

BIBLE SUNDAYS · KING JAMES VERSION

Queen Esther Saves Her People

Sunday School Lesson Bundle

Esther 1–10 (KJV)

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Read the Bible Story

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King Ahasuerus ruled over 127 provinces from India to Ethiopia. When his queen was put away, he searched the whole empire for a new queen. A Jewish girl named Esther — raised by her cousin Mordecai because her parents had died — was brought to the palace. The king loved Esther above all the women and set the royal crown upon her head. She did not tell anyone she was Jewish.

Mordecai sat at the king's gate and overheard two men plotting to kill the king. He told Esther, who told the king, and the plot was stopped. Then a proud man named Haman was promoted above all the princes. Mordecai would not bow to him, and Haman was full of wrath. He plotted not only against Mordecai, but against all the Jews in the empire.

Haman tricked the king into signing a decree that on a certain day all the Jews — young and old, women and little children — should be destroyed. When Mordecai heard, he sent word to Esther: 'Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews... Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'

Esther sent back: 'Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me... three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.'

On the third day Esther stood in the inner court. The king held out the golden sceptre. She invited him and Haman to a banquet, and there exposed Haman's evil plot. The king was furious. Haman was hanged on the gallows he had made for Mordecai. A new decree was sent so the Jews could defend themselves, and they were saved. The feast of Purim still remembers this great deliverance.

Memory Verse

“Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Esther 4:14

Practice tip: read aloud 3 times, cover the verse, then say it from memory.

Quiz Worksheet

Circle the correct answer. Then check the answer key on the next page.

1. Who raised Esther after her parents died?

- A. Mordecai her cousin
- B. An angel
- C. The king
- D. A neighbour

2. Who was the king of Persia?

- A. Cyrus
- B. Darius
- C. Ahasuerus
- D. Nebuchadnezzar

3. What did the king do for Esther?

- A. Sent her away
- B. Set the royal crown on her head
- C. Asked for money
- D. Built her a temple

4. Who plotted against the Jews?

- A. Mordecai
- B. Haman
- C. Bigthan
- D. Memucan

5. What did Mordecai tell Esther?

- A. Hide
- B. For such a time as this
- C. Run away
- D. Resign

6. What did Esther ask her people to do first?

- A. Fight
- B. Fast for her three days
- C. Sing
- D. Sleep

7. What brave words did Esther say?

- A. I will not go
- B. If I perish, I perish
- C. I will hide
- D. Send someone else

8. What did the king hold out?

- A. A sword
- B. The golden sceptre
- C. A scroll
- D. His crown

9. What happened to wicked Haman?

- A. He repented
- B. He was hanged on his own gallows
- C. He ran away
- D. He became a friend

10. What feast remembers this deliverance?

- A. Passover
- B. Purim
- C. Tabernacles
- D. Pentecost

Quiz Answer Key

1. A — Mordecai her cousin
2. C — Ahasuerus
3. B — Set the royal crown on her head
4. B — Haman
5. B — For such a time as this
6. B — Fast for her three days
7. B — If I perish, I perish
8. B — The golden sceptre
9. B — He was hanged on his own gallows
10. B — Purim

Coloring Page

Color brave Queen Esther in her royal crown as she stands before the king.

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