

Activity 2 - Our Story

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As a group, answer each question below. You can be as thoughtful and detailed (or not) as you want, but the more detailed the better. Turn the finished product into Lora BEFORE you leave today so that she can put it together into a book which will be delivered at a later date and time. While answering the questions (or when you're done with the questions) have each person draw a quick self-portrait. The simpler the better. If you have a baby/babies at your table, someone may want to draw a quick picture for them.

HINT: Have the person at your table with the best handwriting write the answers so that you can be sure Lora doesn't miss any details.

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Sometimes we will feel like outsiders. Part of living in an imperfect world where we are all different is that no person will ever FULLY understand us. Don't be discouraged, though. Not only does God fully understand each of us, but He also loves us enough that He has a perfect plan for us. That means that He puts us in a specific place at a specific time. Esther's story (the entire book of Esther in the Old Testament) is one of the biggest examples of this. She was ripped away from her family and forced to live in the king's palace, unable to leave or even see her family. When she was chosen as the queen, she had to marry someone who didn't believe in God and who ruled over a kingdom that was not welcoming to her people, the Jews. However, God made it clear that He put her in the palace with King Xerxes for this exact time. An enemy of the Jews put a plan into motion to kill all of them, and Esther was the only one in a position to come to the Jews aid. Her uncle begged her to go to the king and plead with him to save the Jews.

Read Esther 4:11-14

Esther's obedience to God resulted in the Jewish people being saved from destruction.

We may not always like the people in this group. We may not always get along with the people in this group. However, God put us together right here, right now, on purpose, and He has a purpose for us.