



God without a name – his hidden work

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Esther 4:13–14; 6:1–3



Topic

God at work in everyday life



Takeaway

God often works invisibly – and is still there



10–15 minutes



Object: a picture puzzle or hidden-object picture



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "God at work in everyday life". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Show the hidden-object picture. Ask: What do you see at first glance – and what only when you look again?

3 min

Bible text

The book of Esther is unusual: in the Hebrew text the word "God" does not appear once. No miracle, no angels, no voice from heaven. And yet the story is full of "coincidences": of all people Esther becomes queen. Of all people Mordecai hears about the plot. On one particular night the king cannot sleep and has exactly the passage read to him in which Mordecai saved his life. Mordecai hints at it: "If you remain silent, relief will arise from another place."

5 min

Thought

Many people experience God not spectacularly but hidden – often only recognisable in hindsight. Esther lives her faith in a place where God officially plays no role: in the palace of a foreign king. That resembles our everyday life at school, in training, at university or at work. God's absence from the text is no proof of his absence from life. He is writing too, even when his name is not on every page.

5 min

Conversation

Looking back, where do you recognise traces of God that you did not see at the time?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, even when I do not see you, you are there. Open my eyes to your traces in my everyday life. Amen.



To think further

- How do you live out faith in an environment where God hardly comes up?
- When is it wise to keep quiet about your faith – and when not?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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