

Faith Adventures Youth Resource

For guidance on the purpose of the resource and how to use it as a launch pad for your engagement

Haman and Mordecai. Two of them were good influencers, one was a bad influence and the other one? Was he purely in the middle or was he an influencer too?

This is the only book that doesn't mention God, inviting the readers to ask where do we see God's influence in the story?

This story could be a trigger for those who might have people in their life who are strong in their influence and power, even abusive, therefore some might find this difficult to explore. The story also deals with themes of genocide and racism.

Together

Let's start our time with God and each other well

If used in a mixed-age group, then young people can support younger ones in using the gathering prayer in Faith Adventures: Children Together. If used in a youth group, you could use this opening prayer or encourage young people to open the session with a prayer of their own.

Amen

In-person and Alternative game

See this week's Faith Adventures : Children Together for suitable games for this theme.

Hot Air Balloon Debate

In this activity, the group will imagine that they are in a hot air balloon which is rapidly falling because it is too heavy. The only way to survive is to reduce the weight, by throwing people out of the balloon. Give participants different characters (eg historic figure, celebrity) and they must give a short speech (30 seconds) explaining why they should stay in the balloon. The group votes to decide who should be thrown out of the balloon. (You could also use objects instead of people.)

Experience

Research different versions of this reading on <https://www.biblegateway.com/>
Recommended versions to try are NRSV, Easy-to-read, The Message, NIRV

Watch: Derek Sivers' TED Talk 'How to Start a Movement' -
<https://youtu.be/gxFt1BZiMTw?si=ROX3jsmwQWwLlazo>

