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Read Colossians 1:16



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Purpose Full

God created each of us for a special reason. What's yours? Are you an artist, athlete, or a good listener? Ask a parent or friend if you have a hard time thinking of something. Think of a way that you can use your purpose to help others. If you are an artist, draw someone a picture. If you are an athlete gather some friends and start a game.

Whatever God created you for—use that to help someone else! Know that God created you with the purpose to help others.

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Who's Who

This week, we learned about Queen Esther. God chose Esther to do a pretty big thing! Below is a list of names and a description of different people from our story. Draw a line so that each name matches the correct description.

Esther	1. Esther's Jewish cousin that raised her after her parents died.
Mordecai	2. Chosen as queen and helped save the Jewish people.
King Xerxes	3. The king's helper who wanted all of the Jewish people gone.
Haman	4. Powerful person who agreed not to hurt the Jewish people after Esther asked him not to.

Think about this... what is one way you can do the right thing just like Esther did the right thing?

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The Next Right Thing

Esther did the right thing when she asked King Xerxes not to hurt the Jewish people. We might not be kings or queens, but we can always do the next right thing. Below are three situations. Either draw a picture or write down what you think the right thing to do is.

- 1) You have a friend who can't find their pencil and the test is about to start. What's the right thing to do?
- 2) Your little brother is really sad that he lost his favorite stuffed animal. What's the right thing to do?
- 3) Your stepdad asked you to help with the dishes, but your favorite show is on. What's the right thing to do?

Remember, you can always ask God to help you make the right choice.

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Creator of All

Colossians 1:16 says that God created everything. Even though it may not always feel like it, God is always in charge. Make a list of your five favorite things that God created:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Now, spend a few minutes thanking God for all He created!

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DAY 1

Read Esther 4:14

You know the story of Goldilocks and three bears? Goldilocks kept looking for the bowl of porridge and the comfy chair and bed that was "just right." That phrase, "just right" inspired scientists to name the spot where earth is perfectly placed as the Goldilocks Zone or Habitable Zone. If our earth were any closer to the sun, we'd all burn to a crisp and if it were any further away, our planet would turn into one giant snowball.

But it's not just planets. **God places people perfectly too.** Think about Esther. When Haman plotted to have her own people killed, her cousin Mordecai spoke these words, "It's possible that you became queen for a time just like this." We know the rest of the story. Esther courageously spoke the truth and saved her people.

God made you and there is no one in the world (or in the history of people) exactly like you. That means that God has a unique and important purpose for your life. Just as He placed Esther in exactly the right time and place "for a time just like this" God created and who you are is "just right."

DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 29:11

Do you like to cook or bake? In order to create something tasty, it's best to follow a recipe. It is possible to grab some ingredients and to throw them in a pan without a plan. But the end result probably wouldn't be as yummy.

Having a plan is a good thing. And guess what? According to Jeremiah, God has a plan for your life. His plans for you are good. Plans for you to succeed and keep you from harm.

You might be thinking, "Awesome! Where can I look up this step by step plan?"

Fortunately, God's plans for you are bigger and better than any recipe. He loves you and He wants you to trust Him, day by day to show you all the amazing things He has in store for you. God created you for a purpose, which means there is something you and only you can do.

Ask your mom or dad if you can help with dinner tonight. Pick out a favorite recipe to follow together. Then read today's verse aloud and pray together as you gather around the table, thanking God for the good plans and purpose He has for you!

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DAY 3

Read Deuteronomy 31:8

When you look up into the night sky, it really does seem like it's a galaxy far, far away. But technically, space begins where earth's atmosphere ends. Scientists call this the Karman Line. Scientists differ on exactly where this line falls (most say 62 miles, but some, including NASA scientists place it 50 miles from sea level). Either way, if we had a super space highway, you could technically drive a car straight up and be in space within an hour or so!

Even though space seems so far away, it's really not. Sometimes God can feel very far away too. But even in the scary and uncertain times, God is still in charge. He is with you, even when He seems far away. He created you for a purpose and He loves you. God is by your side, every day and nothing can separate you from Him.

Grab a piece of paper and write down three things you're worried about. Ask Him to remind you that He goes ahead of you and that He is with you. Thank Him for creating you for a purpose and ask Him to show you each day how you can follow him.

If you're interested in learning more about how God's creation is in relation with the world around us, check out "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.

DAY 4

Read Proverbs 19:21

Have you ever made a plan that didn't go the way you thought it would? Maybe you planned to go to the pool on your last day of summer break, only to wake up to rain outside the window. Maybe you planned to play with your best friend but he's sick.

Plans aren't bad. In fact, it's good to have a plan so you can get more done. But when it comes to your future, we shouldn't hold on to our own ideas so tightly. Because God made you for a purpose.

As you grow, you'll discover God's big purpose for you. That's why it's so important to trust God and walk with Him day by day. **He made you and He has BIG things in store.**

As you pray tonight before going to sleep, spend some time thanking God for the day that's passed. As you think about tomorrow, open your palm out flat (instead of a closed-up fist) and say, "God I know you have a plan for me. I don't want to miss it. Thanks for loving me and creating me with a purpose. In Jesus' name, amen."



Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR PURPOSE COULD BE?

Journal lines for writing.



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____



Day 2

Read Esther 4

So much was on the line for Esther. If she stayed silent and just let things happen, an entire nation of people, her people, might get wiped out. But if she spoke up, she might be the one who died.

And then Esther's cousin Mordecai puts it all in perspective for her in chapter 4, verses 12-14: ¹²When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³he sent back this answer: **"Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"** (NIRV)

You've heard of the phrase "mic drop," right? It's something to say when someone has said something so deep, so right, that there's really nothing else that can be said. Underline the sentence that is the "mic drop" moment above.

Did you underline verse 14? Everything Mordecai said was right and wise, but that last sentence really summed it all up. The truth is, it was pretty surprising that Esther, a poor unknown girl whose parents had died, had been given the role of queen in a foreign nation. But God had a plan all along, and His purpose for Esther's life was to save His people with her creativity and courage.

Day 3

God used Esther's cousin Mordecai to encourage her to live out her purpose: to save the Jewish people.

But even though Esther knew it was the right thing to do, it was scary. So before she did anything else, Esther stopped to pray. Check out Esther 4:15-16. **"Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."** (NIRV)

Time was ticking, and Haman's evil plan was taking shape, but still, Esther knew that taking time to talk to God before anything else was important. In fact, she didn't just pray, she also gave up food for three days, and she asked her servants, Mordecai, and all the Jewish people to join her in fasting and prayer.

You may or may not know what purpose God has for your life right now. But in either case, starting your day by talking to God is always the right move. Praying isn't the only purpose God has for you, but it is the first thing. Talk to God right now and ask Him for guidance and wisdom to discover what His purpose is for your life and courage to follow through.

Day 4

Do you ever wonder what your purpose is? Many people do!

But often the people around us see us better than we see ourselves, so today, put on your reporter hat and go ask at least five people these questions.

1. What is one thing you think I'm really good at?
2. What is something I'm really good at that can help others? (It might be the same as #1, or could be different.)
3. What is a role I play, or activity I'm involved with, that could be used for others?
4. How do you think God might use me to make the world a better place?
5. What is one thing I can do to develop my creativity in this area?

Write down what they say because you'll use it tomorrow!



Day 5

Sometimes as a kid, it's hard to imagine what your purpose might be.

Especially when you hear a story like Queen Esther's. Sure, it's incredible and inspiring, but it also is a little bit intimidating, right?

But the good news is, Esther wasn't born a queen. And she didn't wake up one day with the courage to save a nation either. God used every bit of her life—her challenges, her creativity, her gifts, her relatives, her friends, her servants—to prepare her for His purpose. And by living out her purpose every day from child to queen, she was ready for her biggest calling of all.

Take your list from yesterday—the things that others said they saw in you, and pick one of those things you can focus on today. Maybe it means looking up some YouTube videos to get better at something in an area where you're already naturally talented. Or maybe it means being intentional about your encouraging words and paying attention to the effect they have on others. Tomorrow, pick another thing, and so on, until you've spent one day being mindful about the gift/role/creativity each person saw in you. As you start to see God's purpose more and more, thank Him for putting you in just the right spot to do great things for Him and the people He loves.

Esther and creation have even more in common! Check out pages 6-7 of "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio and see what Esther and the Earth can teach us about God's plan.