



THE BIG IDEA | God has a plan for my life

SCRIPTURE | Esther 8:5-17

- Queen Esther heard bad news. She found out the king had written a law that meant that she and her Jewish friends could be hurt. Queen Esther decided to be brave.
- Queen Esther went to the king. If he wanted to talk to her, the king would hold out his scepter (*Hold out your pretend king's scepter*). Then, Queen Esther knew she was allowed to talk to the king.
- Esther told the king his law was bad. She told the king the new law meant she would be hurt, too. King Xerxes decided to change the law. King Xerxes wrote a new law.
- The king even had the new law sealed with his special ring.
- I am so glad Esther was brave! Esther decided to trust God. God had a plan for Esther's life. God also has a plan for my life!

ACTIVITY | Make a Scepter

INSTRUCTIONS: Give the kids a No.2 pencil and aluminum foil to make their own scepters. Scrunch up some foil at one end of the pencil, then wrap the ball and pencil together with foil. Your finished product should look something like [this](#):



DISCUSSION

- Why did Esther go see the king?
- Why was it tricky for her to see the king?
- When Esther was there, did the king hold out his scepter?
- Did the king change the law?

PRAYER

- Esther had to wait for the king to give her permission to talk to him. We don't have to wait to talk to God. We can talk to God anytime! He is listening and wants to hear from us.
- Dear God, thank you for making Esther brave. You had big plans for her to help save her people! Help us to be brave. Help us to follow your plans for us.

MEMORY VERSE | Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

