DEVOTIONAL
for parents



Can you imagine if Esther and Mordecai were spies sent on a mission to infiltrate the palace and thwart Haman's plot to harm the Jewish people? It might sound like a stretch, but God was working behind the scenes the entire time, even though God's name is missing from the official records! In this 5-week series, kids will learn that **God gives me a mission, nothing will turn me away from God, I can stand up for God and others, I can follow God even when nobody's watching,** and **God can send me to make peace.**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 God gives me a mission.
Esther 2:1–18

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray ask for opportunities to serve and reflect God's love in the world.

GROW

So what's your next step? How is God preparing you for a mission right where you are? Could certain circumstances be positioning you for a greater purpose?Are there situations going on in your life which give you the chance to grow in perseverance? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 Nothing will turn me away from God.
Esther 3:1–15

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray and ask God to help you have the confidence to stand firm in the face of opposition.

GROW

So what's your next step? What challenges or distractions try to pull you away from God? Are there people in your life who need encouragement to stand firm against opposition of some kind? How can you rely more on Scripture and prayer to strengthen your commitment to God? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

I can stand up for God and others.
Esther 4:1–17

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray for courage to speak up when others need help, and guidance to know when and how to take a stand.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you use your voice to stand up for others, even when it feels difficult? What fears or hesitations do you need to bring to God in prayer? How can your actions reflect God's justice in your community? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

I can follow God even when nobody's watching.
Esther 2:21–23, 6:1–11

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray and ask God for the strength to live with integrity, even when no one else is watching.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you remind yourself that God sees and cares about every choice you make? What steps can you take to stay faithful to something you're call to, even when the results aren't immediate? Who in your life might be impacted by your quiet acts of faithfulness? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 5

God can send me to make peace.
Esther 5:1–8, 7:1–6, 8:1–8

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray and ask for God's guidance in bringing peace to your relationships, community, and beyond.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you use your voice to stand up for justice and bring peace, like Esther did for her people? Are there ways you can pray for or support peace in your community? How might trusting in God's plan give you more confidence to step into difficult situations with courage? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.