

MAIN POINT:

When I am Afraid, God is Faithful

MEMORY VERSE:

"The Lord is with me. I will not be afraid. What can mere human beings do to me? Psalm 118:6

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

The king was looking for a new queen, so he held a beauty pageant. Esther was a young lady who was taken to be part of the contest, and she ended up being the one chosen by the king. One day, her cousin Mordecai overheard a plot to kill the king and got word to her so the king could be saved. Haman worked for the king, but he was an enemy to Esther and her people and wanted them all to be killed. Mordecai encouraged Esther to plead with the king to save her people, even though approaching the king was against the law. She invited him to a banquet so that she could ask him. When the king couldn't sleep, he asked for the accounts to be read and realized that Mordecai hadn't been honored for saving the king, a job he gave to Haman. Esther made her request, and the king made Mordecai his second in command. Mordecai helped make a new decree so that Esther's people could be saved.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

Search: CSC Children's Ministries on YouTube to find our channel.

DO IT → GOD IS FAITHFUL PICTURES

Supplies:

- God Is Faithful background template (1 per child, see last pages)
- God Is Faithful statements (1 per child, see last pages)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil crayons, markers or crayons

Activity Instructions:

Print out the craft templates.

Cut out the background template.

Have your child choose which four statements they would like to remind them of God's faithfulness.

Have them colour the four that they choose.

Cut out the four statements and glue them to the background.

The Point

This special page can be inserted into a picture frame and placed beside their bed as a reminder of God's faithfulness.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

1. **What was your favourite part of today's story?** (When Haman had to lead Mordecai through the city to honor him, when Esther successfully saved her people, when the king made Mordecai second in command.)
2. **Esther was afraid for her life when she approached the king. Sometimes the things that we're afraid of can look a little different. Things can start happening at home and school, that are hard and make us feel sad, frustrated, angry, alone, or scared. What are some things that might make us worry?**
 - **When we are worried that our parents don't have a job right now.**
 - **When our parents are arguing lots.**
 - **When kids are mean to us at school, or when other kids say mean words/treat us badly.**
 - **When other kids have nicer stuff than us.**
 - **When we are in trouble all the time at school or home.**
 - **When we have to move to a different neighborhood/city.**
 - **Nightmares/afraid of the dark.**

When those things start happening, it is hard to remember that God is faithful. Just like God was faithful during Esther's situation, God is faithful through everything you are worried about. He hasn't left you alone. He loves you, cares for you, and wants you to know that He is faithful, and you don't need to be afraid or worry.

3. **God has promised that He is faithful. He will always be with us, so when we're afraid, we can ask Him to help us. Sometimes that help comes right away and sometimes we have to wait for that help. What reminds you God is faithful while you wait for His help?** (Bible verses or stories from the Bible of God's faithfulness, talking to God, sharing with parents or other Christians, seeing the faithfulness of God's creation – like the sun rising each day or the seasons changing.) **When Nehemiah and the people were building the wall, they had issues with their enemies who made fun of them, got angry, and threatened to come and fight them. When we're doing what God asks, God is faithful, which means He will be there with us every step of the way. Can you think of a time when you were doing what God asks and you faced troubles?** (Friends made fun of them, someone didn't want to help, didn't have what they needed to do something they were supposed to do, everything was going wrong.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You that You are faithful and are always with us when we are afraid. We know we can trust You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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OFFERING:

Our offering project will go to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to help with shipping costs of the shoeboxes.

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TIME

God's timing is perfect. I can wait patiently because God loves and cares for me.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



SCHOOL

God will help me do my best in school. I need to try my hardest and let God help me be the best I can be.

Psalms 55:22



FAMILY

God loves my family and will help us. He will provide all that we need.

Matthew 6:25-34



RELATIONSHIPS

God will help me find good friends and be a great friend. He knows who will help me make good choices, forgive quickly, be kind, show gentleness, be patient, and listen to Jesus.

Colossians 3:12-14



CIRCUMSTANCES

God will take care of me when I move houses, when my parents need a job, and when I don't have what other kids have.

Psalms 40:17 Philippians 4:11-13



MY FUTURE

I don't need to worry about today or things in the future because God has a plan and His plan is best for me.

Matthew 6:25-34 Jeremiah 29:11



MY IDENTITY

I am a child of God. He made me perfect just the way I am.

Jeremiah 1:5 Ephesians 2:8-10



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