



# AUGUST 30

## AT HOME LESSON

# BRAVE

### **BIG IDEA**

God has a plan for my life.

### **THE BIBLE**

**Esther Saves Her People:** Esther 8:5-17;  
(Ephesians 2:10)

#### **MUSIC | Made for This**

*Spend some time in worship with your kids! You can choose any song, but you might want to check out the following:*

- [Who You Say I Am](#) by Hillsong
- [Brave](#) by Saddleback Kids
- [Made for This](#) by Group

#### **CRAFT | Blank Canvas**

- Each day is a gift and sort of like a blank canvas, ready for us to take it and make it into a beautiful masterpiece.
- Here is a blank “canvas” (*give kids their door hanger*). Think of a plan for how you'd like to design it and then go for it. Use it to make any design you'd like.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage the kids to use crayons, markers, colored pencils, or paint to create any type of design they'd like on their paper. They can also use the stickers provided! Talk with them about how they chose their design, the colors, etc.*

#### **THE BIG IDEA | God has a plan for my life.**

*This will transition you into the Bible story time. Say something like:*

- **This week's Big Idea: God has a plan for my life. Just like you made a plan for your door hanger for your room and then worked to make it come to life, God made each of us according to God's design. Christ is always working to make God's plan for us come to life!**



## **SCRIPTURE** | Esther 8:5-17

*Introduce the story by saying something like:*

- Last week, we heard Esther's story of having to make a difficult decision. Today, we'll hear more of her story and see how God had a plan all along. Let's quickly review last week's story. Mordecai, Esther's cousin, asked her to go before her husband, King Xerxes, to ask him to save the Jewish people from being killed. King Xerxes didn't know Esther herself was Jewish. In those times, no one was allowed to go to the king unless they had been called, so Esther could have been killed for going to him unannounced. It was a difficult decision for Esther to make. Today's passage brings us to what happens next. It opens with Esther standing before the king.

*Read the story from a Bible you have at home.*

## **VIDEO** | Queen Esther Chooses to be Brave

*Watch this week's video at <https://jcbc.org/jcbc-kids-online/>*

## **DISCUSSION** | Bible Story

- What did Esther ask King Xerxes to do?
- What was the king's response?
  - Esther's secret was out — she was Jewish and she wanted the king to save the Jewish people.
- How did Esther's actions help to carry out God's plan?
  - God had a plan for Esther to help save the Jewish people. She was in the place she was as queen in order to carry out God's plan.
- How was Esther brave in today's story?
- How did the Jews celebrate?

## **DISCUSSION** | Connection Questions

- Read Ephesians 2:10. Do you believe you are God's masterpiece? What does that mean to you?
- What do you hope are God's plans for you?
- Do you trust that God knows the best plans for you?
- How can you trust God when you don't understand everything God does?

## **ACTIVITY** | Praise Party

Esther 8 tells us that after the Jews were saved, there was a time of happiness and joy. Let's celebrate today with a praise party!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play upbeat music and encourage the kids to dance. You can add in festive elements such as streamers and noisemakers, if you want. Set out a couple of snacks for the kids, such as Rice Krispy treats, fruit, popcorn, or veggies and dip. Play upbeat music during this time. As you celebrate say "Thank you, God!" for all the wonderful things God does for us!*

