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our God to help us."

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Esther

**ESTHER 2:2–8:17**

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## STORY TIME:

- Tell It

## CRAFT TIME:

- Crown of Esther
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SEPTEMBER 2021

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**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible

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"Going to talk to the king about this was very scary! Esther knew that God was with her, and He could help her be strong. So Esther asked the king to save her family and friends. The king said yes! The king would save them! Yay! God was always with Esther and helped her be strong. God can help you be strong, too, because **God is always with you.**"



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**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Crown of Esther" Activity Page; cardstock; yellow dot markers; wet wipes; and a pen

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Crown of Esther" on cardstock, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Have children dot marker the entire crown.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Today, we heard a story about a woman named Esther who became the queen. Kings and queens wear crowns on their head. Let's fill in your crown with the dot marker. (Pause.) Good job!"

"Esther knew that God was always with her and helped her be strong. God can help you be strong too, because **God is always with you.**"

## Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2021, Week 1

**Today's Bible Story:** God is with me so I can be brave.

Moses' Mom • *Exodus 1:22–2:10*

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### **WORSHIP**

**What You Need:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT.

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! Do you know what time it is? *(Pause.)* It's worship time! This is our chance to dance and sing and tell God how much we love Him! Why? Because **[Basic Truth] God loves me** and God loves you! We have a brand-new song you'll to love! So, let's get on our feet and sing this out together.

**VIDEO:** "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

**LEADER:** "Nothing is too hard and nothing is too big for God! The BEST part is that God is always with us! We can face anything, no matter what, because we are not alone. When I ask, **'Who is always with you?'**, you say, **[Bottom Line] 'God is always with me.' Who is always with you?'**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

**LEADER:** "That's right! **[Bottom Line] God IS always with me!** The Bible teaches us that 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord *(point up)* our God to help us *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)*,' 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)*

*Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.*

"Great job! God is always with us, and He can always help us! I love worshipping with you, friends. Remember, **[Bottom Line] God is always with me! Who is always with you?'**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

## STORY

**What You Need:** Bible

**LEADER:** “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m here to tell you a true story from the Bible. (*Hold up the Bible.*) Today’s Bible story is about a very special baby. This very special baby was named Moses. What was the baby’s name?”

**CHILDREN:** “Moses!”

**LEADER:** “That’s right – now let’s go visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear more!”

**VIDEO:** “*Moses’ Mom*” from *Wonder*

**LEADER:** “Do you know what? No matter where you go or what you do, God is with you, too! God is always with us. **Who is always with you?**”

**CHILDREN:** “God!”

**LEADER:** “Yes! When I ask, ‘**Who is always with you?**’, you say, **[Bottom Line]** ‘God is always with me.’ **Who is always with you?**”

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line]** “God is always with me.”

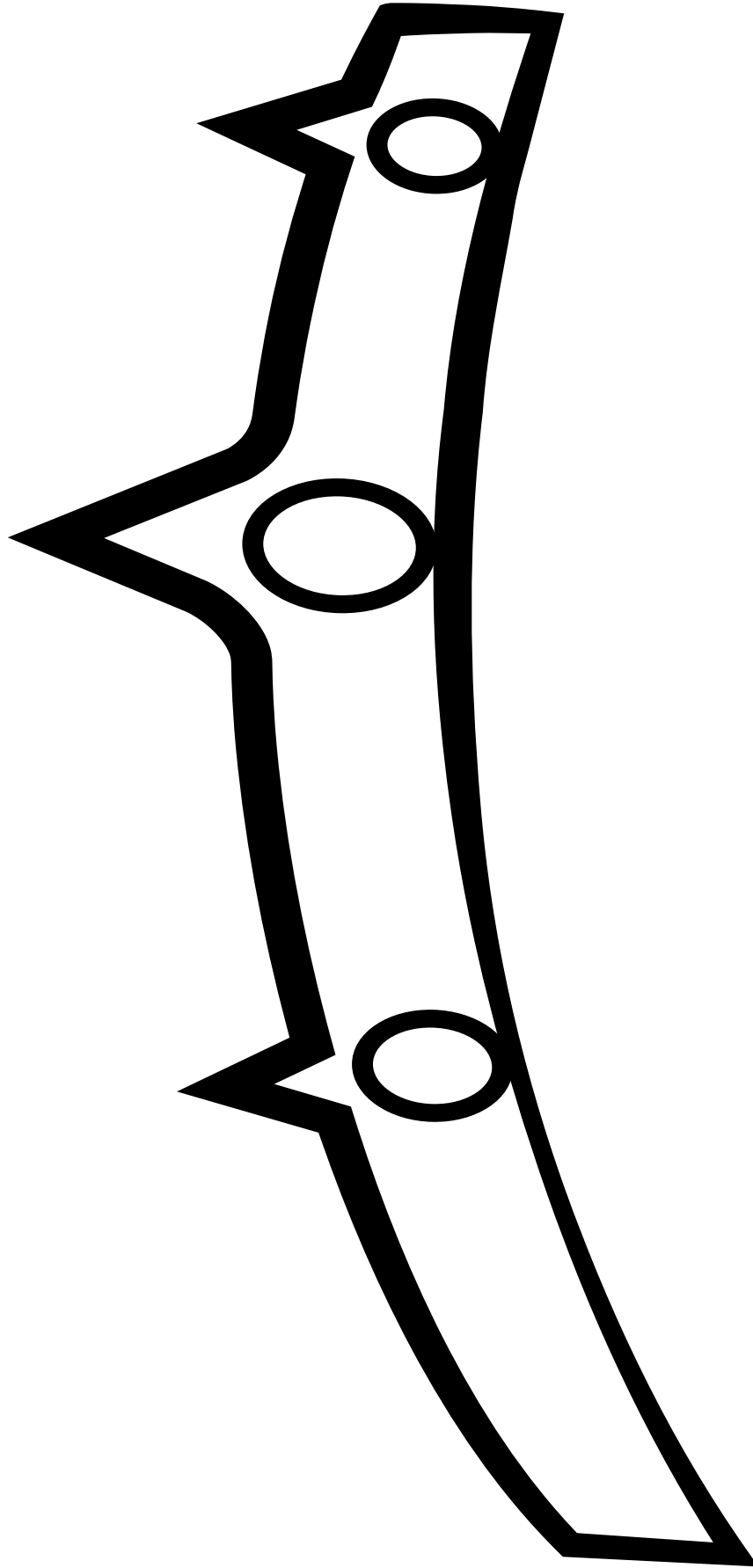
**LEADER:** “Yes! God is always with you. And just like He helped Moses’ mom be brave, God will help us be brave, too! It’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

## PRAYER

**LEADER:** “God, You are AWESOME! We know that just like You were with Moses’s mom and his sister Miriam, You are with us, too! We can be brave because You are with us. Thank You, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

**God is always with me.**

Esther • Esther 2:2-8:17





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## CRAFT TIME:

- Surrounded by Love





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STARTER—WEEK TWO

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### STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible and "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on white cardstock

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a woman named Esther.

"Esther was a woman who loved God very much. She was picked by the king to be his queen. (*Hold up the picture of the king and Queen Esther.*) The king was so happy he got to marry Esther. But one of his workers named Haman (*hold up the picture of Haman*) was not nice and was planning to hurt Esther's family and friends. He wanted the king to get rid of a whole group of people—God's people! Esther was so upset. She couldn't let this happen! (*Hold up the picture of upset Queen Esther.*)

"Esther was one of God's people and loved God with her whole heart. Going to talk to the king about this was very scary! She knew that God was with her, and He could help her be strong. So Esther asked the king to save her family and friends. The king said yes! The king would save them! (*Hold up happy Queen Esther.*) Yay! God was always with Esther and helped her be strong. God can help you be strong too, because **God is always with you.**"



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**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Surrounded by Love" Activity Page; cardstock; red washable inkpads; heart stamps; scissors; wet wipes; and a pen

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Surrounded by Love" Activity Page on cardstock, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to ink their heart stamps and cover their paper with hearts. Clean hands as needed.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"God loves you and is always with you, just like Esther. Cover your picture of Esther with heart stamps. (Pause.)

"God can help you be strong because **God is always with you.**" (Clean hands as needed.)

## Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2021, Week 2

**Today's Bible Story:** God is with me so I can be wise.

Deborah • *Judges 4 and 5*

**Memory Verse:** "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

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**Today's Bible Story:** God is with me so I can be wise.  
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### **WORSHIP**

**What You Need:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT.

**LEADER:** "Friends, do you know what time it is? It's worship time! All month long, we're learning that **[Bottom Line] God is always with me! Who is always with you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

**LEADER:** "Yes, He is! When I'm up or when I'm down, I can do it because **[Bottom Line] God is always with me!** God can do VERY BIG THINGS! Sing this with me!

**VIDEO:** "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

**LEADER:** "That was so fun! Tell me, **who is always with you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

**LEADER:** "That is right! I'm so glad to know that no matter where I go or what I do, God is always with me. The Bible teaches us that 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord our God *(point up)* to help us,' *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)* 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Say that with me!

*Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.*

"It's true! God is with us, and He can help us. Outside on the swings, inside your room, God is always with you. I am never alone because **[Bottom Line] God is always with me! Who is always with you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "God is always with me."**

## STORY

**What You Need:** Bible

**LEADER:** “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and it’s time to hear a true story straight from the Bible.

*Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the floor.*

“Today’s true Bible story begins with a woman named Deborah. What was her name?”

**CHILDREN:** “Deborah!”

**LEADER:** “That’s right! Ollie and our friends at the Clubhouse are waiting for us—let’s go!”

**VIDEO:** “Deborah” from *Wonder*

**LEADER:** “You can be wise and remember that God wants us to help people. God was with Deborah and helped her be wise. God is always with you. He will help you be wise and do the right thing, too.

“Tell me, **who is always with you?**”

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* “God is always with me.”

**LEADER:** “Yes! One more time, **who is always with you?**”

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* “God is always with me.”

**LEADER:** “That’s the truth. God is with you, and He will help you be wise, just like He helped Deborah. It’s time to talk to God. Let’s pray.”

## PRAYER

**LEADER:** “God, You are the One true God! You know everything. As we make choices this week, help us remember that You are with us and You will help us be wise! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”







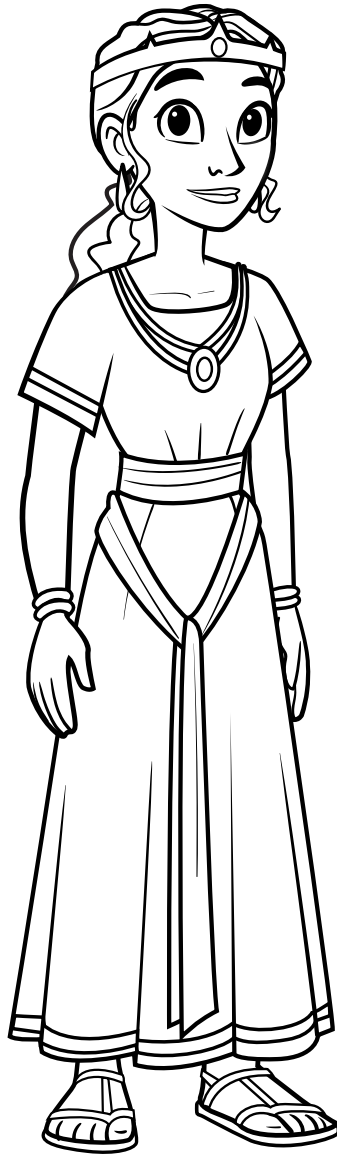






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**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and markers

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a woman named Esther. (*Draw a stick woman.*)

"Esther was a woman who loved God very much. She was picked by the king (*draw a stick man with a crown next to Esther*) to be his queen. (*Draw a crown on Esther.*) The king was so happy he got to marry Esther. But one of his workers named Haman (*draw a grumpy stick man*) was not nice and was planning to hurt Esther's family and friends. He wanted the king to get rid of a whole group of people (*draw several stick people*)—God's people! Esther was so upset. She couldn't let this happen! (*Draw Esther with an upset face.*)

"Esther was one of God's people and loved God with her whole heart. (*Draw a heart.*) Going to talk to the king about this was very scary! Esther knew that God was with her, and He could help her be strong. So Esther asked the king to save her family and friends. The king said yes! The king would save them! Yay! (*Draw a happy face.*) God was always with Esther and helped her be strong. God can help you be strong too, because **God is always with you.**"



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STARTER—WEEK THREE

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**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Bookmark Esther" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; washable inkpad; wet wipes; ribbon, scissors, and a pen

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Bookmark Esther" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Punch hole where indicated and tie a piece of ribbon through it.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Help children ink their thumb and press it down on the hearts around Esther. Clean hands as needed.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"God is always with you and can help you be strong just like He helped Esther.

"Look, there's Queen Esther on your bookmark. And what's that around her? Hearts! God loved Esther and was always with her. God loves you, too. Let's fill in the hearts with your thumbprint. Give me a thumbs-up. Now let's ink that thumb. (*Leader inks child's thumb.*) And we'll press it on the hearts around Esther. (*Pause.*) Nice job, friends! God loves you, and **God is always with you.**"

## Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2021, Week 3

**Today's Bible Story:** God is with me so I can be courageous.

Rahab and the Spies • *Joshua 2:1-22; 6:22-25*

**Memory Verse:** "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

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**What You Need:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT.

**LEADER:** "Look at all our sweet friends here today! I'm so glad to see you. We've had SO much fun this month talking about how God is always with us. Tell me, **who is always with you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* "God is always with me."

**LEADER:** "It's true! Is God with us at the very top of the slide when we're a little scared to take off? *(Pause.)* Yes! Is God with us when we turn out the light to go to sleep? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can be brave. We don't have to be afraid, because God is with us. He can do VERY big things! Sing this with me!

**VIDEO:** "Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video

**LEADER:** "That was awesome. With God, we can do very big things! In fact, the Bible teaches us that 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord our God *(point up)* to help us,' *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)* 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)* Let's say our verse together.

*Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.*

"That's right! God can help us. God is always with us. One more time, **who is always with you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* "God is always with me."

**LEADER:** "That's right! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!"



## STORY

**What You Need:** Bible

**LEADER:** “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and it’s time to hear a true story from the Bible.

*Hold up the Bible and lay it open.*

“Our true story starts with an army. God’s army. Whoa! I can’t wait to hear more! Are you all ready to go see our friends at the Clubhouse? *(Pause)* Let’s go!”

**VIDEO:** “*Rahab and the Spies*” from Wonder

**LEADER:** “God was with Rahab all along. And God is always with you, too! Tell me, **who is always with you?**”

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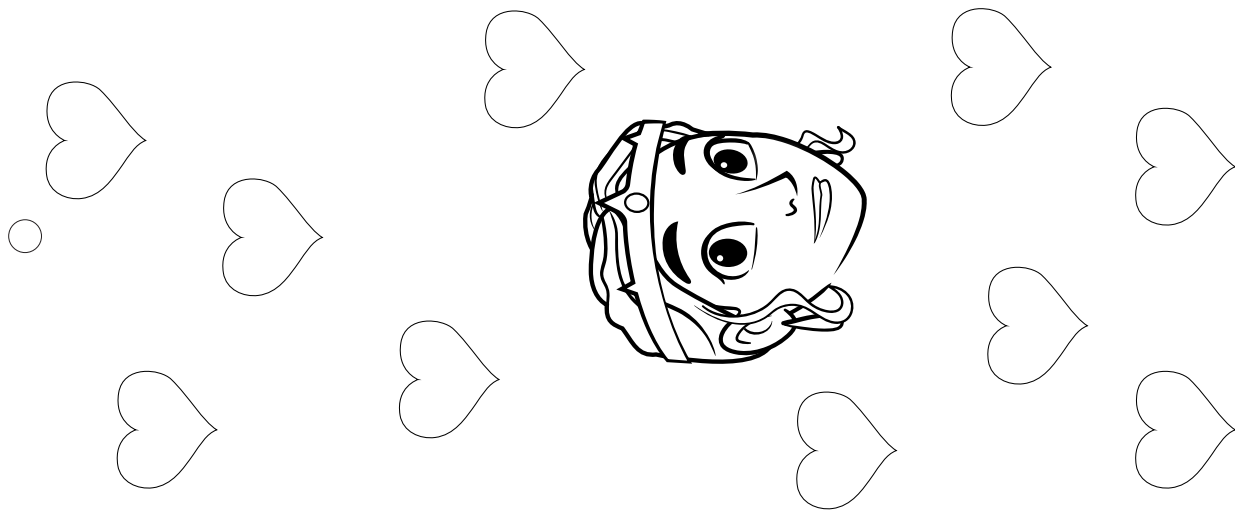
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**LEADER:** “Yes, He is! God was with the spies. God was with Rahab, and God’s with you and me.

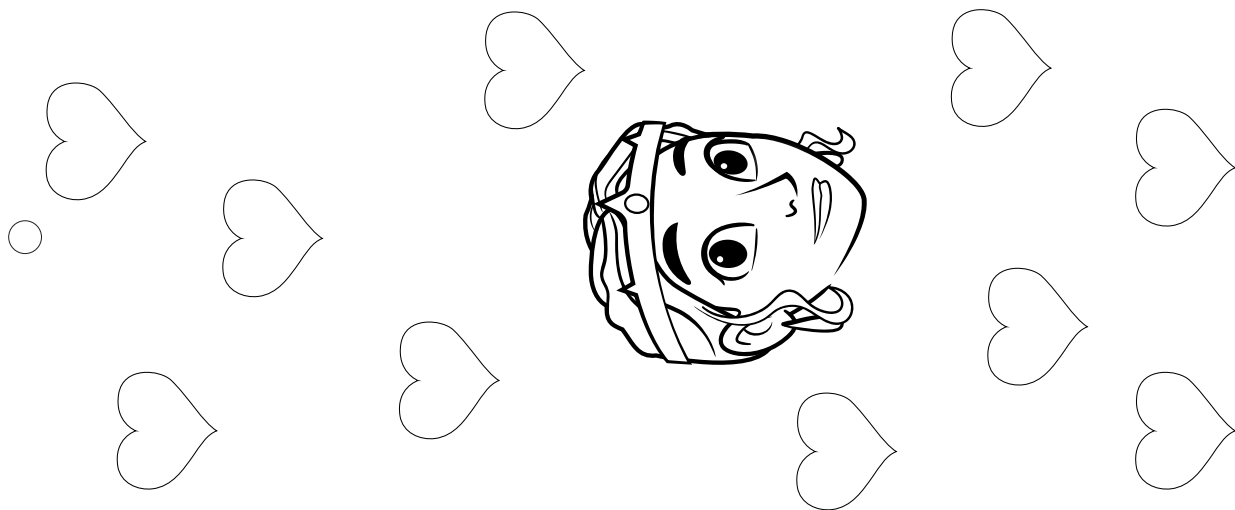
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## PRAYER

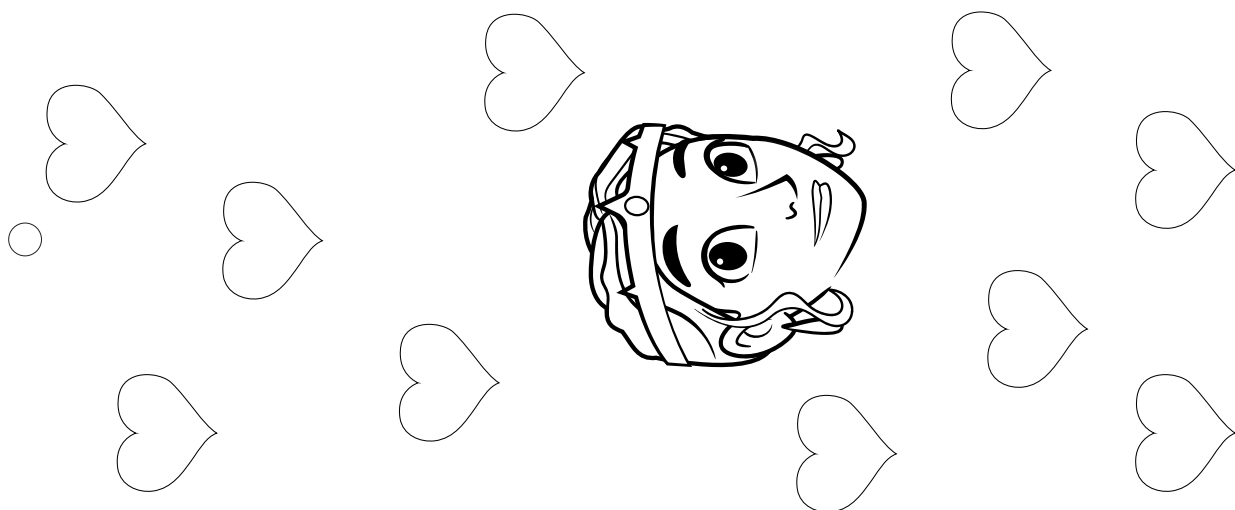
**LEADER:** “God, You are the best! There is no one like You. Help us remember that no matter where we go or what we do, You are with us. We don’t have to be afraid because we are never alone. You’re awesome God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



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## CRAFT TIME:

- Add the Crown to Esther
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**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible, three Little People® (two males and one female), and yellow or gold pipe cleaners

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you! I need your help telling our Bible story today. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a woman named Esther. (*Hold up a female figure.*)

"Esther was a woman who loved God very much. She was picked by the king (*hold up male figure with a pipe cleaner crown*) to be his queen. (*Place another pipe cleaner crown on Esther.*) The king was so happy he got to marry Esther. But one of his workers named Haman (*hold up other male figure*) was not nice and was planning to hurt Esther's family and friends. (*Hold Haman next to the king.*) He wanted the king to get rid of a whole group of people—God's people! Esther was so upset. She couldn't let this happen! (*Walk Esther around like she's pacing.*)

"Esther was one of God's people and loved God with her whole heart. Going to talk to the king about this was very scary! She knew that God was with her, and He could help her be strong. So Esther asked the king to save her family and friends. (*Put the king and Esther together.*) The king said yes! The king would save them! Yay! (*Jump king and Esther up and down.*) God was always with Esther and helped her be strong. God can help you be strong too, because **God is always with you.**"



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**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Add the Crown" and "The Crown" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; glue sticks; wet wipes; and a marker

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Add the Crown" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Copy "The Crown" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Help children glue the crown to Queen Esther. Clean hands as needed.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"God is always with you and can help you be strong. Just like God was with Esther in our story and helped her be strong. Let's glue Esther's crown on her head. (Pause.) Super duper!

"God loves you and will help you be strong because **God is always with you.**"

## Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2021, Week 4

**Today's Bible Story:** God is with me so I can be strong.

Esther • *Esther 2:2–8:17*

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**VIDEO:** "Esther" from *Wonder*

## **LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)**

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

**Today's Bible Story:** God is with me so I can be strong.  
Esther • *Esther 2:2–8:17*

**Memory Verse:** "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

**Key Question:** Who is always with you?

**Bottom Line:** God is always with me.

**Basic Truth:** God loves me.

### **WORSHIP**

**What You Need:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT.

**LEADER:** "Are you ready to worship? Yay! Let's sing our song for this month called 'Very Big Things!'

**VIDEO:** *"Very Big Things" Dance Moves Music Video*

**LEADER:** "When God is with us, we can be brave. When God is with us, we can be strong! Tell me, **who is always with you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* **"God is always with me."**

**LEADER:** "Yes! It's true. *[Bottom Line]* **God is always with me.** The Bible teaches us, 'We have *(bend wrists and tap fingertips to chest)* the Lord our God *(point up)* to help us,' *(right thumbs-up on top of left palm)* 2 Chronicles 32:8. *(Open hands like a book.)* Say that with me!

*Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.*

"Yes! God is always with us, and He can help us, no matter what we face. Wherever you go, God is always with you. I'm SO glad to know that *[Basic Truth]* **God loves me** and *[Bottom Line]* **God is always with me!** Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!"

## STORY

**What You Need:** Bible

**LEADER:** “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and it’s time to hear a true story from the Bible.

*Hold up the Bible and open it as if reading from it*

“Today’s true story begins with a king. This king looked everywhere for the most beautiful queen. Let’s visit our friends in the clubhouse and see if he found a queen!

**VIDEO:** “*Esther*” from *Wonder*

**LEADER:** “Esther knew that God was always with her, and He made her strong! And God can make YOU strong too, because He is always with you.

“Tell me, **who is always with you?**”

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* “**God is always with me!**”

**LEADER:** “Yes, He is! Turn to a friend and say it. **Who is always with you?**”

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* “**God is always with me!**”

**LEADER:** “No matter where you go, no matter what you do, you can be strong because God is with you. Okay friends, it’s time to pray and talk to God. Let’s close our eyes.”

## PRAYER

**LEADER:** “God, You are SO strong! You are the strongest. Help us remember that we can be strong too, just like Esther, when we remember that You are with us. Thanks for being awesome, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”





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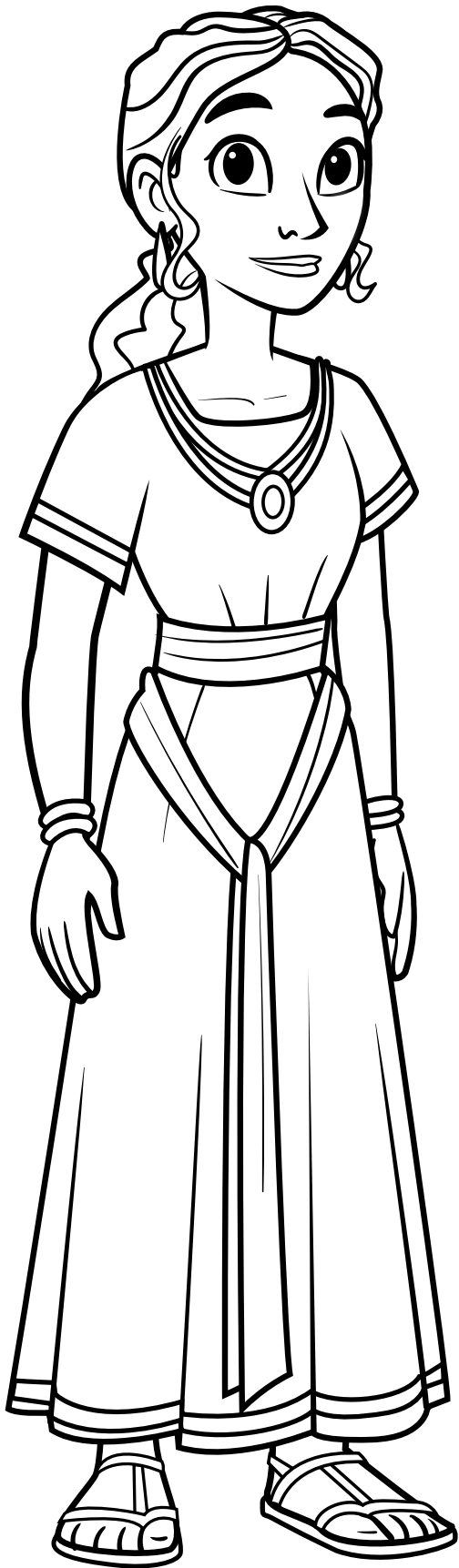
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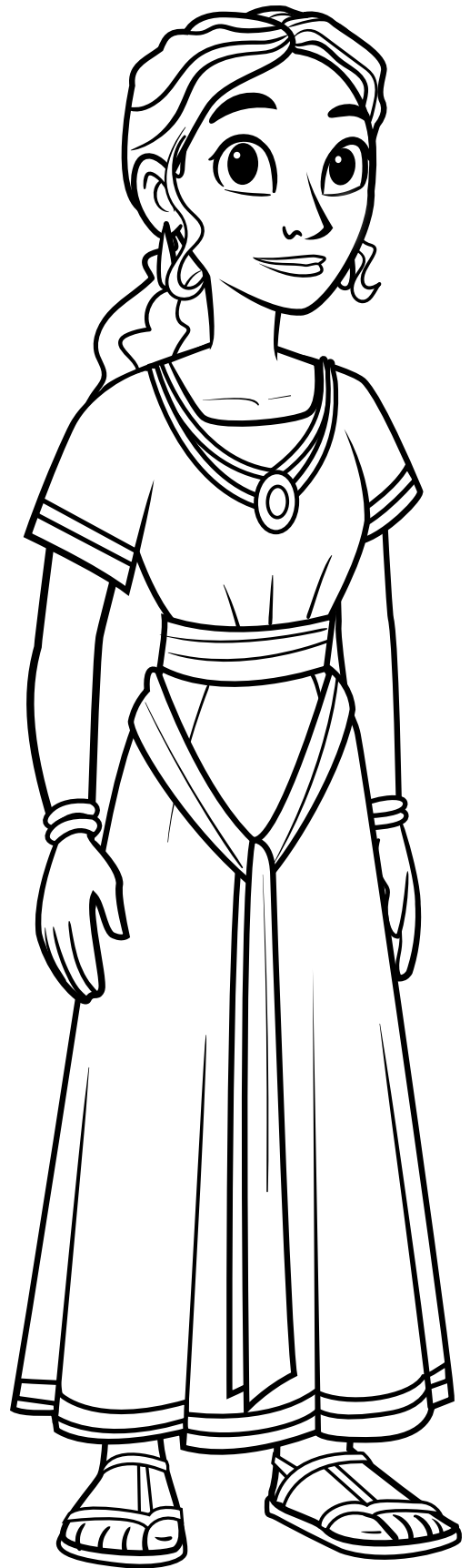
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