



For such a time as this

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Esther 4:12–16



Topic

Standing up for others



Takeaway

Using your own position to stand up for others



8 minutes



Object: a card for everyone with the words “For such a time as this”



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Standing up for others”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Ask: When have you seen someone stand up for another person – or fail to?

2 min

Bible text

Haman, a powerful man at court, plans to destroy the whole Jewish people. Esther is queen, but nobody knows that she herself is Jewish. Going to the king uninvited could cost her her life. Mordecai sends her a message: “Do not think that because you are in the palace you will be safe. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” Esther replies: “Fast and pray for me for three days. Then I will go to the king. And if I perish, I perish.”

3 min

Thought

Esther could have kept quiet and enjoyed her safety. Instead she uses her position for others – and prepares with prayer and community. You have a place too: in your class, among your friends, in the group. When someone is bullied or left out, it may be that you are there for exactly this moment.

2 min

Conversation

Where might you be there right now “for such a time as this”?



For such a time as this



Prayer to read aloud

God, you have put me in my place. Give me courage to stand up for others, and people who pray with me. Amen.



To think further

- What sometimes stops you from standing up for others?
- Who could support you when you want to do something brave – just as Esther asked her people to pray?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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