

BIBLE STORY

Esther
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MEMORY VERSE

*Lord, you are great.
You are really worthy
of praise. No one can
completely
understand how great
you are.*
Psalm 145:3 (NirV)

LIFE APP

Creativity
Imagining what you
could do because
you're made in God's
image

KEY QUESTION

What do you think
your purpose could
be?

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no
matter what.

ACTIVITY: HANDFUL

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

Give everyone a sheet of paper and a pen. Direct them to place one hand down on their paper and trace their handprint. Ask them to write on each finger something they would like to do in the future such as play a sport in high school, lead a small group of preschoolers, serve in the military, study animals, fly a plane, etc.

If they have ideas of what they would like to do as a career when they are adults, invite them to include that as well.

Provide a few minutes for each person to share some or all of the things they wrote on their handprint. Encourage interaction by asking questions that allow each kid to elaborate.

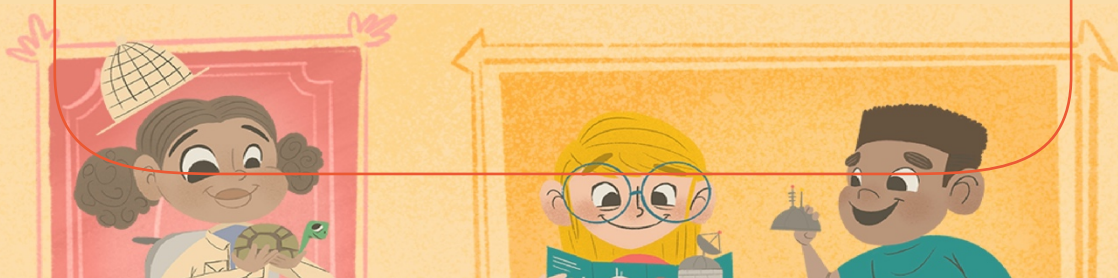
Why is this of particular interest to you?

What has to happen in order for you to accomplish this?

If you could do this, how could you use it for God?

WRAP UP AND SAY:

You probably have more than a 'handful' of things you'd like to do someday. It's pretty cool that God creates us each of us with a unique purpose and plan, and He often the things He's created us to do are some of the same things we like doing! But you weren't created simply to do what YOU want to do —you're also part of God's big picture. You have a purpose within God's plan. It might be exactly what you want to do or it might be completely different. If you keep following Jesus, you'll discover the purpose and plan God has designed just for you. No one else can do it. It's all yours.



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GOSPEL MOMENT

Just like God had a purpose for Esther, He has a purpose for each of us, too! God created you for a purpose.

God always has a plan for our lives—and His plans are always good! He had a purpose for His Son, too. He sent Jesus to save the entire world. Because Jesus came to be our Savior, we can have a relationship with God that will last FOREVER.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does the following statement mean to you? “Everyone was made to do something . . . and whatever that something is, no one can do it quite like you.”
- Is it possible to miss the purpose God has for you? Explain.
- Is there one specific purpose God has that is the same for EVERYONE? If so, what is it?
- How do you think our purpose changes at different times or in different places?
- What do you think your purpose might be?

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for creating each of us with a purpose. Help us follow You as we follow our hopes and dreams. Above all, help us to fulfill the ONE greatest purpose You have for everyone—to believe in Jesus and invite Him to be our Savior. As You open the way for us to do what You made us to do, help us serve You the way Esther did, with courage, faith, and creativity. In Jesus' name. Amen

