

<b>Quarter #:</b> 4	<b>Class Age:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Lesson Title:</b> Esther
<b>Lesson #:</b> 9	<b>Prepared By:</b> Christy Gregory	<b>Lesson Scripture:</b> Esther 1-2

**Visuals / Resources:** Free Bible Illustrations ([www.freebibleimages.org](http://www.freebibleimages.org)). Use Part 1

**Welcome Activity:** Color Sheet of Esther becoming queen

**Prayer:** Acts of Prayer Board and print out to help them focus while praying

**Review:** Ask what do we remember from the previous week.

**Lesson Facts:**

- King Xerxes (Ahasuerus) invited nobles to a feast for 180 days.
- He sent for Queen Vashti so he could show her beauty.
- Queen refused.
- A law was made that all wives must honor and obey their husbands.
- A replacement was needed for Queen Vashti
- A search for all the beautiful young women took place.
- A Jew Mordecai had a cousin Esther (Hadassah) that was chosen
- She went through beauty treatments
- The King chose Esther to be his Queen
- Mordecai found out a plot against the king.
- The plotters were punished by death

**Principle:** God will take care of us.

**Practical Application:** God is at work in our lives even when we don't see it. We need to maintain our humility and faith in all situations to help bring others to God.

**Activities: Memory Vs:** Esther 4:14, Kids to use masks of the characters and act out the story

Use the character sheet to have children list out the character qualities of each person. Worksheets to take home; word search, crossword, and puzzles.

**Songs:**

See song list

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**Visuals / Resources:** Free Bible Illustrations ([www.freebibleimages.org](http://www.freebibleimages.org)). Use Part 2

**Welcome Activity:** Color Sheet of Esther

**Prayer:** Acts of Prayer Board and print out to help them focus while praying

**Review:** Ask what do we remember from the previous week. Review Esther being chosen to be queen

**Lesson Facts:**

- Haman is promoted in the kingdom and people are to bow to him.
- Mordecai would not bow before Haman.
- Haman wanted to punish Mordecai because he would not bow, because he was a Jew.
- Haman turned the king against the Jews got a law put in place that the Jews could be attacked and killed.
- The Jews including Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth.
- Mordecai wanted Esther to go to the King and please to save the Jews
- You could only go to the King if called; if the King did not extend the golden scepter then the person would be put to death.
- Esther had not been summoned in 30 days.
- Mordecai told her that she would not be spared because she lived in a palace. “Who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this”.
- Esther asked all the Jews to fast and pray for 3 days
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day she went before the King and he extended the golden scepter.
- He asked Esther what is her request
- She invited the King and Haman to a banquet
- Haman decides to ask the King to kill Mordecai and constructs a gallows to have Mordecai hung on.
- The King could not sleep that night and had his chronicles read aloud. It talked of the tie Mordecai saved the Kings life and told of the plotters that wanted to kill the King.
- The King wanted to honor Mordecai. He asked Haman what should be done for a man the King wanted to honor.
- Haman thinking he was to be honored replied “Put the man in a royal robe the King has worn and on a horse the King has ridden” and lead him through the city proclaiming “This is what is done for the man the King delights to honor”
- The King told him to do this to Mordecai.
- Haman did this to Mordecai.
- Then it was time for Esther’s feast for Haman and the King.

**Principle:** God will take care of us.

**Practical Application:** Continue to live in humility and faith in God; He may have put you in such a situation to help His people or to lead others to Him. Maybe God created you for such a moment.

**Activities: Memory Vs:** Esther 4:14,

**Songs:** See Song List

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**Welcome Activity:** Color Sheet of Esther

**Prayer:** Acts of Prayer Board and print out to help them focus while praying

**Review:** Ask what do we remember from the previous week. Review Esther being chosen to be queen

**Lesson Facts:**

- Haman was summoned to attend the banquet Esther made for the King
- The King promised Esther anything up to half his Kingdom
- Esther requested that the lives of the Jews her people be saved
- The King wanted to know who would do this.
- Esther responded that Haman was the one that was trying to have the Jews attacked.
- The King went out into the palace garden in a rage.
- Haman begged Esther for his life. He fell on the couch where Esther was reclining.
- The King returned to find him on Esther's couch.
- The guards were called to seize Haman and have him hung on the gallows that Haman had built to hung Mordecai on.
- Esther told the King she was related to Mordecai and begged the King to stop the evil plan to kill the Jews.
- The King had another document written in his name and sealed with his ring that gave the Jews the right to gather and defend themselves if anyone attacked them.
- The new law was sent out so the Jews could prepare to defend themselves.
- The enemies of the Jews were destroyed.
- There was a new feast call Purim to celebrate how the Jews were saved.

**Principle:** God will take care of us. God may have created us for such a position to help His people or to be used for His purposes.

**Practical Application:** Continue to live in humility and faith in God; He may have put you in such a situation to help His people or to lead others to Him. Maybe God created you for such a moment.

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