

# The Story at Home

**Timeless Truth:** Esther gets her heart ready for a difficult job. God helps me when things are difficult.

**Key Passages:** Esther 1–9

**Resources:** *The Story for Little Ones* Ch. Chapter 20: "Esther Gets Ready"



Ages 2–4

Preschool

- Who was Esther?
- What did she get ready to do?
- What hard things might you have to do?
- Who can help you?

Young children love to pretend to be kings and queens. Have your family act out this week's Bible story using your own words or as you read chapter 20 from *The Story for Little Ones*. Use crowns, play necklaces, and anything sparkly for your costumes. You can make crowns using construction paper. A blanket or sheet can make a nice king's robe. Play food can make a nice banquet or have dinner or a snack for your banquet. Let your child experience the Bible story by playing different roles.

## Memory Verse

**The Lord** (*point up*)

**Is everything** (*point out*)

**I need.** (*hands on tummy*)

**I will** (*point to self*)

**Put my hope** (*cross arms in front of chest*)

**In Him.** (*point up*)

**Lamentations 3:24** (*open hands like a book*)

Talk about the different things you do to get ready to go to church, to go to bed, to go to school, to eat dinner, or to go on vacation. In this week's story, Esther invited the king and Haman to a feast. Have a special meal this week, making some of your family's favorite foods.

Discuss the different jobs each person in your family does. These jobs can be simple chores. Talk about the hard job that Esther had to do.

Use these motions to help your child remember the Bible point.

**God** (Point up)

**Helps me** (Point to yourself)

**When it's hard.** (Push something away)



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