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Esther: The Legacy

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Introduction

What a privilege to be called a child of God. He gives us new life through His son, Jesus Christ. May the start of this new season also renew your hope as a child of God. We aim to teach the children to celebrate the life God has given them through Jesus Christ.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- ·Teach the children the heroes of faith are history makers.
- ·Teach the children to celebrate the most heroic act in history: the redemption Jesus won on the cross.

Lesson Context:

- Esther was the new queen of the Persian Empire
- The festival of Purim is celebrated to commemorate the victory of all the Jewish people in the time of Esther and Mordecai.
- The Festival of Purim is celebrated on the 14th of the month of Adar (February/March).

Read in advance:

- Esther 9
- Crafts to make a crown:

1. paper
2. crayons

Memorize the Word:

Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness.
Psalm 145:7

This week's Declaration:

I celebrate Jesus!

Word of the week:

Authority



Opening Activity:

Ask: What is your favourite holiday throughout the year? (Let the kids speak about their favourite holidays in the year)

Opening Prayer:

(Let the children repeat after you)
“Father God, thank You for a new day. Thank You that we can learn to celebrate God’s goodness in every season. Thank You that as we change, our families and nations will never be the same. In Jesus name. Amen”

Read the following scriptures



Esther 9:20-22

“Mordecai wrote a history of all these events and sent letters to the Jews near and far, throughout all the king’s provinces, encouraging them to declare an annual holiday on the last two days of the month, to celebrate with feasting, gladness, and the giving of gifts these historic days when the Jews were saved from their enemies, when their sorrow was turned to gladness and their mourning into happiness”

Esther 9:28b

“And these days of Purim should never fail to be celebrated by the Jews - nor should the memory of these days die out among their descendants”

Discussion points:

These passages show us how important the actions of a hero are:

- They change history! (Esther 9:22b): Mordecai and Esther's actions permanently changed the history of the Jews. Their decisions brought salvation to an entire people group.
  A hero of faith does things to change history.

- They are remembered and become an example for the future! (Esther 9:28b): Although Mordecai and Esther lived many years ago, the Jewish people still remember their great deeds today. Their actions give testimony to the power of God and teach people to be brave.
  A hero of faith is always remembered for being brave.

- They bring joy and celebration! (Esther 9:21): The Jewish people had a huge party to celebrate their incredible victory. What happened caused so much joy that they decided to celebrate every year.
  A hero's actions brings joy to people.

Application:

Say: When God saved Esther and the Jews in Persia, he was also protecting the future birth of Jesus according to his promises. The saving work of Christ was directly tied to God's saving work in the book of Esther.

The children should repeat a short prayer:
"Father, thank You for sending us Your beloved Son Jesus. I know that He died on the cross for my sins and He was raised to life to give me eternal life. Today, we remember and celebrate the victory of Jesus. He is the reason for my joy. In the name of Jesus, amen

Make a crown and write on it BRAVE!

Repeat declaration:
I celebrate Jesus.