

Esther—For Such a Time as This: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: God created me for a purpose.

SuperVerse: “Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?” Esther 4:14b (NLT)

Bible Story: Esther 1–10

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

In our story, God placed Esther in the right place at the right time to do what He called her to do. God has given each of us a special purpose in life, too!

- Superbook whisks Chris, Joy and Gizmo back to ancient Persia, where a wicked man named Haman is plotting to kill the Jews. The children meet Queen Esther, who must decide whether to risk her life by going to the king and revealing that she is Jewish—or do nothing while her people are destroyed. The children learn that God will always help them stand up for what is right.
- Watch the Bible Background video to learn more about ancient Persia, where our Superbook story took place.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Playing With a Purpose (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story by playing a game with different roles.

- In our game, every player on each team will play four different positions, and each position has a different purpose or task. So, you must be careful to perform the right task, at the right time, in the right place—and as quickly as possible!

Game Instructions:

- Everyone rotates positions, with Player 4 carrying the ball to stand where Player 1 was. Continue playing until every member of the team has been in each position. The first team to finish wins.

Teaching: God’s Masterpiece (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss our purpose and importance to God.

- Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai both had a purpose. God placed them in their important positions to fulfill His purposes for them. When we are born again, we become brand new creatures in Jesus to do good things that God planned for us from the beginning.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Continue our Discipleship Challenge to come before God in prayer. Remember to pray for understanding of the purpose God has given you and the courage to obey Him!

SuperVerse: Superbook Scepter (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- The king needed to hold out his scepter to Esther before she could talk with him.
- In our game, you should say one word of the SuperVerse when the scepter is pointed at you. Have the children stand in a line. Point the scepter at the first child in the line, who will say the first word of the verse. Continue going down the line, pointing at each child, until the entire SuperVerse has been said or until all children have had a chance to say a word.

Prayer: Purpose Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- We are His masterpiece—a valuable, priceless work of God! He intentionally and purposefully created us, and planned good things for us to do! Every disciple or follower of Jesus should share the Gospel and follow God’s Word—but He also has specific, unique things for each of us to do.
- Pray silently and ask God what He wants you to do in the coming days. Remember, God would never ask you to do something that is sinful or that would hurt someone. God has put each of us in a place where we can show His love and help others. Let’s ask Him to show us how.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Craft: Create things with a good purpose. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Drama Activity: Act out scenes from the story of Esther without words. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Crown Game: Play a game to crown Esther as queen. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into God’s specific purposes for people in the Bible. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- A small ball: tennis ball, rubber ball, for each team of four children

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Esther Puzzle
- Scepter Pattern for children not present for Lesson 1
- Scissors
- Chair
- Volunteer readers—grades 5 or 6, if possible
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and markers or chalkboard and chalk
- A scepter: use Scepter craft or an empty paper towel roll
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App