

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!

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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.