

3C KIDS LESSON

31 January 2021

QUEEN ESTHER

Submitted and graced



LESSON OVERVIEW

Let us say it together:

"I am submitted to God, my parents and all who are in authority!"

What to prepare

- Read in advance Esther2
- For application:
- A rock (picture of a rock)
- A balloon (or picture)
- A picture of the cross

Sing along

Copy these links, paste into your browser to play the preferred songs for the week

- Send Your Rain:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvvFAZfU_x4
- First:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io>
- I will go:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s>

Memory verse

- Ephesians 6:1 NIV
- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right"



Activity Sheets

- Word search
- Write your name
- VJ Activity
- Colouring

Fitness Fun

Fitness is always fun when you involve the family. Learn new skills and grow strong together with these exercises.

Hello Mom and Dad

There is much going on in our society and families that we can be drawn to forget that our good and faithful God is in control. The enemy is always attempting to move us from a sure place of faith to a point of despair, fear and unbelief. May we resist the temptation of not trusting God in whatever we are facing as individuals and families through adopting an attitude of humility. God is always faithful. God is always good. God is always in control.

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,
“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

So humble yourselves before God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you

James 4:6-7

We aim to teach our children to walk in submission to God and to the authorities He has placed in their lives. All of us benefit when we live a life of submission. Queen Esther is still our hero for this week. She listened and obeyed her uncle throughout her life.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- Teach our children the benefits of having spiritual authority
- Teach our children to have an attitude of obedience towards those in authority

Daily thanksgiving and praise must be a lifestyle as we grow in our prayer life. We encourage you to help kids set some time aside in the week to praise God even when no one is watching. This will also make the lesson time easier for the kids as they become worshippers of God engaging with His presence before the delivery of the word. We have a selection of songs to use in your time together.

We are praying for you and your family, trusting God for a fruitful 2021!

With love,
3CKids Team

For the teacher/parent - Context of the lesson

- The characters involved in the story are: Mordecai and Esther
- Mordecai adopted Esther into his own family because she was an orphan. He was responsible for taking care of her, bringing her up and giving her advice.
- Esther asked for and listened to the advice of Mordecai, even after becoming the Queen of Persia.

Opening Activity

Ask: Last week we spoke about heroes. What do we like about heroes?

(let kids answer)

Say: Last week we also started talking about Queen Esther.

(See how much kids remember about last week's lesson)



Say: Queen Esther was an intercessor for her people. She called a fast with some of her people and prepared to meet the King. She found favour with the king and was able to save her people from danger and death. Today we will continue learning how Queen Esther was obedient to her uncle before and even after she became queen.

Prayer: Father, thank You for putting people in my life to take care of me and give me advice. Teach me to be an obedient person. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Declare together:

I am submitted to God, my parents and all who are in authority!

Lesson



Read the following verses to the kids

Esther 2:7 NLT

“This man had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her into his family and raised her as his own daughter.”

Esther 2:10-11 NLT

“Esther had not told anyone of her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had directed her not to do so. Every day Mordecai would take a walk near the courtyard of the harem to find out about Esther and what was happening to her.”

Esther 2:17 NLT

“And the king loved Esther more than any of the other young women. He was so delighted with her that he set the royal crown on her head and declared her queen instead of Vashti.”

Esther 2:20 NLT

Esther continued to keep her family background and nationality a secret. She was still following Mordecai’s directions, just as she did when she lived in his home.

Say: These verses help us understand that:

- There is a blessing of being under the covering of a spiritual authority.
- The people God has placed in authority over our lives are there to take care of us. Mordecai took care of Esther as if she were his own daughter and he always looked out for her. In the same way, our parents, leaders and pastors are always close by to take good care of us.
- The people in spiritual authority in our lives give us the best advice. Mordecai’s advice helped Esther become queen and save her people. Our authorities also give us good advice so that we can become the best. A hero receives advice from their spiritual parent.
- The right attitude of a hero toward their authorities is: obedience. Esther never disobeyed Mordecai’s advice, even though she was queen, because she knew that he gave wise counsel. Anyone who wants to be a hero needs to be obedient. A hero obeys the authorities placed over them.
- We can be a hero just like Queen Esther, submitting and obeying those in authority.

Application

Resources needed: 1. A rock (or a picture of a rock) 2. A balloon (or a picture of a balloon) 3. A picture of the cross

Ask the children the following questions:

- Which of the two is lighter? (the balloon)
- Which of the two is heavier? (the rock)
- Which could hurt someone? (the rock)
- Which one is good for playing? (the balloon)
- Which is rougher? (the rock)
- Which is smoother? (the balloon)
- Which is more colourful? (the balloon)

Say: The rock represents disobedience: heavy, rough, dark and able to hurt others, while the balloon represents obedience: light, soft, colourful and easy to carry. The only way to get rid of disobedience is through the cross, and that there is no place for disobedience in the army of God's heroes. Encourage the children to leave their rocks at the cross and repeat a short prayer.

Pray with me: "Father, forgive me where I have been disobedient to my parents and all authority. Today I leave my burden at the cross and I receive an obedient heart from Jesus so that I can be the best hero. In the name of Jesus, amen."

Say: A hero should practice obedience daily and completely remove

Ask all the children to help you in a special mission: Interceding for the nation! The enemy attacks society with bad things like violence, sadness and the separation of families. That is why we need heroes to intercede and protect our nation.

Encourage the children to continue to pray for their nation by the blood of Jesus:

- By the blood of Jesus, my nation has been redeemed from the power of the enemy. The devil has no power over my nation I dwell in the house of the Lord.
- By the blood of Jesus, all the sins of my nation have been forgiven. There are no debts outstanding between my nation and the Lord.
- By the blood of Jesus, my nation has been justified. All the unrighteousness of my nation has been nailed to the cross and we have been clothed with the righteousness of Christ. God sees us as if we had never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, my nation has been sanctified and set apart for God. Everything in my nation - land, businesses, families - are all God's private property.

