

VOLUNTEER DEVOTIONAL



STUDY

Who doesn't love a behind the scenes look at a favorite movie or TV show? It's fun to see the unnamed things that impact the story significantly. This month while teaching the story of Esther, you'll have an opportunity to think about the things God does every day – things others may not notice as quickly – and consider how these things can change your life and ministry.

To get ready for this series, **spend a few minutes reading the book of Esther.** As you do, think about where God is working in your life behind the scenes, and how these Big Ideas have been true in your life.

WEEK 1: God works behind the scenes. Esther 2:1-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

WEEK 2: God helps us do good behind the scenes. Esther 3:1-6; 6:1-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

WEEK 3: God gives us support behind the scenes. Esther 3:8-4:17; Colossians 1:9-17

WEEK 4: God gives us peace behind the scenes. Esther 5:1-8, 7:1-6; 8:1-8; Psalm 122:6-9

PRAY

What's one quirky thing you inherited from an adult in your childhood? It could be double-jointed fingers or a special kind of laugh that can be heard across a crowded room. Even if it's intrinsic to you now, someone else was responsible for passing it down the gene pool or for being around you so much that this quality became a part of your identity, too. Esther's story is kind of like this. You see the behind-the-scenes work of a God who loves the world giving her support, peace, and courage to do good. As you're praying, think about where God has given you support in the past and how it can impact what's coming next.

Which passage of Scripture or Big Idea from this month is most relevant to you right now? Spend a few minutes asking God to show you how you've already grown in this area, plus the next step you need to take in order to keep growing.

GROW

So, what's your next step? Do people know your story and how God has been working in your life? Is there something good you've been waiting to do but you've needed a nudge to go for it? Is it time to reach out to God for support and peace?

Whatever your next step is right now, take it. Then help kids do the same.