

LIVE IT!

Things To Do Here

Question 1: Who is one of my friends? What do I like about them?

Question 2: What could I do to show love for my brother or sister?

Question 3: Who can I pray for today?

Things To Do at Home

Activity 1: Pick one friend you could invite to church this week.
Pray for them at bedtime.

Activity 2: Do something nice for your parents without being asked.
What did you do?

Activity 3: Draw a picture for a friend and give it to them.



“God’s spirit makes us loving...”

Galatians 5:22–23 CEV

Lesson 1

SING THIS!

Hadassah was raised by her uncle, Mordecai. Hadassah was a Jewish girl who loved God. She later came to be known as Esther, which was her Persian name. The name Esther means “beautiful star”. Esther became Queen of Persia. King Xerxes was her husband, and he loved her very much. One of the king’s men, Haman, was angry with her uncle Mordecai because Mordecai didn’t agree with the law of bowing down to the king. Mordecai was a faithful Jewish man and would only bow down before God. Haman tricked the king into writing a law that would harm any person in Persia who would not bow down to the king. Esther was afraid for her uncle Mordecai and her people so she prayed. Then she went to the king and asked him not to hurt her people. The king could have denied her request because she was Jewish too. But because of his love for her, the king agreed and reversed the law. She risked her own life to save her people. God gave Esther a loving heart. (Source: Esther 1:1-10:3)

Memory Verse:

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PICTURE THIS!

Esther had a loving heart. When she learned that she and her people were in danger, she prayed. God answered her prayers by giving her the courage to save her people. She risked her own life by standing up for what she believed. We may not have to risk our lives like Esther, but God can give us the strength we need to make the right choices. Esther could have looked the other way, but she chose to do the right thing out of love for others. When we turn to God, He will give us the strength and courage to act out of love.

HEAR THIS!

If we have loving hearts, we will make the right choices. Being close to God will give us the courage we need to do the right thing. Nothing is too big for God. We may need to cheer up a friend who is sad or stand up for a friend that is being teased. God can use us to help others in need. Our loving hearts will give our friends hope.

DO THIS!

We should be more loving toward our friends and family. Sometimes we are selfish. When we listen to Bible stories and pray we can take the focus off of ourselves. Jesus helps us to think about others, and then we can show others that we care by helping them. The closer we are to Jesus, the more loving we become.

Practice Point:

**If you dare,
Show someone you care!**