

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 MIGHTY

Esther 5—10

When Esther learned of the plot to kill the Jewish people, she was greatly distressed. Mordecai pleaded with her to go before the king on behalf of the Jews. God used Esther and Mordecai to save His people.

JUST FOR FUN

Prepare a meal for your children that includes all their favorite foods. While they're eating, read Esther 5:1-8 and 7:1-3. Remind your children that Esther prepared a banquet for the king to attend as she pled for the safety of the Jewish people.

Did You Know?

- King Xerxes saw himself as a god on earth, and he ruled with an iron fist.
- Mordecai's refusal to bow down to Haman infuriated him and led to the persecution of the Jewish people.
- God not only saved Esther from the potential wrath of the king, He also saved all the Jewish people through Mordecai and Esther's courage.

Remember Verse

This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

Isaiah 48:17

Your child is very curious. As she explores the idea of God's mightiness, she may ask many who, where, what, why, and how questions. At times, she may not wait for you to respond before asking the next question. Despite this, listen to her questions and always give honest, age-appropriate responses.

Teachable Moments

- How do you think Esther felt as she waited for the king to arrive at her banquet?
- Who was with Esther, giving her the courage to do what was right?
- Is there anything you're scared or frightened of? Remember God is mighty!

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), **God is mighty, and He is always with you.**
May you know that you never have to be afraid.