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SQUANTO HELPS BUILD DESIRABLE CHARACTER TRAITS IN CHILDREN

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Squanto's story provides a wonderful backdrop to talk to our children about character. It is difficult to find meaning in adversity. How can and does God work EVERYTHING together for good in our lives, especially when our struggles make no sense? The answer boils down to our world view.

Do we struggle to fit God into our plans or do we fit into His? Are circumstances good only when they bring ease and reward? Teaching perseverance and a godly worldview are solid steps to building Christian character in our children. Squanto's story is a timely example we can use to help our children develop desirable character traits.

God is the creator of all things, and the unfolding of history is His-story. He has a master plan for all of humanity: the rise and fall of nations, the preaching of the good news to all men, and the birth of babies who will become world changers. A homegrown world changer might be sitting around your kitchen table right now!

Squanto's story poignantly reveals God's sovereign plans. English traders landed in what was to become Plymouth, Massachusetts a decade before the pilgrims arrived. Wampanoag Indians came to trade with the Englishmen. Sadly, the traders took Indians prisoner and carried them to Spain to sell them into slavery.

Even in the midst of this tragic circumstance, God kept a young Indian boy named Squanto safe. A kind Spanish monk bought him, treated him well, and taught him



*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:6*

