



BIBLE STORY:

Esther 2-9

NEED TO KNOW:

I'm blessed
when I depend
on God.

HAPPENING NOW!

Current series:
Crowned!

As children of the King, God has blessings in His kingdom for us as we have the attitudes Jesus tells us to have in Matthew 5.

Let parents know the take-home page each week is a family resource that goes along with the message they heard this morning in their worship service.

WELCOME kids to class! Ask them how they're doing and listen to what they share!

SCHEDULE:

K – 2nd

9:00
8:45-9:30 Small Group
9:30 Travel to Room 111
9:35-9:55 Worship
9:58-10:05 Prayer & Wrap-Up

10:30
10:15-11:00 Small Group
11:00 Travel to Room 111
11:05-11:25 Worship
11:28-11:35 Prayer & Wrap-Up

3rd & Surge

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GET STARTED

SUPPLIES:

- Crown templates, coloring utensils, jewels, crown

WHAT TO DO:

- As kids arrive, give them a crown template and set out the coloring utensils, and jewels. Invite kids to design their crown.
- **To begin class**, have kids put supplies away and **DISCUSS: Welcome to our new series called Crowned! This series is called Crowned because our God is King over everything and we are His children. That makes us royalty! Let's pass this crown around the group. When it comes to you, tell us your name and one special thing that royalty, like princes, knights, and princesses get to do.**
- Once all kids have shared: **People who are royal get to do special things, and we get special blessings as members of God's royal family. When we depend on God, He will bless us with everything we need. That's what we need to know today:**

I'm blessed (thumbs to chest)
when I depend on God! (point up)



MEMORY VERSE:

Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God's kingdom belongs to them.

Matthew 5:3

BIBLE STORY

Before you teach the Bible story, pray out loud with the kids and ask God to show them what He wants them to learn about Him in the story.

SUPPLIES:

- Bible Story Cards

WHAT TO DO:

- Today's Bible story is about a woman who trusted God and depended on Him. It is from the book of Esther in the Old Testament of the Bible.
- If time allows, show kids how to find the book of Esther in the Bible.
- Read the Bible Story Cards to the group.

DISCUSS:

- **What did Esther need God's help to do?** (go to the king so she could tell him about the evil plan to kill her people)
- **What did she do before she went to the king?** (she prayed and fasted and asked her family and friends to fast and pray, too)
- **What did she depend on God to do?** (have the king allow her to speak to him) **Did she get to talk to the king?** (yes)
- **Because Esther depended on God, she and her people were saved!**
- **You can depend on God to take care of you, too. What is one thing you can depend on God for?** (food, family, home, friends, protection)

PRAY

Heavenly Father, help us to know we can depend on you to take care of everything we need. Thank you for your blessings! Amen.

LET'S PRACTICE

SUPPLIES:

- Forest Cards, sticky hand

WHAT TO DO:

- Divide group into two teams. Place the Forest Cards tree side up in the center of the group.
- Explain the game: **As royalty, Jesus wants us to have attitudes that show we depend on God. In this forest of cards for our game, there are some little creatures called "Tudes." These Tudes will do whatever it takes to mess with someone's attitude. So in this game, the team that catches the most of them will win.**
- **Each team will take turns using the sticky hand to catch one card. When you catch a card I'll read it. If your card has a Tude on the back, then you get to keep it. But if it has an X you have to put it back in the forest.**



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MEMORY VERSE

SUPPLIES:

- Memory Verse poster

WHAT TO DO:

- Read the Memory Verse out loud with the kids several times. Talk about what it means. (When we know we need God and can't do all the right things on our own and when we realize we can't understand everything, we are actually blessed because we know God has all of the answers and can help us do the right things. As God's children we have access to everything God has for us!

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

WHAT TO DO:

- Invite kids to share a prayer request or a praise – something they are thankful to God for. You can write prayer requests on the chalkboard or bulletin board (K) along with praises.
- As kids are picked up, give them a “This week I will pray for..” paper of another child's name to pray for during the week.

EXTRA TIME?

- Play Hangman with words from the Bible story.
- Play Pictionary and have kids draw things you might find in a castle for the others to guess

PRAYER PALS

As kids arrive, write each child's name on a Prayer Pals slip to give to children as they are dismissed.

HARBOR BUCKS

The Harbor Bank is open every Sunday for kids to redeem their Harbor Bucks.

Leaders - you may give out Harbor Bucks to kids who

1. Bring their Bible
2. Bring a friend or for first-time friends
3. Say the memory verse
4. Show helpfulness