



**WEEK 3 - ESTHER**  
**SHINING THROUGH ADVOCACY**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Gracious God, we live in a world where everything is NOT equal, and many people experience bad or hard things and are powerless to do anything about it. Their voices are silenced. Help us to speak up for those who cannot and to always support and love them. Help us to be advocates like Esther. Let us always let our lights shine in all that we do. Amen.

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**SUPPORT:**

- Support one another by sharing the best and worst parts of your day.
  - Talk about how you let your light shine or saw others letting their lights shine today.
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**LEARN:**

Read Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; & 8:1-17  
OR "Naomi & Ruth" page 110 in the *Spark Story Bible*  
OR Watch the Story, Song, & Snack Video online.

- What was your favorite part of the story?
  - Have you ever seen someone else being treated rudely or unkindly? What did you do?
  - Is it easy or hard to stand up to bullies?
  - How can we stand up for people who are being treated badly?
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## ENGAGE: Lord's Prayer Bracelet

*Supplies:* Leather rope, beads

*Object:* To create a bracelet that will represent the Lord's prayer and help you remember it in a fun way!

*How To:*

- Place the beads in color order provided which represents a different part of the Lord's Prayer.
  - You can choose to tie a knot in between each bead or let them all be together.
  - When finished tie the ends together so that they fit perfectly on your wrist.
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## NOURISH: Popcorn

This week's snack is popcorn. Popcorn (popped corn, popcorns or pop-corn) is a variety of corn kernel which expands and puffs up when heated. Archaeologists discovered that people have known about popcorn for thousands of years. In Mexico, for example, remnants of popcorn have been found that date circa 3600 BC. Through the 19th century, popping of the kernels was achieved by hand on stove tops. Kernels were sold on the East Coast of the United States under names such as Pearls or Nonpareil. The term popped corn first appeared in John Russell Bartlett's 1848 Dictionary of Americanisms.

If you have an air popper – follow your machines instructions. (Mine calls for ½ cup of un-popped kernels)  
Bon Appetite!

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## PRAY: Lord's Prayer

### Traditional

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### Contemporary

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.

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## BLESS: Child of God, let your light shine!