



AUGUST 2020 • WEEK 3

K-3 PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

Esther
Esther

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

BOTTOM LINE

God created you for a
purpose.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no
matter what.

ACTIVITY: WHO CAN HELP?

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

Gather everyone in a circle. Ask the group to brainstorm words that describe themselves or people they know. (For example: *funny, kind, athletic, musical, artistic, encouraging, good listener, organized, writer, storyteller, actor, builder, teacher, nature lover, patient, or animal lover.*) As you get examples, write each one on a separate index card. Ideally, you want at least 15-20 examples. After you finish making the cards, lay them face up in the center of the circle.

As you read a scenario from the list below, instruct everyone to mentally select a card that describes someone who could help in the scenario.

Let everyone know there will probably be several possible answers for each scenario. On the count of three, each person slaps the card they mentally selected. (People can slap the same card, so instruct them to be careful not to hurt each other's fingers.) Choose someone to share why they chose the descriptions they did and how someone who has that characteristic could help in the given situation.

Scenarios:

- The jump ropes used for gym class are a tangled mess. Who can help?
- It's time for the Christmas pageant. The director needs help with creating the set and the costumes. Who can help?
- A kid on the soccer team struggles with getting the ball to where it's supposed to go. Who can help?
- The local animal shelter needs someone to care for the animals and walk the dogs. Who can help?
- There's a bake sale to raise money for the youth group's mission trip. Who can help?
- Two friends are in a fight. Who can help them work out their differences?
- The teacher has left the room, and the class is getting crazy. Who can help everybody calm down and follow the rules?
- Somebody on the playground fell, and their hand is bleeding. Who can help?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Figuring out your purpose can take some time. Esther didn't know her purpose as queen right away, but it eventually became clear to her. Recognizing what you like to do and what you are good at can help you discover God's purpose for you. Maybe, you're a good listener and you see an opportunity to listen to a friend who is sad and needs to talk. If you're funny and a great storyteller, you might see opportunities to make people around you smile. **[Bottom Line] God created you for a purpose.** Keeping your eyes open for problems that you have the skills or ideas to solve can help find your purpose. Being aware of the people around you who may need the kind of help you can offer can help you figure out your purpose."



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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 word “purpose” mean? (*Something you're meant for.*)
- What do you think was one of Esther's purposes in life? (*To save the Jewish people.*)
- What skills or talents did Esther use to fulfill her purpose? (*She was brave, she was patient, she spoke well.*)

PRAYER

God, You are great! You made us in Your image, and You created us for a purpose. Thank You for the many gifts and talents You have given each of us. Help us see opportunities to use what You have given us to help and serve others. Thank You, most of all, for Jesus who came to make a way for us to be with You, now and forever. Amen.

