

**What's Happening at Sunday School?**

- ~ Lesson - Esther 2-9
- ~ Did you know?
- ~ Check out our Mission totals!
- ~ What are your kids up to this week? Sharing Jesus in our Christmas Service!

**Esther**

We have been focusing on people that are willing to stand up for what is right. This week we meet Esther.

The Jews were captives of Persia. King Xerxes was looking for a wife, and chose Esther to be his queen. But he didn't know she was Jewish.

Esther's cousin Mordecai raised her. He was a Godly man. Mordecai angered the 2nd highest man in the kingdom, Haman, by refusing to bow down to him.

We see Haman, in his anger, plot to kill Mordecai and ALL of the Jews. Mordecai talked to Esther, and asked her to intercede. Her response was fear. "If I go to the king without being called, he might have me killed."

But listen to Mordecai's response... "Perhaps God made you the queen at this time for just this purpose—to save your people."

This is our lesson. Esther was afraid. But she was in a position to help save the people and Mordecai reminded her of this. She asked the people to pray for her, and she did what was needed to save her people.

We may never have to risk our life to show our love for God or to help others, but God may place difficult situations in our life for us to be able to step forward to speak up and do what is right.

It is okay for us to be afraid, but we can follow Esther's example. Be willing to step up anyways, pray for guidance, and trust that God is with us.

*Dear God,  
Your knowledge and your ways are way greater than we can understand. Help us to be strong like Esther if we are placed in a difficult situation. Guide us to stand up for you and for what is right, and to not be afraid of consequences. We know that you are always with us. As we celebrate Jesus's birth, we see him demonstrating this, His perfect love, living the perfect life for us, and dying on the cross to save us. Help us to stand up and share this saving message to other. Amen.*



*Did you know...*

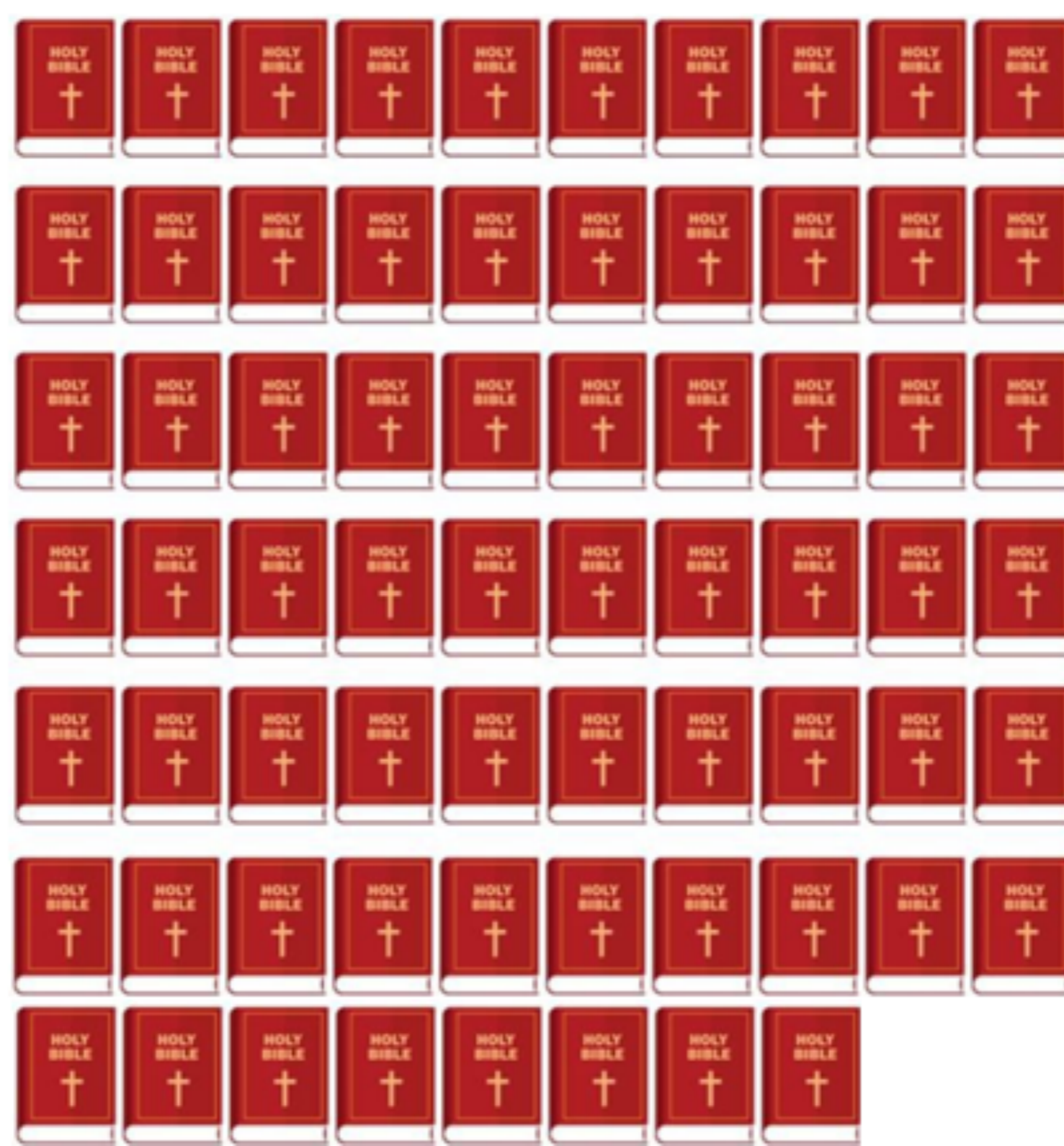
*We wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS to all of our children and families. Have fun celebrating the greatest birthday of all, Jesus! See you next year!*

*Classes resume January 5th.*

**Mission Money Bibles... 68 Bibles! Thank you!**

Our children and our families are blessed to have direct access to God's word. Not all children have that same access.

Thank you for helping us share this gift of God's love with other children.



What an amazing service of the children sharing the Christmas story!

Just like the angels did to the shepherds, our own children shared the good news of great joy for all the people. Our Savior has been born.



Click on the picture below to watch the video of "Go Tell It On The Mountain"



*God's blessing to you as you go throughout your week. See you next Sunday!  
Good Shepherd Sunday School*

