

FAMILY FIELD GUIDE



Date: June 13th

Scripture: Esther Saved Her People

GATHER

Gather your family together and inform kids that you're going to have a special family worship/devotional time. Remember to exercise patience and press ahead even if kids are whining or complaining. Try to get in a routine so it is not a big surprise to them but becomes something they look forward to. Find ways to include your kids in the worship time as well, so that they are participants and not spectators.

SING

Sing together to begin your time of worship. Below are links to worship songs you can watch on youtube.

Sing about God's Salvation

We're Alive - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7c-HWz2G6o>

Sing about Jesus the King

In the Hands of Christ My King -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6GGHDOuec>

STORY BACKGROUND

King Ahasuerus was the king of Persia. Many years earlier, when Cyrus was king, he sent some of God's people back to Judah to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Some of God's people stayed in Persia. God's people were called Jews because they were from Judah. The king of Persia chose Esther to be his queen. Esther didn't tell the king that she was a Jew.

One day, Mordecai heard that Haman, an important leader who worked for the king, was planning to kill all the Jews. Mordecai was upset! He was a Jew; he didn't want all the people he loved to be killed. Mordecai and all the Jews cried. Esther didn't know what was wrong. She sent a messenger to ask Mordecai why all the Jews were upset. Mordecai told Esther about Haman's evil plan.

READ & DISCUSS

Read the Scripture together as a family. If you have older kids, have them read the story.

Read Esther 4:1-17

Why was it dangerous for Esther to ask the King to save the Jews? What did Esther do to sacrifice herself for others? (see v. 16)

How Mordecai encourage Esther? (see v. 14)

WATCH

Watch today's Bible story video **"Esther Saved Her People"** on the Central App or on the Kids page of the Central website.

DEVOTIONAL

In the story of Esther, Queen Esther was willing to die if it meant God's people would be saved. In the same way, Jesus actually died in order to save us from sin and death. Through faith in Jesus, not only can we be saved, but God's Spirit will live inside of us, giving us the courage to sacrifice ourselves for others, just like Esther did. When we sacrifice for others, we may not actually to be harmed, but we are willing to lose something in order to benefit others.

CATECHIZE AND MEMORIZE

Ask your kids the question and have them memorize the answer

Question: *What is sacrifice ?*

Answer: *Sacrifice is giving up something important to you for the good of someone else*

Romans 12:1 - *"Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship"*

PRAY

Teach your kids about prayers of thanksgiving and thank Jesus for his sacrifice on the cross. Pray also that God would help you to be a living sacrifice for others.