

# Esther

Once there was a woman of God named Esther who lived in the country of Persia with her cousin Mordecai.

The king of Persia needed a new queen. He said, "Bring me the most beautiful women from all over my kingdom." Esther was very beautiful, so she was one of the women sent to the palace. When the king met Esther, he chose her to be queen.

Haman was the king's chief helper. Haman hated God's people. Haman wanted everybody to bow down to him. Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman. Mordecai would only bow down to God.

This made Haman angry. He went to the king and said, "God's people are bad. You must sign this law to help me get rid of them." So, the king signed the law. God's people were in great danger!

When Mordecai heard of the new law, he went to Esther and said, "You must save God's people. Perhaps God has made you queen for such a time as this! Maybe God will use you to save His people. So Esther came up with a plan. She told Mordecai to gather all of God's people together and pray for 3 days. She said, "Though it is against the law for me to go see the king without an invitation, I will go! Pray the king will have mercy on God's people."

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of prayer, Esther invited the king and Haman to a special dinner. The King said, "What do you request, my queen? Tell me and it shall be yours!"

Esther said to her husband, the king, "Why does Haman want to kill me? Please spare my life and the lives of my people! I am one of God's people, and Haman tricked you into signing a new law that would get rid of me."

The king was angry, arrested Haman, and hanged him. He made Mordecai his new helper, and he promised Queen Esther that he would always protect her people. Because of Mordecai and Esther, God's people were saved!



## Esther Puppet Script

Once there was a certain king who had most everything. (King appears left)  
But still he wasn't happy, for he didn't have a queen. (hangs his head)  
His men so wise suggested that he issue this command  
Let a search both far and wide be made in all the land.  
(“Wanted: Queen” sign appears right and king disappears)

Now Esther was a child of God who lived with Mordecai (Esther puppet appears right)  
The king's men saw her beauty as they were riding by. (men on horse appear riding by right to left)  
They took her to the palace and brought her to the king (Palace sign appears and king appears)  
The king was very pleased with her and chose her as his queen.  
(all disappear but palace sign)

Mordecai would often sit beside the palace gate.  
(Mordecai puppet appears sitting right of gate )  
He saw a man named Haman who was walking proud and straight.  
(Haman puppet appears walking by Mordecai left to right)  
When Haman looked at Mordecai, his heart was filled with hate,  
For Mordecai would never bow as Haman passed the gate. (Mordecai lower than Haman)  
Haman was so angry that he went and got permission  
(Haman looks out angrily at audience)  
to kill the people of the Lord, the Jewish population. (both disappear)

The rule went out across the land to people everywhere.  
When Mordecai heard of it, it filled them with despair.  
(Mordecai appears and Esther appears with Crown on)  
He told Queen Esther, “You must go and kneel before the king.  
Perhaps you can persuade him to stop this awful thing.

Now Esther was a Godly girl, but she was very scared. (she looks scared)  
She feared the anger of the king, that she would not be spared.  
But Mordecai he urged her on, he knew there'd be no bliss (shakes head at her)  
That Esther may be in this place for such a time as this. (he disappears)



So Esther fixed a banquet rich as soon as she was able. (Plate of food appears)  
She asked the king and Haman vile to join her at the table. (both appear, king's in the middle)

The king was very happy with the dinner that she made.

"Please tell me what you want," he said, "You needn't be afraid."

Esther cried, "Please spare my life and save my people too!

This wicked man has made a plan to murder every Jew!"

The King jumped up and hollered loud, "Haman is this true?"

(King jumps and turns to Haman)

Then you will die, and Mordecai will rule instead of you!" (all leave)

The people made a holiday to celebrate the way

That Esther saved her people's lives on that important day



# Esther's Song

(tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Long ago the Persian king  
Wanted to pick out a queen  
Saw good Esther, liked her best  
Beautiful more than the rest.  
Xerxes found a brand new bride.  
Pretty soon the knot was tied.

Trouble came from Haman's hand  
"Hurt the Jews," his evil plan.  
He worked for the King, you see  
Tricked him into a decree  
Said God's people could not stay  
In their country, not one day.

Esther worshipped God on high  
She the Lord would not deny.  
Mordecai, her uncle knew  
Esther must this law undo  
The chance to help she couldn't  
miss  
Here for such a time as this.

Though scared she went to see  
the king  
Just her heart she had to bring  
Asked the King to save the Jews  
For Haman it was awful news  
Xerxes saved God's people so  
Esther's grateful heart did glow.



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## Memory Verse



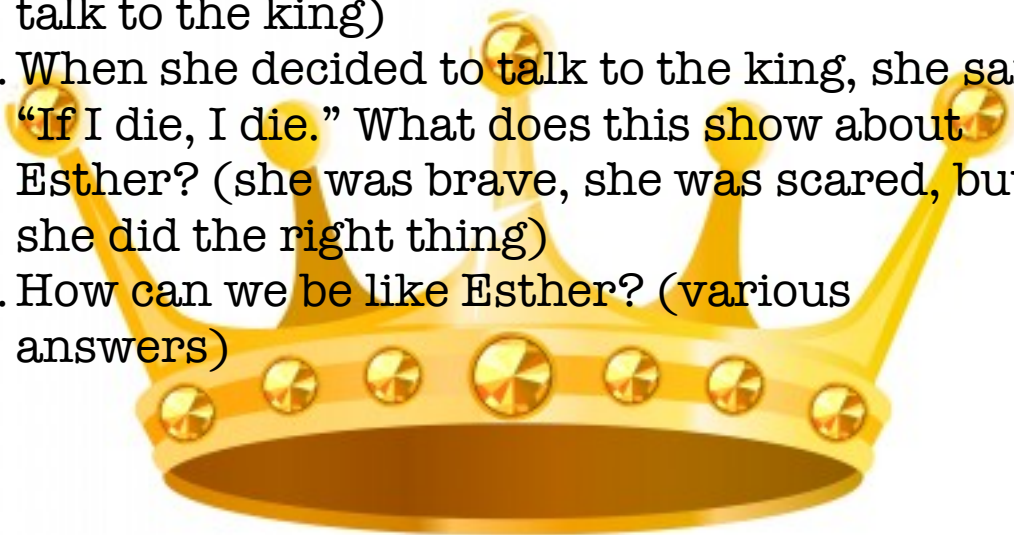
“Mordecai said to Esther, ‘But who knows? Perhaps you have been made queen for such a time as this.’”

Esther 4:14

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## Application Questions

1. Why do you think the king picked Esther out of all the women brought to him to be his queen? (she was beautiful, she was sweet, she was nice)
2. Haman hated Mordecai because he wouldn't bow to him. Why do you think Mordecai wouldn't bow down to Haman? (prompting, Mordecai was a Jew, a man of God, so he wouldn't bow to any one except God)
3. Why do you think this made Haman so angry? (he wanted people to think he was really important)
4. When Mordecai turned to Esther for help, she didn't want to because why? (she feared she would die, she thought the king would be mad at her)
5. Mordecai says that maybe she had been made queen for this very reason. Do you think he was right? (yes, she was queen, so she could talk to the king)
6. When she decided to talk to the king, she said, "If I die, I die." What does this show about Esther? (she was brave, she was scared, but she did the right thing)
7. How can we be like Esther? (various answers)



# Books of the Old Testament

(sing to the tune of “Ten Little Indians”)

Since Esther has her own book (and Ruth too!), how about we review the books of the Old Testament!?!

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy  
Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
**Esther**  
Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs

Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon  
Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel  
Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi



# Esther Crafts



Love this fun and easy Esther crown made with a paper plate! Paint or color!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekVciW5KCUE>



Awesome idea!  
Make a crown in sidewalk chalk, lay down and take a picture!  
Be Esther!!!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/110267890854931737/>



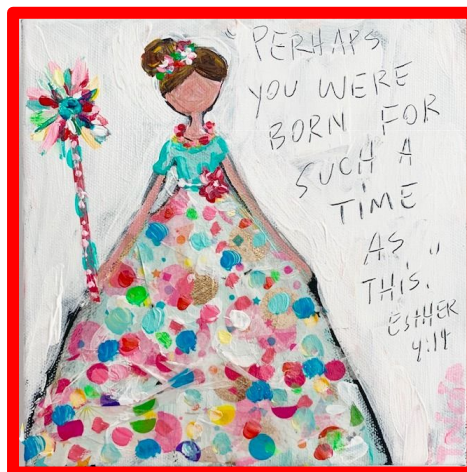
Did you know you can color aluminum foil with markers??  
Me neither!!! What a fun Esther crown idea!

<http://www.ikatbag.com/2010/11/sick-day-crafts.html>



How about making the kings scepter with aluminum foil???

<http://www.ikatbag.com/2010/11/sick-day-crafts.html>



Isn't this pretty??? Make your own picture of Esther and write your memory verse on it!

<https://www.triciarobinson.com/>



Make Queen Esther using your own handprint! LOVE this!!!

<http://mommyminutesblog.blogspot.com/2012/10/abc-handprint-art-part-4.html>



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Queen Esther was willing to give her own life to save the lives of many others.