

Discussion Questions Course 205–1

Large Group

1. Why do you think the president of the girls' club did not want Joy to recommend the new girl to be a member?
2. Why was Joy in a difficult situation?
3. What do you think Joy will choose to do?

Small Group

Game

1. How did Joy show courage in the video?
2. How did Esther show courage?
3. Where did Esther get the courage to do the right thing?

Teaching

1. How exactly does God give us courage?
2. Imagine that it's a very dark night and your father tells you to go outside and get something for him. Let's pretend that you're extremely afraid of the dark. How do you feel about obeying your dad?
3. Now let's imagine that your father says that he will come with you. How do you feel now?
4. No one could approach the king without his permission. What punishment could Esther get for doing this?
5. Do we need to wait in fear for God to hold out His scepter from His throne in heaven before we can come to Him and ask for help?

Prayer

1. Do we have to wait for God's invitation to enter His throne room?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson

1. When Esther told him she could not go see the king, what message did Mordecai send Esther?
2. What does it mean to fast?
3. During this 3-day fast, Esther waited upon the Lord. Does that mean she just sat and did nothing?

Craft Game

1. Do you remember in the video when Joy tried on Queen Esther's crown?
2. Have you ever imagined being a king or queen?
3. Was it harder to balance the crown or to aim and hit the target area?

Craft/Prayer Activity

1. What does a crown represent on Earth?
2. Does God want us to show off in front of other people and lord it over them?

Bible Study

1. So, what is fasting?

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

1. If we call upon God, what will He do?
2. Does that scripture say we must fast in order for Him to answer us?

Esther 4:3

1. Why were the Jewish people fasting?
2. What else did they do to display their sadness before God and others?

Esther 4:15–16

1. How long did Esther say people should fast?
2. What was the purpose of this fast?
3. What was Esther willing to do for her people in going before the king to do the right thing?

Matthew 4:1–3,11

1. How long did Jesus fast?
2. Jesus was hungry and weak physically, but what was strong?
3. What did fasting prepare Him for?
4. Jesus won the battle—He did not sin. After the devil left Him, who cared for Jesus?

Acts 13:1–3

1. What were the men doing?
2. Who did the Holy Spirit choose to send out for God's work?
3. Did the men obey the Holy Spirit?