



# Take Home Newsletter

June 2, 2026



## Bible Story

### Esther Shows Courage (Esther 3:7-8:8)

The Old Testament story of Esther is about courage and trusting God. Esther was a young Jewish woman raised by her cousin Mordecai after her parents died. She became queen of Persia, even though queens had little power. A man named Haman became the king's top helper. Haman hated the Jewish people, especially Mordecai, because Mordecai would not bow down to him. Haman tricked the king into making a law that would destroy the Jews. Mordecai told Esther she might be the only person who could help save her people. Esther was afraid because approaching the king without permission could lead to punishment or death. Still, she chose to be brave. Esther asked the Jewish people to pray and fast for three days before she spoke to the king. When Esther finally told the king about Haman's evil plan, he stopped Haman and protected the Jewish people. Esther's story reminds us that God helps people be brave and stand up for what is right during difficult times.

## Family Sharing

1. What are some ways God has given you strength to be brave or show courage?
2. What are some ways God can help and protect others through the strength God has given us to be brave?



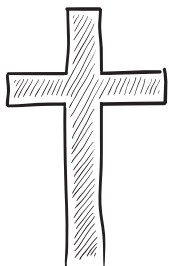
## Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. - Phillipians 4:13



## Daily Prayer

**God be in my hands.** Give me strength to act with kindness.  
**God be in my body.** Give me strength to move forward.  
**God be in my eyes.** Give me strength to notice needs.  
**God be in my mind.** Give me strength to believe you will always be with me.  
**God be in my heart.** Give me strength to share your love.



## Tuesday, June 2 VBS Donations received!

- Nickels 200 (\$10)
- 47 pair of mittens/gloves
- Pennies 677 (\$6.77)
- Hats 36



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