





**Key Question:** Who loves me? **Bottom Line:** God loves me!

Memory Verse: "Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love." Romans 8:39

**Bible Story Focus:** God loves me and has a plan for me!

Esther-Esther 2:2-8:17

# **Memory Verse with Motions:**

What You Need: No supplies needed

### What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Do you remember our May memory verse that we learned last week?"

"Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you) can separate (lock your fingers together) us from God's (point up with both hands) love (hug yourself). Romans 8:39." (Open your hands like a book.)

During the Activity: "Now, let's do it all together! Are you ready?

"Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you) can separate (lock your fingers together) us from God's (point up with both hands) love (hug yourself). Romans 8:39." (Open your hands like a book.)

After the Activity: "God loves us all! Nothing will ever change that! Who loves me? [Bottom Line] God loves me!"

### Let's make a Crown:

What You Need: Paper or construction paper, stickers, scissors, tape, crayons, or markers

#### What You Do:

During the Activity: Help your child make a crown that fits around their head. Let them decorate it and make it fun!

After the Activity: Tape the crown at the ends around your child's head.

#### What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today, we heard an awesome Bible story about Queen Esther."

During the Activity: "We are going to make a crown just like Queen Esther's. This will be your crown. Use the stickers, crayons, and markers to decorate your crown." (Do activity.)

After the Activity: "WOW! I love your crowns! God had a plan for Queen Esther, and He has a plan for us too! Who loves me? [Bottom Line] God loves me!"





### **Act It Out:**

During the Activity: Assign the parts of Queen Esther, the king, and Mordecai to the people in your house. You or another adult should play Haman. Act out the story as you retell it. Repeat as many times as interest is there. Add homemade costumes to make it fun!

### What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's act out our Bible story."

During the Activity: "Haman had a very mean plan. He did not love God. He wanted to be mean to Queen Esther's friends and family who loved God. (Have the person playing Haman look mean.) Queen Esther was very worried. She wanted to talk to the king and ask him for help (point to queen and king), but she was afraid that he would be mad at her. So, she talked to her friend Mordecai. (Have the Esther and Mordecai stand next to each other.) Mordecai told her that God had a plan for her and it was to help her friends and family. Queen Esther knew that God had a plan for her! She went to talk to the king about helping her friends and family! (Have the Esther walk to the king.) The king said, 'YES'! (Have the king give a thumbs up.) Queen Esther followed God's plan!"

After the Activity: "God has a plan for all of us! Just like He had a plan for Esther! God loves you and has a plan for you! Who loves me? [Bottom Line] God loves me!"

## **Prayer Time:**

"Dear God, thank You for loving us. It feels so good to know that You care about every part of our life and that You planned good things for us. Thank you for the plans you have for my family. We know You love us and we can trust Your plan for us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

### **Mother's Day Bonus Activity:**

**What You Need:** Blank paper, stickers, crayons, or markers. You can also print this <u>fun card</u> to decorate at home.

#### What You Say:

"Today is a special day...it's Mother's Day! It's a day where we can show love and thanks to our mom, grandmother, or other ladies that are special to us. Let's use paper, stickers, crayons, or markers to make cards to show our love! The cards will mean so much to them!"