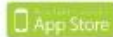


This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY

Esther 1—4

Esther was chosen to be queen of Persia. She learned that Haman, the king's prime minister, was plotting to have the Jewish people killed. Esther needed to trust God to show her how to help her people.

JUST FOR FUN

Before Esther was chosen as queen, she spent an entire year receiving beauty treatments and getting ready to meet the king. Provide dress-up outfits for your children to play with, or allow them to give you a "beauty treatment" by brushing your hair or painting your nails. After having some fun, read **Esther 4:6-14**.

Did You Know?

- Esther's cousin Mordecai was Esther's guardian before she was brought to the palace.
- Esther was chosen to be queen through a process that was similar to a beauty pageant.
- The king didn't know that Esther was Jewish when he took her to be his queen.

Remember Verse

*As for me, I call to God,
and the LORD saves me.*

Psalm 55:16

Your child's foundation of faith in God is formed through watching those around her. As her bonds of trust grow through the structure and consistency you provide in your household, talk about God in your own life and how you see Him each day, and remind your child that He is trustworthy.

Teachable Moments

- How do you think Esther felt after hearing that the Jewish people were in danger?
- Do you think God had a reason for Esther to become queen?
- How is God trustworthy in this part of The Big God Story?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:
(Child's name), may you remember there's nothing to fear, because God is with you. He is trustworthy. May you know you can turn to God at any time, for anything.