# Esther's Courage: Embracing God's Call for Children



Explore the inspiring story of Esther to learn how children can trust God, build courage, and speak up for what is right.





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### Introduction

Welcome to a 7-day Bible study on "Children" inspired by the remarkable courage of Queen Esther.

The story of Esther reminds us that God's plans often involve us in surprising ways, no matter our age. Esther, a young woman who became queen, faced a critical moment where she needed courage to speak up and save her people. This Bible study focuses on how children and young people can learn from Esther's example to trust God, develop bravery, and respond to His calling even in difficult circumstances.

Children are not only the future but active participants in God's work today, and their voices matter to Him. Through reflection and scripture, you will be encouraged to find the strength and wisdom that comes from God to face challenges courageously. This study will also help children understand their unique role in God's grand story, empowering them to speak up and make a difference.

Throughout these seven days, we will walk through key moments and principles from Esther's journey and related scriptures to build a strong foundation of faith, courage, and action. Together, we will explore how God's love supports us in every season and how children can serve as bold witnesses for Him in their families, schools, and communities.







Let's open our hearts and minds to what God wants to teach us through Esther's courage, and be inspired to live boldly as His children!  $\triangle$ 

















### Your Verse

Esther 4:14 – "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord.
- Psalm 139:14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."







### Devotional: God's Unique Purpose for Every Child

God has a special plan for each of us, including children. In Esther 4:14, Mordecai reminds Esther that she was placed in her position for a unique purpose—to help save her people at a critical time. Just as Esther was called for a special task, every child is created by God with intention and a distinctive role to play in His kingdom.

It might not always be obvious what that purpose is, and sometimes it can feel big or scary. However, God's plans are always good. He shapes us with care, as Psalm 139 reveals, and desires to use us to bring hope and goodness to the world. Through Jeremiah 29:11, God promises to guide us with plans that bring a hopeful future.

Today, remember that your life matters deeply to God. Trust Him to reveal your path as you grow, and get ready to be brave and stand strong like Esther when your moment comes.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What special gifts or qualities do you think God has given you?
2.	How does it make you feel knowing God has a plan for you?
	When faced with a challenge, how can trusting God's purpose help you be brave?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you felt like you were needed for something important.
2.	List three ways you can prepare yourself to be courageous like Esther.
3.	Describe what you think your God-given purpose might be.







### Prayer for Today

**Dear God,** thank You for creating me with a special purpose. Help me to trust that You have a plan for my life, even when I'm unsure or scared. Teach me to listen to Your guidance and give me courage when I need to be brave. Thank You for loving me and using me for good things. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*  $\triangle$ 

















### Your Verse

Esther 4:16 – "Go, gather together all the Jews... and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days... then I will go to the king."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
- Proverbs 28:1 "The righteous are as bold as a lion."







### Devotional: Finding Courage to Speak Out

Esther's bravery shines brightly when she decides to approach the king, risking her life for her people. Esther 4:16 shows her willing to act despite fear, supported by prayer and fasting. She knew that speaking up was necessary, even though it was risky.

Sometimes, children may feel shy or afraid to speak up, but God does not want us to live in fear. 2 Timothy reminds us that God's Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control—not timidity. Proverbs encourages us that living rightly gives us boldness, like a lion's strength.

When you face situations where you need to speak up for what is right, remember Esther's courage. Pray and ask God for strength. He will help you find the words and confidence needed to stand firm and do what is good.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears or worries stop you from speaking up sometimes?
2.	How can prayer help you when you feel afraid to do the right thing?
3.	In what situations have you seen courage lead to something good?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you felt brave speaking up for someone or something.
2.	List ways you can prepare yourself to be bold and loving like Esther.
	Think about a situation you're facing now—how might God want you to act with courage?







### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** please help me find courage when I feel scared to speak up. Thank You for filling me with Your Spirit that gives me strength and love. Teach me to be bold but kind, trusting You in every situation. Help me remember Esther's heart and be brave in my own life. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

















Day 3: Trusting God in Hard Times

### Your Verse

Esther 4:15 – "I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 23:4 "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."
- Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."







Day 3: Trusting God in Hard Times

### Devotional: Standing Strong in God's Presence

Esther's words, "If I perish, I perish," reflect her deep trust in God despite danger. She accepted the possibility of loss because she believed God was with her no matter what happened. This kind of trust is powerful, especially for children learning to depend on God during tough times.

Psalm 23:4 reminds us that even when we face our darkest moments, God is with us to protect and comfort us. Isaiah further encourages us not to fear because God promises His presence and strength.

When you feel afraid or unsure, remember Esther's brave heart and hold tightly to God's promises. Trust that He will help you through every difficulty, making you stronger and braver in the process.







Day 3: 🎔 Trusting God in Hard Times

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears do you need to give to God today?
2.	How does knowing God is with you make hard things easier?
3.	What can you do to remember God's promises when you're scared?







Day 3: 🎔 Trusting God in Hard Times

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a difficult time when you trusted God and felt His help.
2.	Draw or describe a place that helps you feel close to God when you are afraid.
3.	List Bible verses that encourage you to be brave and trust God.







Day 3: Trusting God in Hard Times

### Prayer for Today

















### Your Verse

Esther 4:16 - "Fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days... then I will go to the king."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."







### Devotional: The Power of Prayer Before Action

Esther knew the power of prayer and preparation before taking a bold step. She called for fasting and prayer to seek God's help and guidance. This reminds us how important it is to prepare our hearts by spending time with God before we act courageously.

Philippians encourages us to bring everything to God through prayer instead of being anxious. James promises that God generously gives wisdom when we ask. These scriptures teach us that prayer is an important tool for children to find peace, strength, and clear direction.

Make prayer a part of your daily routine. Whether you face challenges big or small, talking to God helps you grow closer to Him, find courage, and know what steps to take next.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How can prayer help you feel less afraid?
2.	What do you want to ask God for wisdom about right now?
3.	Why is preparation important before doing something courageous?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer asking God to help you be brave this week.
2.	Describe a time when prayer helped you in a difficult situation.
3.	List ways you can remember to pray before making big decisions.







### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for hearing my prayers and giving me wisdom. Help me to remember to talk to You first before I face hard things. Teach me to be patient and trust Your timing. Strengthen my heart to be courageous as You guide me. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*  $\bigwedge$   $\bigvee$   $\bigvee$ 

















### Your Verse

John 15:13 – "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear."
- Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."







### Devotional: Brave Love That Overcomes Fear

**Esther's courage was fueled by love for her people.** She was willing to risk everything to protect those she cared about. John 15:13 reminds us that the greatest love is one that sacrifices for others.

Love can help us overcome our fears. 1 John explains that perfect love casts out fear, giving us boldness and peace. Galatians encourages us to help carry one another's burdens, showing the love of Christ through our actions.

As children, you can show brave love by standing up for friends, helping those in need, or speaking truth in kindness. When love leads your courage, you become a powerful example of God's heart in the world.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does loving others help you be brave?
2.	When has love given you strength to do something hard?
3.	Who around you needs your courage fueled by love?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you showed love courageously to someone else.
2.	Make a list of ways you can help friends who are struggling.
3.	Describe what it means to you to love others like Jesus.







### Prayer for Today

**Father God,** thank You for teaching me how to love fearlessly through Esther. Help me to show brave love to others every day. Remove any fear in my heart and fill me with Your perfect love. Use me to be a light and a helper to those around me. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*















### Your Verse

2 Timothy 2:1 - "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
- Ephesians 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."







### Devotional: Strengthening Faith to Face Challenges

Faith and courage grow together as we rely on Jesus' strength and grace. 2 Timothy encourages us to be strong in the grace found only in Christ. This grace empowers us when life feels uncertain or scary.

Hebrews describes faith as a firm assurance even when we cannot see the outcomes. Trusting God helps us keep moving forward bravely, just like Esther did. Ephesians urges us to rely on the Lord's mighty power rather than our own.

Every day, you can grow stronger by spending time in God's Word, praying, and trusting Him. As your faith deepens, your courage will also increase, enabling you to face life's challenges with confidence.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you grow stronger in your faith each day?
2.	What does it mean to be strong in God's grace?
3.	How does faith help you when you cannot see what will happen next?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down ways you can spend more time learning about Jesus.
2.	Recall a moment when your faith helped you be brave.
3.	List challenges where you want God's power to help you grow stronger.







### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for giving me grace and strength every day. Help me to trust You when things are hard and to grow in faith like Esther did. Fill me with Your power so I can be brave and face what comes with confidence. I want to rely on You always. In Your name, *Amen*.









## Day 7: 🥕 Living Boldly for God









Day 7: 🏂 Living Boldly for God

#### Your Verse

Joshua 1:9 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world."
- Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."







Day 7: 🏂 Living Boldly for God

### Devotional: Step Forward Courageously as God's Child

As we conclude our study, remember that God calls you to live boldly and fearlessly for Him. Joshua's command to be strong and courageous echoes Esther's example and applies to you today. God promises His presence with you wherever you go.

You are called to be a light in your home, school, and community. Matthew reminds us that our faith shines brightly when we live courageously. Philippians assures that through Christ, you can accomplish all God asks of you.

Let the story of Esther inspire you to step forward with bravery, love, and faith. Whether you speak up, help others, or simply follow God's path, your courageous heart makes a difference in God's kingdom right now.







Day 7: 🤔 Living Boldly for God

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean to live boldly for God in your everyday life?
2.	How can you be a light to others around you?
3.	When do you feel God's strength supporting you most?







Day 7: 🤔 Living Boldly for God

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about ways you want to show courage this week.
2.	Describe how your faith can be a light at school or home.
3.	Set a goal to trust God more boldly each day and write it down.







Day 7: 🏂 Living Boldly for God

### Prayer for Today

**God,** thank You for being with me always and calling me to be brave. Help me to live boldly as Your child, shining Your light wherever I go. Remind me that through Jesus, I have strength to face anything. Let my life reflect Your love and courage. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*  $\rat{4}$   $\rat{4}$   $\rat{4}$   $\rat{4}$   $\rat{4}$ 







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