

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Esther 3:7-10,12-13; 8:5-8,11-12,17

SESSION SUMMARY

You might be familiar with this week's biblical account: the story of Queen Esther and how God used her to save His people. In our passages this week, we read about the plot of a wicked man who wanted to wipe out the Jews: Queen Esther's (and God's) people. But God saw what was happening, and He sent Esther before the king, and His people were saved. Through Esther's story, we see that though we can't always see Him moving, we can trust God is with us and working for us. These are the key ideas:

- God is with us (Esth. 3:7-10,12-13).
- God is working for us (Esth. 8:5-8,11-12,17).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What's the biggest risk our family has ever taken that paid off? Why is taking risks so scary, even if they're sometimes rewarding?
- Esther risked everything for her people, God's people. Would we be willing to do the same? Why or why not?
- When has our family felt like the minority in our culture today? How can we make sure to stand for God no matter what?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

We often think God only works through the positive situations in our lives, but as we see in Esther's story, that's not true. (Although, sometimes our need to seek help—in situations of abuse, neglect, suicidal thoughts, etc.—is very real.) Take a minute to brainstorm some negative situations our family has faced that God has worked through to grow us or help others. Spend some time thanking God for working in us even through the really difficult days.