

KIDNAPPED: PART 1

When the gang arrives in Ireland they meet Aven, the girl who contacted them for help. But before they even get out of the airport Liz is kidnapped!

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Looking for God's purposes in bad times.

1. <u>Ephesians 1:11</u> says that "God always does what he plans, and that's why he appointed Christ to choose us." It can be comforting to know that God has a plan for everything. Give an example of a time where things seemed bad but something good came from it.

2. In the book of <u>Esther</u>, there is an evil plot to kill all the Jews. God places a Jewish young woman, Esther, in the palace. He uses her to help save the Jews from this evil fate. Esther needs to be brave and trust that God has a plan even when things seem bad. Even though she is afraid, she still worships God. Listen to Kids Corner's <u>Story of Esther</u>. Think of Esther's trust in God's plan as you listen to today's program.

Memory Verse

"God always does what he plans, and that's why he appointed Christ to choose us.."

Ephesians 1:11b

After You Listen

Our memory verse for this episode says that God has a plan and he works to make that plan happen. What is God's plan and purpose for you? <u>Romans 8:29</u> says that God chose you to become like Jesus. And Peter says the goal is the "salvation of our souls" (<u>1 Peter 1:9</u>). God works in and through every part of your life to fulfill that purpose. The way that God does this isn't always the way you think it should happen. It can be painful. It can be frustrating. But when you know your life (even with the scary parts) is a part of God's plan, it somehow makes these things a little more bearable.

Even though Esther was scared, she trusted God's plan and purpose for her. She continued to worship God through prayer and fasting. Even when things are tough or scary, you can continue to find ways to worship (through song, prayer, writing). Trust that God will work in and through those things to achieve his plan and purpose. His plan for you is that you become like Jesus.

Want to dig deeper and learn more about God worshiping? Read Romans 12:1 and Psalm 150:2-6.

Challenge

Is there something in your life that is scary, or frustrating? Are you moving or changing schools? Are you having a fight with a friend? Do you feel lonely? Can you trust that God will use this problem in his plan and purpose for your life? Talk to you parents about this and pray with them asking God to help you trust in his plan and purpose for your life. You can also pray for others who are in scary situations right now.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What Irish town were Liz and his friends going to visit?

Answer: Louth.

Question 2: Why did Morrie get stopped going through the security check?

Answer: He had a penny in his pocket.

Question 3: Why was Morrie glad when the plane landed in Ireland?

Answer: He was airsick.

Question 4: Why couldn't Liz and his friends find Evan?

Answer: Liz was looking for a boy named Evan and Aven was looking for a girl named Liz. But Aven was a girl, and Liz was a boy.

Question 5: What is the "garda"?

Answer: That's what they call the police in Ireland.

Question 6: What were the kidnapper's names?

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