eTown AT HOME

BIBLE PASSAGE: Esther Saved Her People / Esther

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 5:10 "God... will himself restore you... after you have suffered a little while."

MORNING TIME

ACTIVITY: WAYS TO HELP

Encourage the children to think of ways they can help the family. Whisper ideas (sweeping, dusting, folding towels, putting clothes in drawers, taking care of a younger sibling, and picking up toys). Say • God gave us families! We can help our families in many ways. Today we will hear about a woman who helped her family in a very special way. She did not just help her family; she helped all of the Jewish people in her country. **God used Esther to rescue God's people from their enemies.** This was part of His plan all along. By saving the Jews, God made the way for His Son, Jesus, to come into the world.

TRAVEL TIME

DISCUSSION: SPECIAL PEOPLE

Talk about things that are unique about each person in your family. Ex: wearing a certain color, favorite color, wears glasses, has a certain color hair or eyes, likes sports, likes art, etc..

Say • We are all alike in some ways and all different in other ways. God made all of us and uses all of us in His great plan. He wants us all of us to know that we are special, that He loves us, and that He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.

MEALTIME

DISCUSSION: GOD IS IN CONTROL

- Does anything ever surprise God?
- How do you feel knowing God is in control of all things?
- Have you ever felt like God is not in control of your life?

BEDTIME

PRAYER: God, You are good and trustworthy.. Help us remember that Your plans are for Your glory and our good. You are in control of all things. Give us power to obey You by faith. We love You. Amen.