Sunday School Lesson 8 (Primaries)
Unit Theme: Esther—Obedience to God

Title: For Such a Time as This

Scripture: Esther 4

Lesson Objective: The child will learn to serve the Lord no matter what the cost may be.

Materials needed: Psalm 100:2 verse visual

1. Take prayer requests and have a child open in prayer.
2. Teach and sing the chorus to "For Such a Time as This."
3. Play a verse game to review last week's verse and learn this week's verse.
4. Begin Lesson

Introduction: Have you ever been scared about doing something new or difficult? Queen Esther was asked to do a very scary task that could have resulted in her death. Let's see what that task was and her response to it.

Progression of events outline:
1. Mordecai and the Jews mourn for the decree made against them.
2. Queen Esther is informed of the grieving and sent for Mordecai.
3. Mordecai sends a copy of the decree to Esther and asks her to make a request for her people before the King.
4. Esther tells Mordecai that she would be put to death for coming before the King unless he holds out his golden scepter to her.
5. Mordecai pleads with Esther not to hold her peace because she may have been brought to the kingdom for such a time as this.(climax)
6. Esther responds by asking all the Jews in Shushan and her own maidens to fast for her before she goes into the king. She says, "and if I perish, I perish."
7. Mordecai does what Esther asks of him.

Conclusion: God could have brought another means of deliverance to Esther's people, but Mordecai recognized the fact that maybe God had brought Esther to her position of queen just in time to save the Jews from destruction. Though it may be scary to do some of the things God asks us to do, we must remember that our disobedience to do those things could result in hurting a whole lot of people more than just ourselves. Maybe God has a task in mind for you this week that would help out your family or your friends. Trust in the Lord like Queen Esther did and serve the Lord with gladness!