

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 27

**Bible Story:** Stand Up (Esther) *Esther*

**Big Idea:** You can have courage even when you don't know what will happen.

**Memory Verse:** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. *Joshua 1:9b (NIV)*

**Life App:** Courage — Being brave enough to do what God wants you to do, even when you're afraid.

### Bible Story Summary:

**Read and meditate on the book of Esther**

Esther had no idea how God would use her when she was chosen to become Queen of Persia. But her cousin Mordecai reminded her that God put her in that role to rescue the Jewish people from Haman's plot. Esther knew what could happen if the king didn't approve of her asking for his help . . . but she knew how much more was at stake for God's people if she didn't try. She found the courage to go to the king and ultimately saved her people.

**You can have courage even when you don't know what will happen.** We will all face moments in life when we need to take a risk. Those situations can feel terrifying. We might wish that we could crawl back into bed and hide . . . but more than likely, that won't be an option. Thankfully, we know that God is with us like God was with Esther. We might not know what will happen, but God does. We can trust God no matter what—to give us the courage we need to face anything in life.



Read the story of Esther as a family. Esther obeyed God and showed courage, even when she didn't know what would happen next. Discuss as a family how you can show courage and stand up for what is right sometime this week. Pray together that you will trust in God and have courage when in that situation. Follow up at dinner each night to encourage everyone to keep being courageous!

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# WEEK 4

# God TIME

# DAY 1

**READ** *Esther 4:6-8*

Esther was given the news that a lot of people, including her family, were going to be killed. But God put Esther in a place where she could try to save these people by talking to the king. If the king was not pleased with her request, she would be killed. But God gave Esther the courage to do the right thing.

There will be times when God wants you to stand up for what is right. You can do that by being a friend to someone others are making fun of. God can give you the courage to do the right thing, even when you are afraid.

**Hide under a blanket. Have someone read Psalm 27:1. You can know that God is not afraid of anything. God is your safe place. He can give you the courage you need to stand up for what is right, even when you are afraid.**

**KNOW** that you can trust God's plan.

# DAY 2

**READ** "*We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.*" *Ephesians 2:10*

Esther asked the people to fast (to not eat anything) before she went to the king. In the Bible whenever people fasted, they prayed. Esther and her people were asking God for help. She knew she needed God. She knew this was too big for her, but it was not too big for God.

Is there something in your life that is too big for you to handle right now? Maybe someone you love is sick. Maybe you are feeling fear over the new school year. You can know that God loves you, He is right there with you, and NOTHING IS TOO BIG FOR GOD!

**On a piece of paper, write "God" in large letters. (You can have someone do this for you.) Put it in a place where you see it a lot so you never forget that God is bigger than your biggest problem.**

**THANK** God that He is bigger than your biggest problem.

# DAY 3

**READ** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9

Go outside and find a rock big enough to write on. Wash the rock off, and when it is dry, write the word "COURAGE" on it. Place this rock in your bedroom, bathroom, or next to the door you walk out of to go to school. Let this rock be a reminder that when things are hard and you don't know what else to do, you can talk to God and ask for courage.

**LOOK** for ways to be courageous when things are hard.

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

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Parent signature

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Date

**Return for 5 Bible Bucks!**

## parent CUE:

**Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called Parent Cue.** This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



# DAY 4

**READ** "But I trust in you, Lord. I say, "You are my God."  
Psalm 31:14

This month we learned that when we trust in God, He can give us the courage to do what is right when we are scared or unsure. Let's thank God for always being with us

"Dear God,

this month I have learned what it means to have courage. I know that when I am scared or unsure, I can ask You to help me. Please help me to always do what is right and to do what I should even when I don't know what is going to happen. I pray that I can be courageous in teaching others about You. I love You, God.

Amen."

**ASK** God for the courage to do what is right,

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

- December 4** Fourth Grade
- December 11** Third Grade
- January 8** Second Grade
- January 15** First Grade
- January 22** Kindergarten



**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_