

# ESTHER SAVED HER PEOPLE

## Esther



Esther was very beautiful. The king liked Esther very much, and she became queen. Esther didn't tell anyone she was a Jew. An evil man named Haman was a leader in the kingdom. Everyone was supposed to bow down to Haman, but Mordecai, the person who had raised Esther, would not. This made Haman extremely angry. When he found out that Mordecai was a Jew, Haman planned to have all the Jews killed. Mordecai asked Esther to go to the king and beg him to save her people. Esther said, "There is a law that if you go to the king without being called, you will be put to death unless he raises his gold scepter." Mordecai replied, "Who knows, maybe you were made queen for this reason!" Esther asked Mordecai to gather the Jews to pray and fast for her for three days. On the third day, Esther approached the king. He extended the gold scepter and said, "What is it, Queen Esther? I will give you anything you wish!" She invited the king and Haman to a banquet. While they were dining, the king said again,

"What do you want, Queen Esther? I'll give you anything, even up to half the kingdom!" Queen Esther said, "I want you and Haman to come to another banquet tomorrow!" The king agreed. At that second feast, the king asked Esther a third time, "Queen Esther, what can I do for you? I'll give you anything you desire." Queen Esther said, "My request, O king, is that you spare my life, and the lives of my people, for this evil Haman has sentenced us to death." The king was very angry with Haman and sentenced him to die. Esther went before the king on behalf of her people and asked him to sign a law protecting her people from their enemies. The king signed the law, and the Jews celebrated with joy.

**Christ Connection:** Even though Haman tried to hurt God's people, God was in control and had a plan to save the Jews. Sin hurts us and breaks our relationship with God, but God had a plan from the very beginning to save us through Jesus' death on the cross.



The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

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| HMAAN    | — | — | — | 9  |   |   |
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- » What does this story teach us about God?
- » What happened when Esther obeyed God?

Haman tried to hurt God's people, but God had a plan to save them. Sin breaks our relationship with God, but God had a plan from the beginning to save us through Jesus' death on the cross. God invites us to repent of our sins and trust in Jesus.



## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

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- » When have you trusted God during a challenging time?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » How do Esther's actions for her people point us to Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » God's plan was greater than Haman's evil plan. How will God defeat evil and sin once and for all?

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### CHRIST CONNECTION

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## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find Isaiah 25:9 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God praising Him for always being in control and making the way for people to be saved.

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### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Romans 8:28

☐ Matthew 19:26

☐ Proverbs 19:21

☐ 2 Timothy 1:7

☐ Proverbs 16:9

☐ Philippians 4:13