

Esther the Brave Queen

PRESCHOOL LESSON

Theme: God is always at work behind the scenes.

Scripture: Esther 4:14

Memory Verse: "And who knows, maybe you have been chosen to be the queen for 'such a time as this.'" Esther 4:14b

Get Ready: Click [here](#) to get your complete supply list for this lesson.

The Children's Sermon

You'll Need:

- A hero cape

Do This:

SAY: Who is your favorite superhero? (Let children respond as you put on the cape.)

Our lesson today is about Esther, a beautiful young Jewish woman who became a queen and saved her people from being destroyed by an evil enemy. I think she would definitely fit into the category of Super Hero.

Esther was Jewish, and she lived with her cousin Mordecai after both of her parents died. She was kind, smart, and loved by everyone who knew her.

One day, the king of the land, King Xerxes, wanted to find a new queen. He invited many young women to his palace, and one of them was Esther. The king liked Esther so much that he made her his queen. Esther was very happy but also a little scared because she had to keep her Jewish identity a secret.

There was a bad man named Haman who worked for the king. Haman did not like Esther's cousin Mordecai or the Jewish people. He made a plan to hurt them. When Mordecai found out about this plan, he was very worried and told Esther.

Mordecai asked Esther to talk to the king and save their people. But Esther was afraid because anyone who went to see the king without being invited could be punished. Even though she was scared, Esther knew she had to be brave to help her people. She asked Mordecai and all the Jewish people to pray for her.

With a brave heart, Esther went to see the king. The king was happy to see her and asked what she wanted. Esther invited the king and Haman to a special dinner. During the dinner, she told the king about Haman's bad plan and revealed that she was Jewish. The king was very angry with Haman and stopped his plan.

Because of Esther's bravery, the Jewish people were saved, and everyone celebrated. They were so grateful for Esther's courage and kindness.

Today, we're going to learn more about Esther, the power of being brave and standing up for what's right.

PRAY: Dear God, thank You for brave people who spread Your Word and thank You for all of the heroes of the Bible. Thank You for Your protection against evil and for making us brave. In Jesus' name, amen.

Bible Memory Verse

"And who knows, maybe you have been chosen to be the queen for 'such a time as this.' " Esther 4:14b

You'll Need:

- **A Bible**
- **A crown**
- **A large playing area**

Get Ready: Invite kids to gather in a large circle at the center of the room.

Do This:

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read Esther 4:14 out loud to the class.
- Invite kids to form a large circle with the crown in the middle.
- Explain to kids that you're going to practice today's Bible memory verse together.
- Give one child the crown.
- Explain that when kids hear "for such a time as this," the child wearing the crown has to pick a different student and place the crown on their head.
- Repeat the memory verse several times, until every child has had a chance to be the brave king or queen.

ASK:

- **How did Esther show she was brave?**

- Who can help you be brave?

SAY: Great job learning today's Bible memory verse! Esther had to be brave in order to save the people she loved. Let's learn more about that now.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A Bible
- 3-4 pieces of yellow construction paper
- Other colors of construction paper
- Scissors
- A marker
- A stapler

Get Ready: Before class, use the yellow construction paper, scissors, and stapler to craft a large crown that the whole class can see. Cut out smaller circles or "jewels" from the other colors of construction paper.

Do This:

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read the summary of Esther from today's Children's Sermon out loud to the class.

SAY: Today we're learning that in order to save her people from Haman, Esther had to be brave.

- Have kids gather near the front of the class.
- Invite kids to share about a time when they had to be brave
- Write their brave actions on a “jewel,” and staple it to the class crown.

SAY: Today we’re learning that being brave isn’t always easy. For Queen Esther, it meant life or death. But when we follow Jesus, He makes us brave, and we can give Him all the glory.

ASK:

- Have you ever been chosen for a special job like Esther?
- Tell about someone you know who is brave.

Esther the Brave Queen

You’ll Need:

- [“Esther the Brave Queen”](#) video lesson
- Something to play the video

Do This:

Show the video.

ASK:

- Why is it important to be brave?
- How do you feel when you do something brave?

Royal Ritz

You'll Need:

- **Ritz Crackers - 2 per child**
- **Cream cheese**
- **Blueberries**
- **A plastic knife for the teacher**
- **Plates**
- **Napkins**

Get Ready: Before class, wash the blueberries. Have kids wash their hands before the snack.

Do This:

Follow these steps to enjoy the "Royal Ritz" Snacks:

- Give each child a plate, a napkin, and 2 Ritz crackers.
- Help kids spread cream cheese onto each of their crackers.
- Invite kids to top their cream cheese crackers with blueberries in a circle to look like a mini crown.
- Enjoy.

ASK:

- **When are you brave?**
- **What can you do if you feel scared but need to be brave?**

SAY: Even Esther the Queen found herself facing something really big and really scary. When we come across circumstances that feel too big to face on our own,

we have God right alongside us every step of the way. We can be brave like Esther because God makes us brave.

Virtual Lesson Tip

You can do this activity with the entire family.

Brave Royalty

You'll Need:

- **A large playing area**
- **A crown**

Do This:

Follow these steps to play the "Brave Royalty" game:

- Have kids line up at one end of the classroom, and choose one child to be the "royal."
- Have the royal wear the crown and stand at the opposite end of the classroom.
- Explain that when the royal has their back to the class, kids can move swiftly to get closer to them, but when the royal turns around, kids must freeze wherever they are.
- If a child doesn't freeze when the royal turns around, they must go back and start over.
- The first child to touch the royal gets the crown and becomes the new royal.

ASK:

- **Why did Esther need to be brave?**
- **How can you help your friends be brave, just like Esther helped her people?**

SAY: Just like Esther was brave and found a way to save her people, God gives each of us the courage we need to be brave too.

Brave Hearts

You'll Need:

- Cardstock
- ["Brave Hearts"](#) handout - 1 per child
- Various colors of construction paper, torn into small pieces
- Glue sticks

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Do This:

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Brave Fort Prayers

You'll Need:

- **A large playing area**
- **Several chairs**
- **2-3 bed sheets**

Get Ready: Before the activity, set up several chairs in a large circle, facing outward. Use the bed sheets to cover the tops of the chairs to make a fort.

Do This:

Lead kids in these steps to pray:

- Invite kids to join you in the brave fort.
- Ask kids to share some things they need God to make them brave for, and pray for courage in each of these things.
- Close in prayer.

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for making us brave like Queen Esther. Please fill our hearts with courage and make us brave for the things you call us to. In Jesus' name, amen.

Time to Praise God

You'll Need:

- **Song:** "My God is So Great"

[Words and Music](#) (pdf)

[MP3](#) Accompaniment Track

- **Song:** "Be Strong and of Good Courage"

[Words and Music](#) (pdf)

[MP3](#) Accompaniment Track

SAY: When we prepare our hearts for Christ, we're able to worship even when we need to be brave. Let's give God honor and praise now.

Lead children in singing "My God is So Great" and "Be Strong and of Good Courage."

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