

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

When I play, I can remember God will always make a way.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will say they can trust God in difficult times.

KEY PASSAGE:

Esther 4:1-5:3, Mordecai Persuades Esther to Help

MEMORY VERSE:

"You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

Many girls like to play with Barbie dolls because of all the pretty clothes they can dress them up in. Esther was chosen to be queen because she was so beautiful and I'm sure she had no shortage of beautiful clothes to wear. However, soon after she was made queen, Esther was faced with a very hard choice: save her people and risk her own life or try to save her own life, knowing that her people would be killed. Esther chose to trust that if she did what was right and thought of others before even her own life, God would make a way for her and her people to be saved.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for making a way when we see no way out.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

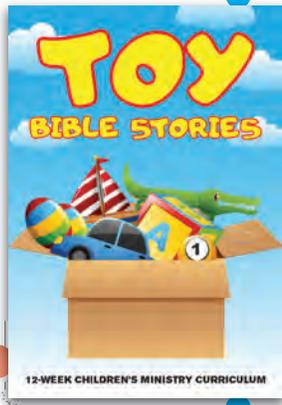
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LARGE GROUP:

Divide the room in half. Pick one side to start and have them all shout the first word, then the other side shouts the second word, and so on until they finish the verse.

SMALL GROUP:

Go around the group in a circle and have each kid read one word of the verse until the whole verse has been read. Do it two or three times, see how fast you can go.



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Toy Bible Stories 4

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: BARBIE



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

When a situation happens this week that's unexpected - something big like a family situation, or something "smaller" like a leaky pipe in the house - get the kids together. Pray about the situation, and ask God to show you a way.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What tough situation did Esther face?
- How did God make a way for Esther?
- What can we do when we find ourselves in a tough spot?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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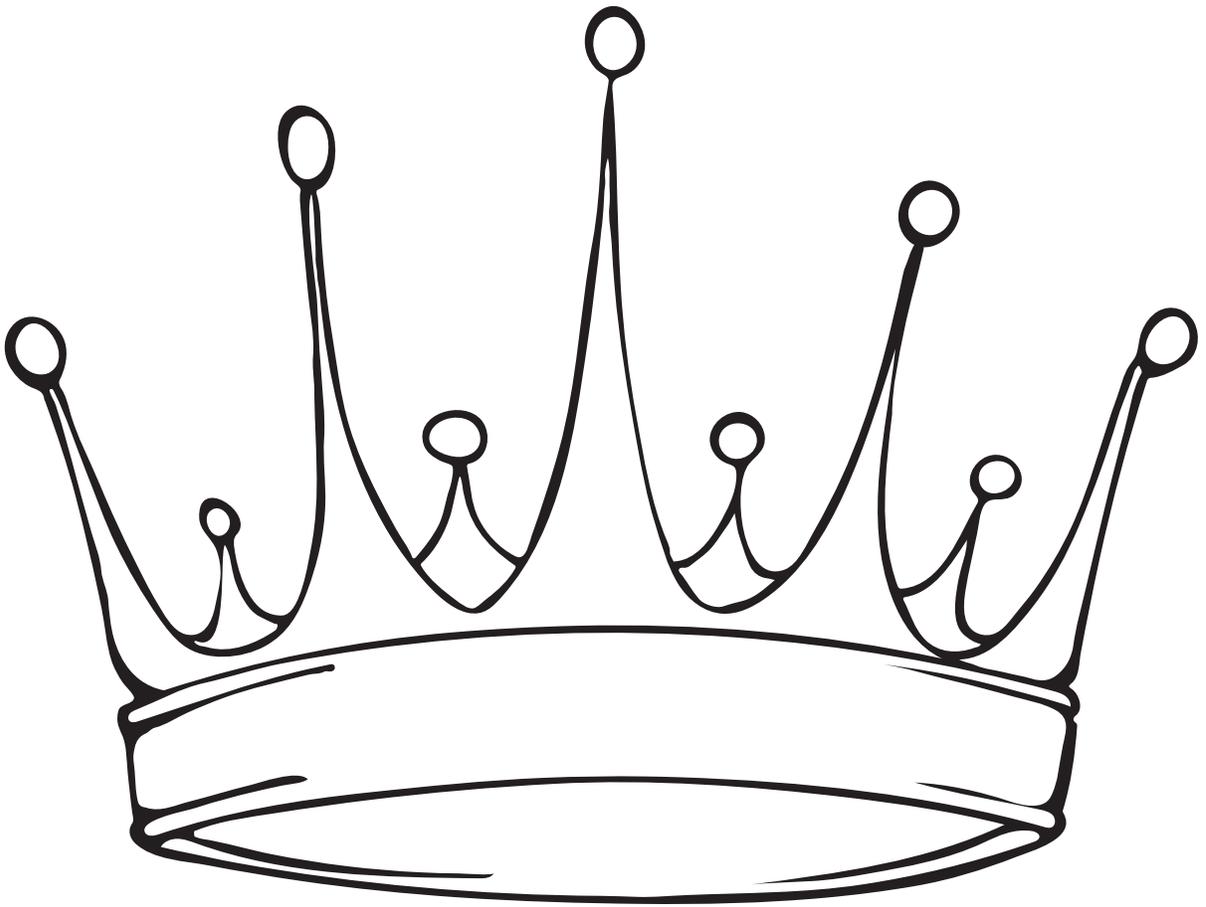
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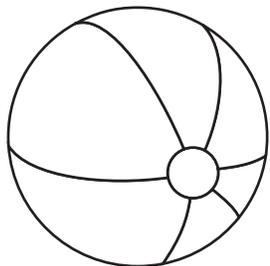
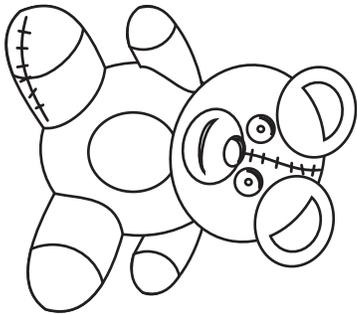
What you need to know:

Sometimes bad things are the results of our decisions. Many times, life just happens. Ask God to use you as an example for your kids in those tough times, and ask God to grow your faith in those circumstances.

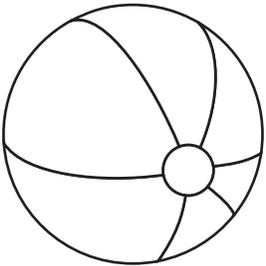
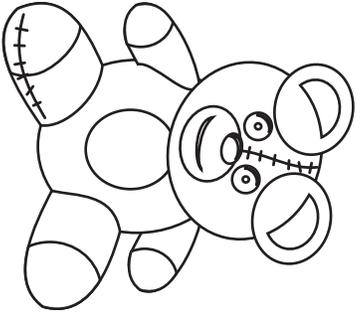
CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids create crowns like a king or queen they can dress up and wear to remember to trust God like Esther. They can cut the crowns out of construction paper and tie them with string so that they can wear them on their head. They can also simply color and decorate the included coloring page.

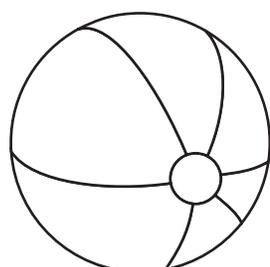
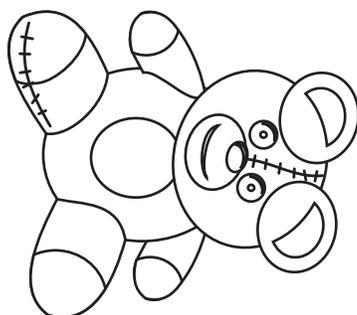




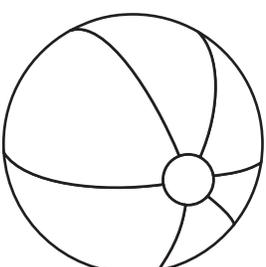
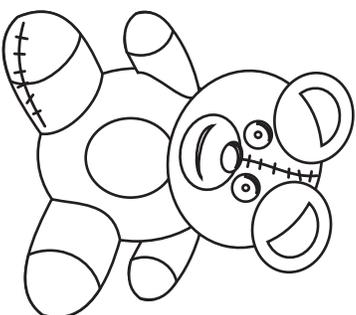
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