THE STORY

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FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

AS YOU READ CHAPTER 20

This week we read Chapter 20 of The Story! In this story we meet a woman named Esther who was very brave and protected her people. You can use the questions below as a guide to your discussion and prayer. We encourage you to ask the questions along the way, too!

1. Queen Esther was King Xerxes' favorite, but she took a risk by speaking to the king without being invited. Did she just barge in and demand to be heard? Why not?

   Prayer: God, we pray you help us be brave in protecting others. We ask you give us wisdom to know when to speak and when not to speak. We pray you give us strength in knowing what is right and wrong. Amen.

2. By being respectful and humble, the king granted Esther's wish. Tell of a time where respect and humility helped you.

   Prayer: God, please help us to be respectful to our parents and teachers. Help us to be humble in the things we have and how blessed we are in our lives. Amen.

3. Have you heard the saying, "Attitude is everything"? How would you describe Esther's attitude?

   Prayer: God, please help us to act like Esther and give people patience and grace. We pray you help us to be strong and courageous like Esther and to always know you are with us. Amen.

4. If you were in Esther's place, what would you have asked the king to do?

   Prayer: God, we pray you help us to stand up to those who are in power in our life. We pray you protect us and to be smart in the words we use. Amen.

5. Esther kept it a secret from King Xerxes that she was Jewish. When is it OK to keep secrets? When is keeping secrets a bad idea?

   Prayer: God, we ask you to remind us when it's OK to keep good secrets (surprise parties, good news, etc.) and when it's not OK to keep secrets (when we've done something wrong, when others have disobeyed, etc.). Amen.

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