



Preschool Lesson



How To Be Brave



Whatchagaddaknow:

"I Will Be Brave And Change The World!"



Power Verse:

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

- Joshua 1:9

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story - This week, the kids will learn from the story of Esther's bravery (Esther 2-10).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 7-12)
Hands-On Learning - The kids will learn that they can be brave, obey God, and change the world!	Various dress-up items; police badge & fireman's hat	
Craft Option # 1 - Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 13)
Craft Option #2 - Frame Craft	Crayons or markers	B Is For Brave Craft Print Piece (pg. 14)
Craft Option #3 - Kids In Frames Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Brave Kids Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 15)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 7-12)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- Today, we are going to learn about an amazing young woman in the Bible. Her name was Esther.

Say- Esther was taken to the King's palace for a massive beauty contest to find the king a new wife. (show pic)

Say- The King met Esther and fell in love with her. Esther was beautiful, gracious, and kind -- just what the king was looking for. In no time at all, Esther was married to the king. He declared her the new queen. (show pic)

Say- Now, you need to know that Esther was a Jew. The King was the King of Persia. The king and Esther were from different lands and different people.

Say- Esther's cousin, Mordecai, was the leader of the Jews. He told Esther to hide that she was a Jew from the King, so she did.

Say- There was a wicked man named Haman who worked for the King. Haman wanted everyone to bow down to him. But Esther's cousin, Mordecai, would not bow to Haman. (show pic)

Say- Haman was very angry and told the King to destroy the Jews. The King, not knowing any better, agreed. When Mordecai told Esther about Haman's evil plot, she was afraid. Her people were going to be destroyed!

Say- Mordecai asked Esther to go to the King and tell him about Haman's plans to kill the Jews. Esther exclaimed, "Anyone who goes before the king without being invited will DIE!"

Say- Mordecai knew Esther was the only one who could help the Jews. Mordecai sent a message that said, (show pic) "Who knows? This may be the reason you were brought to the palace."

Say- Esther was afraid, but she decided to be brave. First, she fasted and prayed for God's help.

Say- Then she went before the King without being invited. She could have been killed. But the King was pleased to see her. He said, "What is your request? I will give it to you." (show pic)

Say- Esther told the King about Haman's evil plan to kill all the Jews. Then, she told the king that SHE was a Jew. (show pic)

Say- The king was so angry with Haman that he ordered him to be punished. Wow!

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Bible Story *(Continued)*

Say- Esther chose to be brave and trust God. She and her people were saved!

Say- If we trust God and be brave, He can use us to change the world!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Various dress-up items; police badge; fireman's hat

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

Say- Let's play a little pretend together! (Hold up the police badge)

Say- Pretend I'm a police officer. I'm walking into a bank, and oh no! Someone is trying to take money that doesn't belong to them!

Ask- What do you think a police officer should do? Should they help stop the bad guy?

-Allow time for response-

Say- Yes! That's their job! They're ready to help and do what's right. (Put on the firefighter's helmet)

Say- Now, let's pretend I'm a firefighter. I'm riding in my big red fire truck when I see a house on fire!

Ask- What do you think a firefighter should do? Should they stop and help put out the fire?

-Allow time for response-

Say- Of course! That's what a firefighter does! This is their big moment to help.

Say- Did you know that God gives us special moments, too? Even when we are little, God gives us special times to do brave and kind things for Him. That's what happened to a girl in the Bible named Esther.

Say- Esther was chosen to be a queen! Wow! But one day, something really sad happened. God's people were in trouble. A mean man named Haman wanted to hurt them. But guess what? Esther was the only one who could talk to the king and try to help!

Ask- Do you think Esther felt scared?

-Allow time for response-

Say- She probably did. But her cousin Mordecai told her something very special. He said, "Maybe God made you queen for this very moment!"

Say- Esther had a choice. She could be brave and help God's people—or not.

Ask- What do you think Esther did first?

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Hands-On Learning

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-Allow time for response-

Say- She prayed. She asked God for help. She wanted to do what was right. She prayed, and then she obeyed. That's what we can do, too! Pray, then obey.

Say- And do you know what happened? God helped Esther be very brave! She went to the king and told him the truth, and God's people were saved!

Ask- Do you think you can be brave like Esther?

-Allow time for response-

Say- Yes, you can! Maybe your moment is when you help a friend who's sad. Or when you tell someone that Jesus loves them. Maybe it's when you choose to be kind, even if no one else is.

Say- You might think, "I'm just one kid!" But guess what? One brave person plus God can make a big difference! When we pray and obey, God makes us brave, just like Esther.

Say- Let's say this together: "I will be brave and change the world!" *(Say the phrase aloud with the kids)*



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 13); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: B Is For Brave Craft

Supplies Needed: B Is For Brave Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 14); Crayons Or Markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the B Is For Brave Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to use markers or crayons to decorate the craft. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about being brave and making a difference for God!



Craft #3: Brave Kids Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Brave Kids Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 15); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Kids Being Brave Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.









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ABOUT HAMAN'S PLAN TO KILL
THE JEWS. REMEMBER, YOU ARE
A JEW, TOO. WHO KNOWS? THIS
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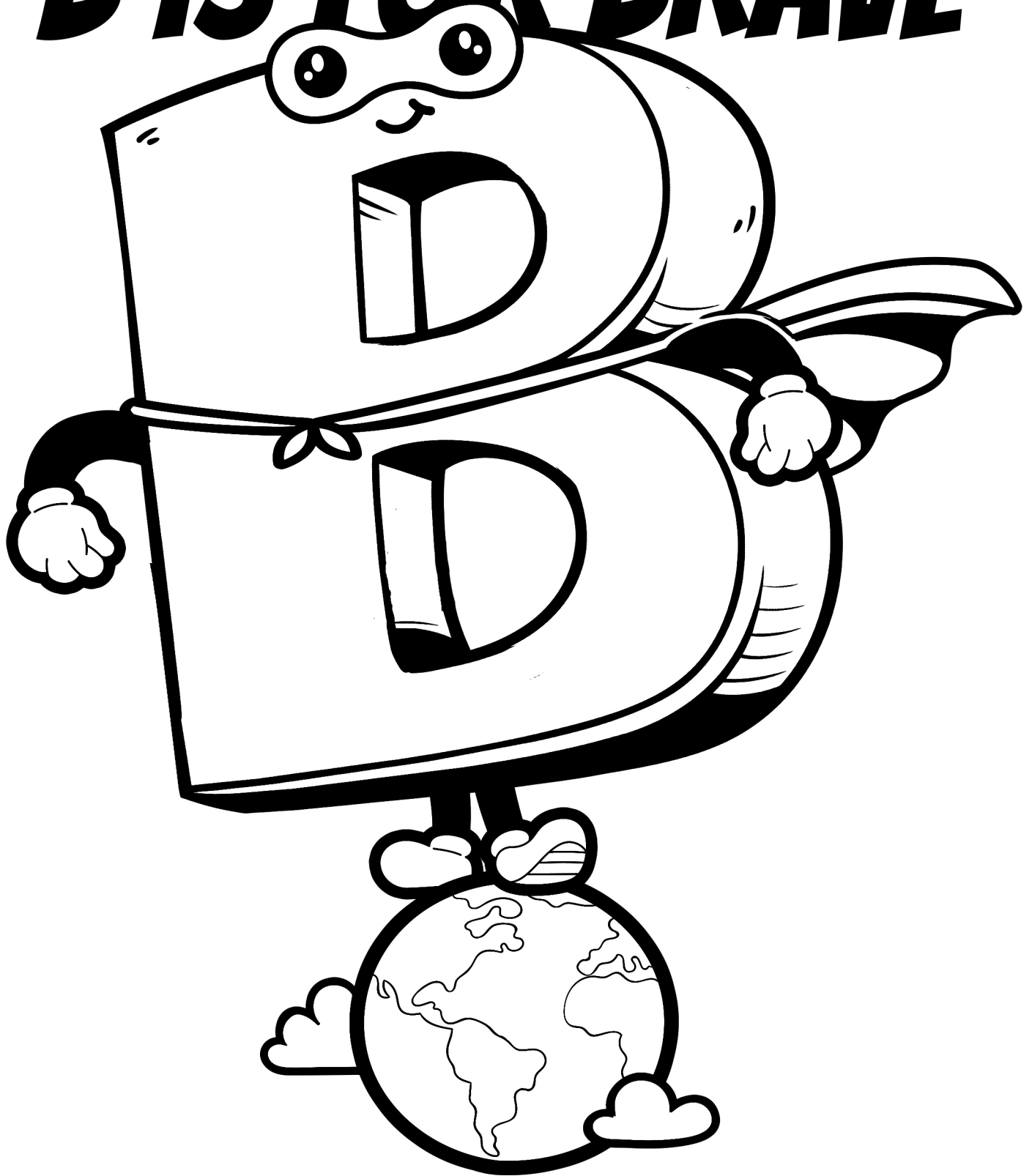




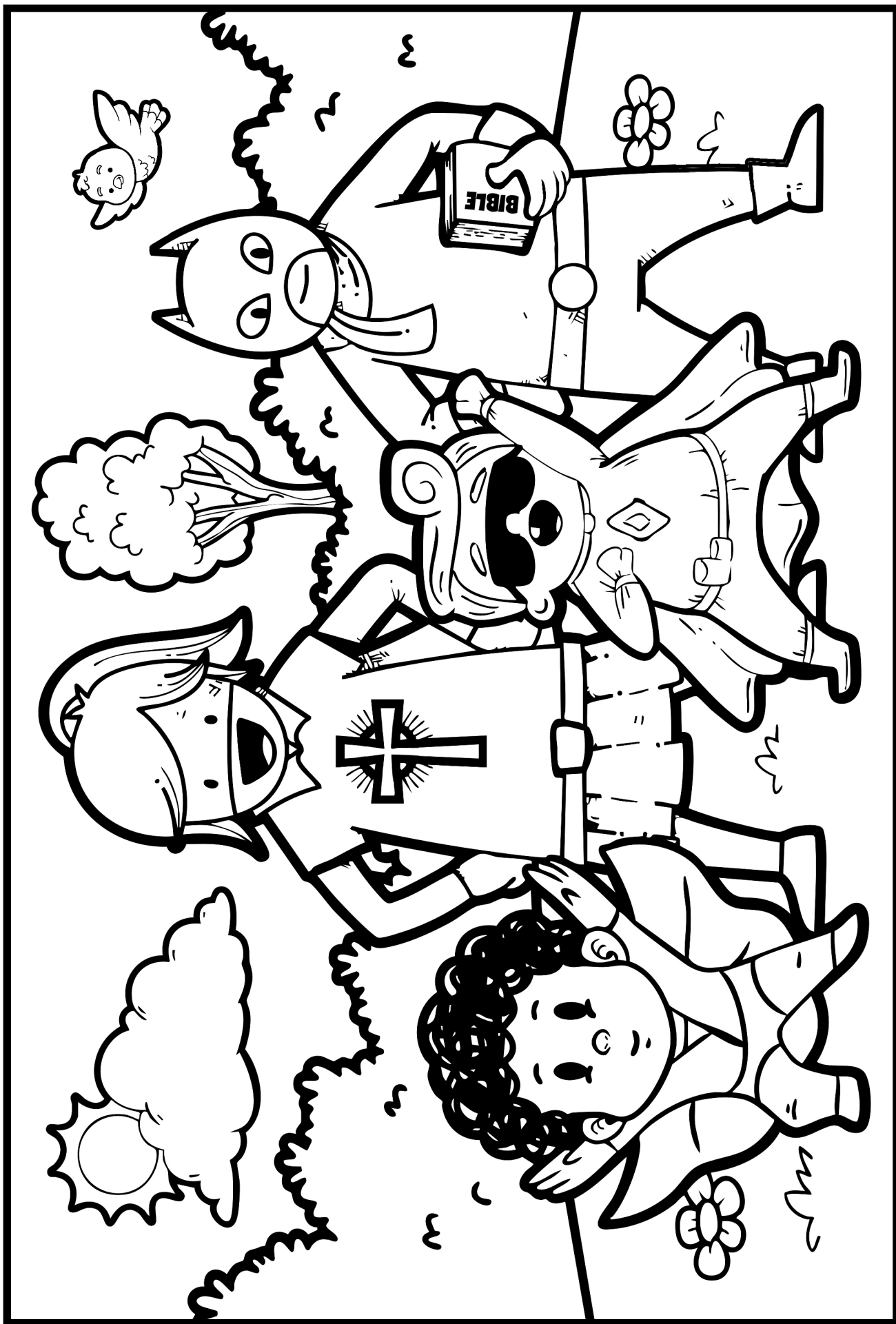


**Esther Was Brave. She Prayed,
Obeyed God, And Made A Difference!**

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