

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God helps us do good behind the scenes.

BIBLE

Scene II. Mordecai and Haman:
Esther 3:1-6; 6:1-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

QUESTIONS

- What good thing did Mordecai do for the king?
- Why do you think Mordecai refused to bow to Haman?
- What did Haman end up having to do for Mordecai because he thought the king was going to reward him?
- Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13. Why do we sometimes grow tired of doing good? What is one way you might remind yourself to keep doing good?
- How do you know when something you're doing is "good?"
- Why do you think it's important we do good even when no one's looking?
- What is one way you can do good this week without expecting anything in return?

ACTIVITY

Give each kid a copy of the printable. Have kids write the name of the person they want to honor on the cover page. Then in the remaining pages, have them write a different good deed they will do for that person (like a specific chore, a hug, reading together, breakfast, going for a walk.). Once kids are done, have them cut out each coupon and staple the pages together.

King Xerxes wanted to honor Mordecai because nobody gave him anything for saving the king's life.

Who's one person in your life who you feel doesn't get enough credit for what they do? What are some ways you can honor them?

Make a coupon for the royal gifts you would like to give them. And you know what? See how many of these things you would be able to do behind the scenes anyway . . . even if they don't use their coupon!

MEMORY VERSE: "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."
— Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

[Click here](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

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