

# Early Foundations Curriculum

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Esther



Verse for Love One Another  
This is my commandment that you love  
one another.

John 13:34

## Parent/child weekly study

In this story Esther was very scared because she thought the King would send her away. When have you felt scared?

What did you do?

Who can you talk to when you are scared?

God wants to help you when you feel scared. When you feel this way you can pray to him. Let's practice praying to God.

Esther saved her family by doing what was right. She was brave. When have you been very brave?

Esther was a young girl who lived long ago, before there were cars or airplanes.

She was a brave girl, who loved her family very much.

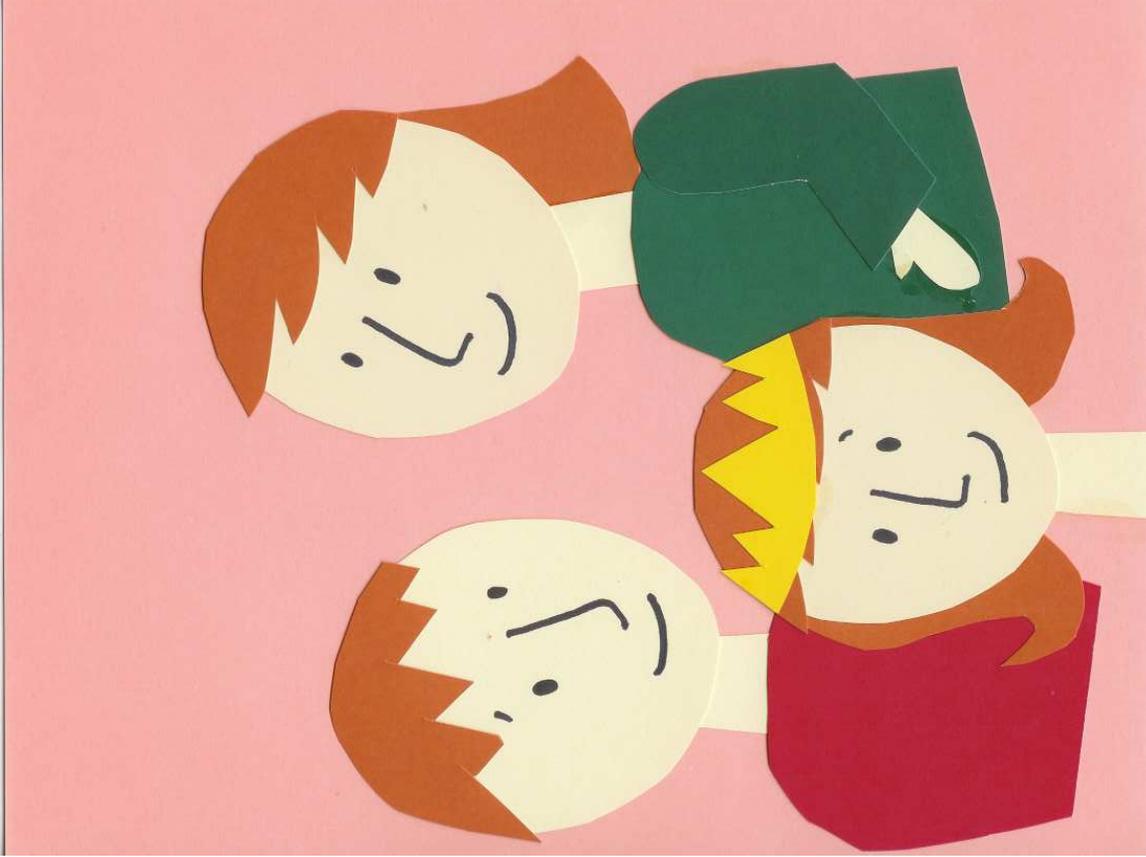
She also loved God and prayed every day that he would help her.



Esther had saved her family! She loved them so much that put herself in danger to save them.

Sometimes it is not easy to make the right decisions, especially when it is scary, but God loved us and tells us to love one another, just as Esther loved her family.

He tells us: "This is my commandment that you love one another, John 13:34."



One day the King of her land was searching for a nice woman to be his wife.

He met E<sup>s</sup>ther and thought she was beautiful and kind. He decided he wanted to marry her.

At first E<sup>s</sup>ther was sad because she had to leave her family, but she knew that God had a plan for her and prayed to him to help her understand what that plan was.



She decided to invite the King to dinner. The King was so happy he asked Esther what she wanted most. Esther asked the King to help her family.

“King,” she said to him, “Haman is trying to hurt my family, and I love them so much that I had to tell you.”

The King could see that Esther was telling the truth and decided to send Haman away instead.



One day E<sup>s</sup>ther heard some scary news. Someone was trying to hurt her family and send them away. That someone was the King's best friend Haman.

This made E<sup>s</sup>ther very sad because she loved her family so much, but she also knew that the King loved his best friend Haman.



What should she do? If she told the King about Haman wanting to send her family away he would get very angry and might send her away too!

But Esther loved her family so much that she had to save them and take that risk.

So she prayed that God would help her do what was right.