



Series Overview: The most important part of any play is what happens “behind the scenes.” There’s lighting, wardrobe, casting, playwriting – so much has to happen to bring the production together! In the story of Esther, there is a whole lot going on behind the scenes, too. In this four-week series, kids will discover the most important character in Esther’s story isn’t always center-stage, but can often be found behind the scenes working, helping, supporting, strengthening, and giving peace. (Spoiler alert: It’s God! 😊)

Bible Story: Mordecai Asks Esther to Help: Esther 3:8-4:17

Big Idea: God gives us support behind the scenes.

Series Memory Verse: “For it is God who works in you...to fulfill His good purpose.”
-Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- [I'm Trusting You | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](#)
- [Strong and Courageous - YouTube](#)
- [Yancy & Little Praise Party - God Is So Good \[OFFICIAL KIDS WORSHIP MUSIC VIDEO\] My Best Friend - YouTube](#)

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

- [Behind the Scenes Preschool Week 3 \(vimeo.com\)](#)

3. Review the Bible story like this:

***Supplies: Bible**

- Open your Bible to Esther 3 and show the kids where today's story comes from.
- Do you remember who our Bible story was about today? Yes, Mordecai and Esther...remember them?
- Let's go back over what we have learned about them in previous weeks. They are Jews living in Persia – the Jews are God's chosen people that He loves very much. (*Everyone hug themselves and say, "God loves the Jews and God loves me!"*)
- Mordecai is Esther's cousin, but he has been more like a father to her. Esther is now queen in Persia.
- And last week, we heard all about how Mordecai refused to bow down to anyone but God. That made Haman, the king's trusted adviser, angry. (*Everyone make an angry face, noise and motion*). Haman got even angrier when he had to honor Mordecai in front of everyone according to King Xerxes orders.
- Haman's anger was so strong that he wanted to hurt Mordecai and all the Jewish people along with him. (*Everyone make an even angry face, noise and motion*).
- Now in today's story, Haman tells King Xerxes that the Jewish people are not following his rules, & King Xerxes give Haman permission to punish the Jews (*Everyone make a scared face & say, "oh no!"*).
- But there is something King Xerxes doesn't know...Queen Esther is a Jew!!!
- Mordecai found out about Haman's horrible plan, and he sent a message to whom? Yes, Esther.
- He asked her to help by going to the king. Esther was scared, but she told Mordecai that she would pray for courage, and she asked him and all the Jews to not eat any food and to pray for her, as well. (*Everyone get on their knees, bow their heads, fold their hands and pray, "God, we need your help!"*)
- Esther knew that she and the rest of her people were going to need God's help. They needed God to support them behind the scenes, so they went to Him in prayer!
- **BIG IDEA | God gives us support behind the scenes.**

4. Practice the November Memory Verse like this:

***Supplies = Bible**

- Look up Philippians 2:13 in the Bible and read it to your family.
- Help your family learn the verse using the motions from the following video link.
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ji6mg1g6eyf0hpg/Nov2022MemVerseMotions.mov?dl=0>
- Let's support each other and say the memory together in many different ways...while dancing, while pretending to pray, while spinning in circles, while exercising, while all holding hands and bowing our heads like we are praying, while jumping, etc.
- Remind the kids that God is the one who works in us. He gives us the support we need to love, honor and obey Him so that His good purposes can be accomplished in and through us.

5. PRAY WITH THE YOUR FAMILY!