in danger for something you believe? What about for something you can't change about yourself?
- Can you think of any other people in history who have been in this situation? Why were they persecuted, and what do you think changed?
- Can you think of any people who are persecuted today?
- Can you think of any ways that we can help people who are persecuted?

One thing we can do right now is pray.

PLAYING WITH PUPPETS (Craft Time)

Supplies: brown lunch bags, googly eyes, black and brown yarn, gold paper, glue, crayons or markers, scissors.

- Cut the yarn into six- to twelve-inch strips.
- Cut a crown out of the gold paper to fit on the top of each lunch bag.

Queen Esther saved her people. She was so brave that the Jewish people remember her every year when they celebrate Purim. Purim is a very important day for the Jewish people.

Using the lunch bag, two googly eyes, yarn for hair, and a gold crown, make a puppet of Queen Esther using the supplies.

We will have our own celebration for Queen Esther's courage and our courage!

