



I Am Secure 1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Esther- Esther 1-8

Bottom Line: God controls my story.

Leader Context: Just like Esther, we were placed in this specific space at this specific time. God controls our story, and He has a purpose and a plan.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thanks, Super Crew! What a great Bible story about how God controls our story. Your life is your story. We don't know what will happen next, but God does.

I can't believe how strong and brave Esther was. She took a big risk going to see the king when he had not called for her. She did this to save her people. She had to be strong and mighty. She didn't know what would happen, but God did!

Videos

Let's pray and talk to God together. When we pray we close our eyes so we can focus and pay attention while talking to God. Let's pray right now and thank God for being strong and mighty. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God we are so thankful You care for us like You do. We are thankful that You are strong and mighty and in control of our stories. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us so that we can know You. Amen."

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Strong and Mighty! (*make muscles*)

God takes care of me! (*Cross arms and hug yourself*)

Let's do that a few more times. Who is strong and mighty? Who takes care of you?

Make a Castle Craft (20 minutes)

What You Need: Make a castle printable (1 per kid), construction paper (cut lots of different colors- triangles, rectangles, circles, squares, and so on) glue sticks, scissors (adult use only), crayons or markers

Say:

Can you name some of the shapes I have here? (Hold up different shapes and ask kids to name them.) Great job! Let's have some fun with these shapes. I want you to take some of these shapes and make your own castle. Glue the shapes on a sheet of paper to create your awesome castles.

Leader Tip: Encourage kids to add details to their castles with markers or crayons.

Say: "Wow, You did such a great job on your castles. I loved getting to see each one of your creations. Who lives in a castle? (allow responses) Yes! Kings and queens live in castles. God gave Queen Esther the strength to be brave as she went before the king to save her people. We can read her true story in the Bible. We can be brave because God is strong and mighty and controls our story. Your life is your story. We don't know what will happen next, but God does. He is strong and mighty, and He takes care of us."

Say:

- What was our Super Clue today? (*a story book*) What does it help us remember? (*God controls my story. Your life is your story. We don't know what will happen next, but God does. God is in charge of you and your story- the beginning, middle and the end..*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- God controls my story. What does God know about my life? (*He knows everything. He is in control.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your friends and families about this week?

Our Big Deal is, "Strong and Mighty! God takes care of me"

Strong and Mighty(*Flex arm muscles.*)

God takes care of me(*Cross arms and hug yourself*)

God helped Esther be brave as she went before the king uninvited. God worked through Esther to save her people. He took care of her. God will take care of each of us too. He helps us be strong and mighty when we face hard things."

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.