

Generations of Grace:

The following lesson was taught in children's church this Sunday, **Nov 1**

MESSAGE: God uses Esther to protect His people

PASSAGE: Esther 1:1 – 10:3

PRINCIPLE: God is protecting His people even when it doesn't seem like He is.

ASK YOUR CHILD: The Jews were living as exiles in a foreign, unbelieving land. During this time, God was still present to protect His people. What beautiful Jewish orphan became queen of Persia? Who was the wicked man who tried to kill all the Jews? How did God prepare to protect His people Israel? How did Mordecai persuade Esther to speak up for her people? Esther trusted God, but she also uses wisdom. How did Esther behave cleverly? How was Haman's evil plan stopped? How did God turn the disaster for the Jews into blessing? What is Purim?

APPLY: How are Christians in your country like the Jews in pagan Persia? What are your culture and your rulers like? Is God still in control? Why is there really no such thing as a "coincidence" (something that seems to happen at random, by chance)?

Parents: How does God's care for the Jews in Persia encourage you as you raise children in a godless world?

以下是二零二零十一月一日兒童崇拜 Generations of Grace 的課題：

信息：神用以斯帖來保守祂的子民

經文：以斯帖記 1:1-10:3

信念：雖然神好像沒有保守祂的子民，事實上，神一直保守他們。

向你子女問：以色列人曾被擄去到一個不信神的異地。當時，神仍然在保守祂的子民。那一位容貌俊美的以色列孤兒成為了波斯的王后？那位惡人是要殺所有的以色列人？神怎樣預備去保護祂的以色列人？末底改怎樣說服以斯帖去為她的人群講說話？以斯帖信靠神，亦依靠智慧。以斯帖怎樣以聰明的方式處事？哈曼的惡計是怎樣被阻止？神怎樣將以色列人的災難變為祝福？甚麼是「普珥日」？

應用：美國的基督徒在甚麼方面是類似留在不信神的波斯的以色列人？在美國，文化和政府領導人是怎麼樣的？神仍然在掌控嗎？為甚麼這世界其實是沒有任何事情是「巧合」的？

父母反思：看到神怎樣看顧在波斯的以色列人，你得到了一些怎樣的鼓勵，讓你在這個無神的世界中養育子女？