

## Lesson Play Activities

### 1.KING, MAY I? Activity:

**Prepare:** Mark a line on the ground with chalk or tape

**Say:** “We are going to play a game! I need you to stand on this line. (Point.) I will give you a movement and tell you how many times to do it. If I say, ‘Do three jumps,’ you will do this (demonstrate). Before you do your movements, ask, “King, May I?” Are you ready?”

(Do activity.)

**Wrap Up Activity:** “Great job playing ‘King, May I!’ Today, in our Bible story, we heard an awesome story all about how a woman asked a king an important question!”

### 2.Plan Activity:

**NEEDED:** Building blocks

**Say:** “Let’s build a castle with the blocks. First, we need a plan! We are going to build a castle. Do you have any ideas? (Pause.) Those are awesome ideas! We need to decide what colors of blocks to use, how big we want it to be, and who wants to build which part. (Do activity.) We have a plan! Great job! Let’s start building!” (Finish activity.)

### Wrap Up Activity:

**SAY:** “WOW! That looks awesome! We followed the plan, and it turned out great! Today, we learned that God has a plan for all of us!

## Lesson Questions and Memory verse

### Lesson Questions:

1. What was the name of the girl in our story who became a Queen? (Esther)
2. Why did God make Esther beautiful, smart, and brave? (God's loving plan for Esther was to become a wise Queen so she could help save her family.)
3. Who made and loves you? (God made and loves me!)
4. Does God have a loving plan for you? (Yes! He made you, loves you, and has a good plan for you!)

**Memory Verse:** \*Memory verse visual is attached below.

**Say:** “God loves you SO much, nothing at all can ever separate you from His love. And the Bible verse we are learning will help us remember that!”

**Do:** (Help your child find the verse in a Bible.)

**Say:** “The verse says: ‘Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love,’ Romans 8:39.”

**Do:** (Close Bible and lay it down.)

**Say:** “That means God will never, ever, ever, stop loving you! That is the BEST news! Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions. I don’t want us to ever forget it.”

“Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you)  
can separate (lock your fingers together)  
us from God’s (point up with both hands)  
love (hug yourself).  
Romans 8:39.” (Open your hands like a book.)

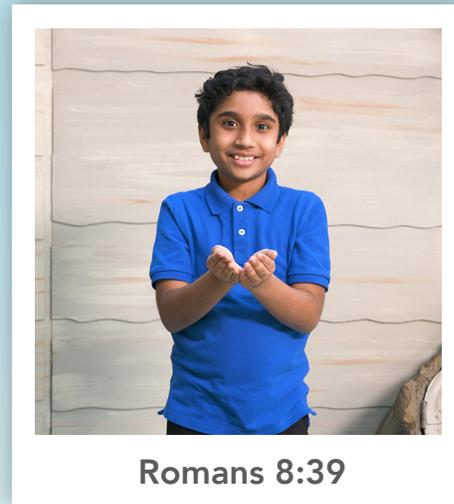
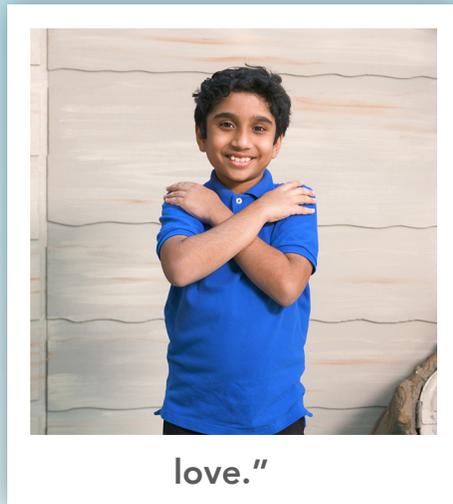
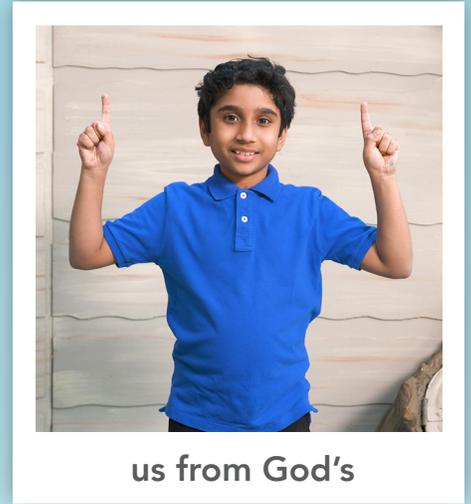
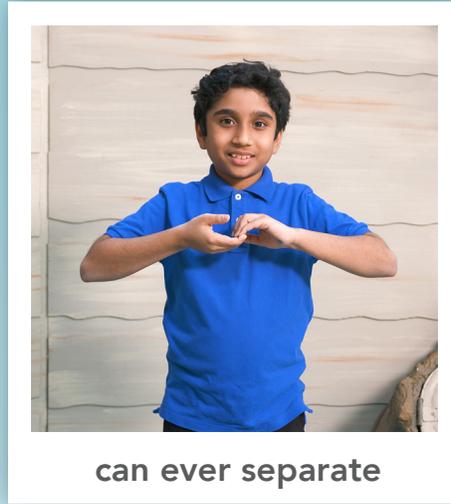
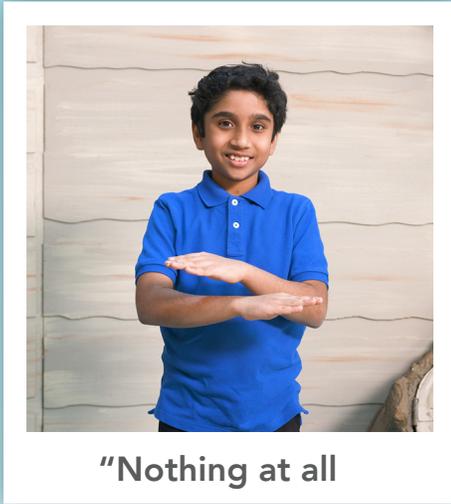
### Wrap Up:

**Say:** “Queen Esther had to do some hard things! She trusted God with the plan even when she was afraid. When we have to do hard things we can remember that nothing can keep God from loving us.”

**Prayer:** Lead your children in prayer to thank God for loving them no matter what! Ask God to help us follow His plan even if it is hard.

# MAY 2020

## Memory Verse Motions



**MEMORY VERSE**

“Nothing at all can ever  
separate us from God’s love.”

**ROMANS 8:39, NIrV**



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(Shake head and wave your  
arms in front of you.)

**can separate**

(Lock your fingers together.)

**us from God’s**

(Point up with both fingers.)

**love.”**

(Hug yourself.)

**Romans 8:39**

(Open your hands like a book.)

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WEEK TWO

ESTHER 2:2-8:17

Esther trusts God’s plan for her and helps save her people.



REMEMBER THIS:

“Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.” ROMANS 8:39, NIrV



SAY THIS:

Who loves you? GOD LOVES ME.



DO THIS:



As you drive, ask your child questions like, “Can going to school separate you from God’s love? Can riding in an airplane separate you from God’s love? Can a thunderstorm separate you from God’s love? Can being sick separate you from God’s love?” Each time you ask a question, answer together, “Nooooo. Nothing can separate us from God’s love!”

BASIC TRUTH:

GOD LOVES ME.

EVERY MOTHER IS A WOMAN OF VALOR

By Sarah Anderson

“Thank you for making this dinner! But I think I like Dad’s spaghetti better.” It was so close to being a compliment, but I’ll take it. My five-year-old was right. I put forth a good effort, but his dad is the better cook. Mothering can feel like this at times. Like you are just close enough to getting it, only you just didn’t make the cut. You want to be the best. But these days you’ll just settle for someone noticing your effort. “Thanks for trying, but . . .”

Mother’s Day can feel like the day to celebrate the golden standard of mothering, leaving you to hope others don’t get close enough to see how insecure parenting really makes you feel. I get it. But I’m starting to think on days like Mother’s Day, or any day we feel inadequate, the last thing we should be doing is worrying over everything we’re not.

Proverbs 31 is famous for the picture it paints of the ideal woman. It’s today’s domestic superhero. The wife of noble character it describes is nothing short of intimidating—getting up before dawn, making her family’s clothes, and conducting lucrative business with her handiwork. It’s a beautiful picture, but sounds so daunting.

The Hebrew words used to describe this elusive woman are *eschet chayil*, directly translating to “woman of valor.” But

interestingly, this doesn’t imply something women should aim for. It asserts we’ve already accomplished it.

These words are celebratory, meant to be a blessing, spoken over the valorous women in our lives. It isn’t, “Next week, work a little harder on making your own bread” It’s, “You love our family well—you are a woman of valor! *Eshet chayil!*”

Sure, we may miss the mark sometimes. But there are a million things we have done and are doing that make us, that make you, worthy of the title, “woman of valor.” For the clean dishes, homework help, warm hugs, listening ears—for the courage to get up each day, every day, and do it all again, *Eshet chayil!* You are a woman of valor.

This Mother’s Day, instead of feeling inadequate or guilty for what you think you ought to be, but can’t muster the strength to actually be, be encouraged. You are doing a great job. You are worth celebrating. And if no one else notices, your Heavenly Father does. He looks at you and says, “*Eshet chayil!*” Nice work, mamas.

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**WEEK ONE**

**GENESIS 1:26; PSALM 139:14**

People are wonderfully made by God. He made us, and He loves us.

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**WEEK TWO**

**ESTHER 2:2-8:17**

Esther trusts God’s plan for her and helps save her people.

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**WEEK THREE**

**LUKE 15:11-24**

Jesus tells a story about a father and son to show us that God loves us, no matter what.

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**WEEK FOUR**

**JOHN 3:16**

God loves us so much, He sent Jesus to be our friend forever.

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**WEEK FIVE**

**LUKE 15:8-10**

Jesus tells a story about a woman who looks for a lost coin to show how special we are to God.



**REMEMBER THIS:**

“Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.”  
**ROMANS 8:39, NIrV**



**SAY THIS:**

Who loves you?  
**GOD LOVES ME.**

**BASIC TRUTH:**  
**GOD LOVES ME.**

**DO THIS:**



**MORNING TIME**

When you go into your child’s room, say, “Good morning! It’s time to wake up! God loves us so much, He gave us another amazing day to enjoy!”



**DRIVE TIME**

As you drive, ask your child questions like, “Can going to school separate you from God’s love? Can riding in an airplane separate you from God’s love? Can a thunderstorm separate you from God’s love? Can being sick separate you from God’s love?” Each time you ask a question, answer together, “Nooooo. Nothing can separate us from God’s love!”



**CUDDLE TIME**

Cuddle with your child this month and pray, “Dear God, everywhere we look, we see wonderful ways that You love us. You made a beautiful world for us to live in. You listen to us when we talk to You. You are always with us. You give us yummy food to eat. You give us friends and family to help us. You are so, so good to us, God. Thank You for loving us like You do. In Jesus’ name, amen.”



**BATH TIME**

Add two colors of plastic blocks to bath time. Say, “Let’s sort the blocks by color. That means you will separate the orange ones over here and then separate the green ones over here.” When you’re done sorting, say, “Good job! We can separate blocks, but nothing can separate us from God’s love!”