



BIBLE STORY

God loves me and has a plan for me.
Esther • Esther 2:2–8:17

MEMORY VERSE

"Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love." Romans 8:39, NIV

SAY THIS:

Who Loves You?
God Loves Me!

MEDIA LINK

PRESCHOOL VIDEO
(Click the link)



STORY FOCUS

God loves me and has a plan for me. This week a young girl named Esther will show us that because God loves us, He has a plan for us. No matter how hard things get or how wrong things seem, we can trust God's plan and know that in His time, He will use our situation for good. God had a plan for Esther, and He has a plan for us too.

K I N G M A Y I ?

What You Need: Floor tape for a starting line and finish line

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

Place a strip of tape on one end of your activity area. Place a second strip about 20 feet directly in front of the first strip. The lines will be your start and finish lines.

During the Activity: Line up horizontally on the starting line. Start with one person and give them a number and a movement to do. Example: three jumps. Before the person moves ask them to say, "King May I?" Say, "Yes, you may" and have the person do the movements. Repeat with everyone in your family with different numbers and movements. Examples of movements: Jumps, baby steps, marching, one leg hops, giant steps, and walking on tippy toes. Try to keep the numbers under five.

After the Activity: Repeat the activity until someone reaches the finish line.

What You Say:

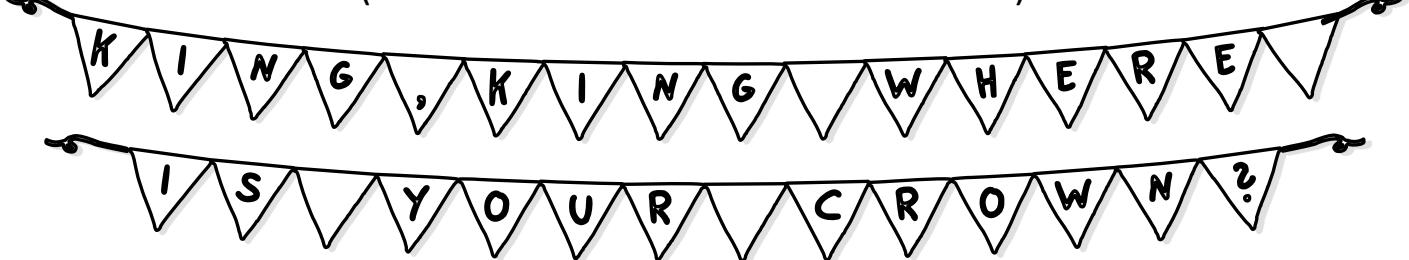
Before the Activity: “We are going to play a game!”

During the Activity: “Everyone stand on this line. (Point.) I will give you a movement and tell you how many times to do it. If I say, ‘Do three jumps,’ you will do this (demonstrate). Before you do your movements, ask, “King, May I?” Are you ready?” (Do activity.)

After the Activity: “Great job playing ‘King, May I!’ Today, in our Bible story, we will hear an awesome story all about how a woman asked a king a very important question. I cannot wait to find out what she asked!”

WATCH THE PRESCHOOL VIDEO

(Click on the words “Preschool Video”)



What You Need: A chair and a toy or paper crown

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the chair in the middle of the activity area. Place the crown under the chair. Everyone sit in a circle around the chair.

During the Activity: Choose one person to be “King” first. Have the person who is “King” sit in the chair and hide their eyes. Choose another person to quietly take the crown from under the chair and hide it behind their back while still sitting in the circle. Everyone say the following chant, “King, King, where is your crown? Someone took it from your town. Guess who.” After the chant ask the person who is the “King” to uncover their eyes and try to guess who has the crown. Allow the person who took the crown to be the next “King.” Repeat the activity until everyone has had a turn to be the “King.”

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today, we talked about a king and a queen in our Bible story.”

During the Activity: “Let’s play a game. First, we need a king. (Choose a person) The King will sit in this chair (point) and hide their eyes. One of you will take the crown (hold up), from under the chair, and hide it behind your back. The King will then try to guess who has his crown. Are you ready to play?” (Do activity.)

After the Activity: “That was so much fun! God had a plan for Esther and He has a plan for you, too! He loves you! Who loves you? God loves me!”

Pray: “God, You are such a good God! Thank You for Your plan for Esther. Thank You for the plans You have for each one of us. Your plan is the BEST plan because You love us! And we love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



MEMORY VERSE

What You Need: "Memory Verse Card" and motion paper or video

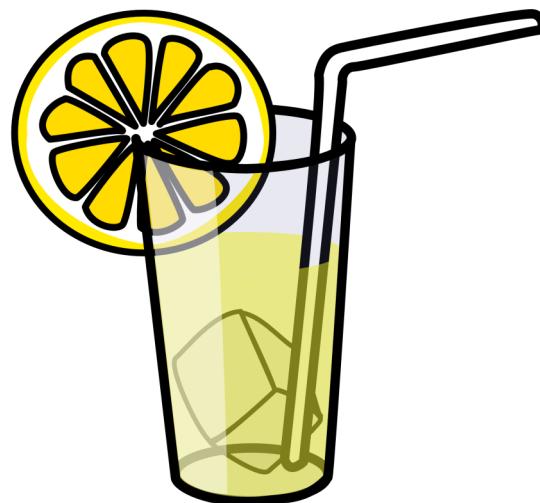
What you Say: "Our Bible story today was about a girl named, Esther. Esther was chosen to be a queen, but it meant she had to leave her family. It was hard. Then one day she had the chance to help her family, but it meant she had to ask the king for help. That was hard, too.

"Esther had to remember that God loved her and had a plan for her. When she did, it helped her follow God's plan. And guess what? God loves you and has a plan for you, too! **"Who loves you?**

"Yes! God loves you SO much, nothing at all can ever separate you from His love. God's love will always be with you. And the Bible verse we are learning will help us remember that!" "It says, '*Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love,*' Romans 8:39."

Let's stand up and say that together with the motions."

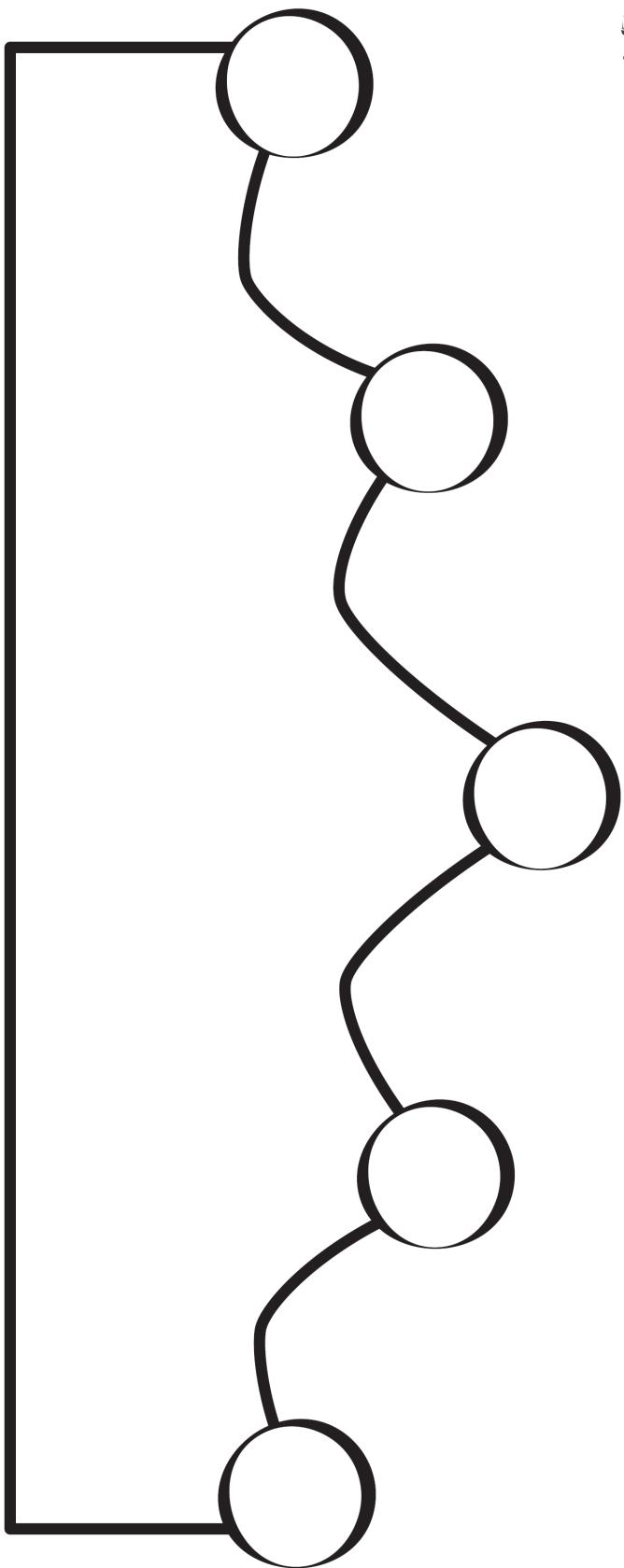
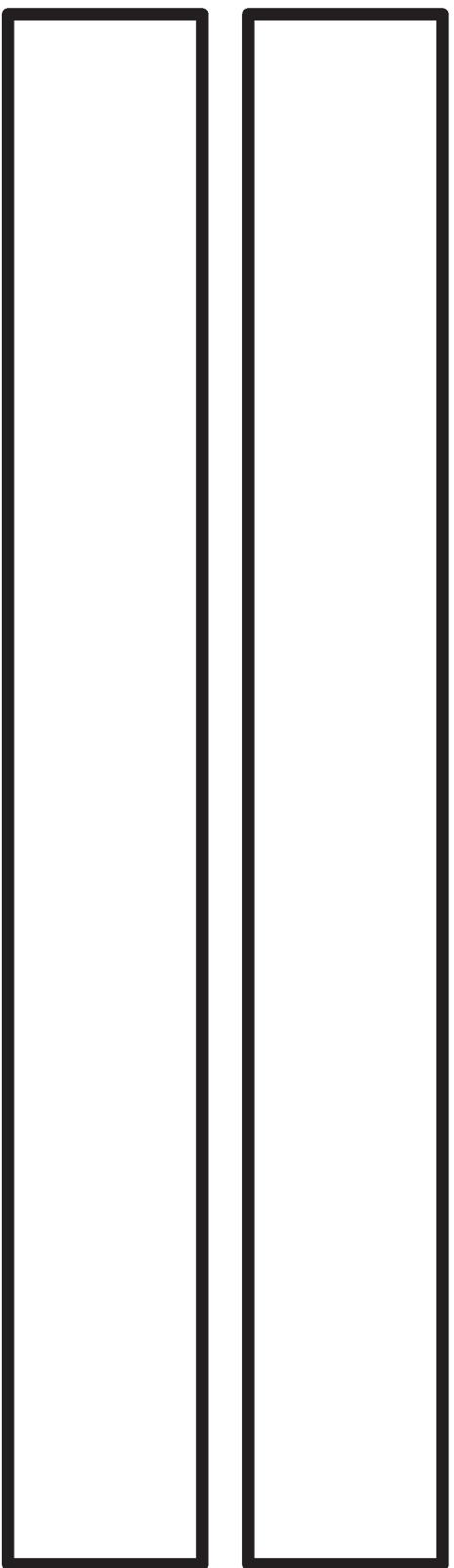
"*Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you) can separate (lock your fingers together) us from God's (point up with both hands) love (hug yourself). Romans 8:39.*" (Open your hands like a book.)



Create Your Own

Cut-out CROWN

1. Color and Decorate your crown.
2. Cut out the crown and bands.
3. Attach the headbands to the crown.
4. Attach the bands together at the back, and wear it!



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