



Virginia Agape International Baptist Church

Children's Cell Newsletter

February 5, 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing your child to join our service. I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

Today, we'll learn that **"Esther Saved Her People"** (Esther). *In today's Bible story, God had a plan for Esther to rescue His people. Haman's evil plan could not stop God. By saving the Jews, God made the way for His Son, Jesus, to come into the world.*

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. **Help your child understand that God rules and reigns over everything.** Then pray, thanking God that He is always in control and that we have hope in every hard situation because of Jesus.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

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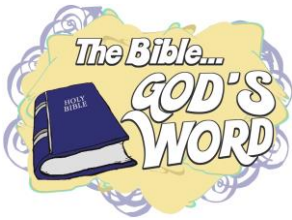
Esther Saved Her People

BIBLE PASSAGE: Esther

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 7:10

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *How should we feel when we sin?*

When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and want to turn from our sin because we love Him.



King Ahasuerus was the king of Persia. Many years earlier, when Cyrus was king, he sent some of God's people back to Judah to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Another group of God's people stayed in Persia. God's people were called Jews because they were from Judah. The king of Persia chose Esther to be his queen. Esther didn't tell the king that she was a Jew.

One day, Mordecai heard that Haman, an important leader who worked for the king, was planning to kill all the Jews. Mordecai was upset! He was a Jew; he didn't want all the people he loved to be killed. Mordecai and all the Jews cried.

Esther didn't know what was wrong. She sent a messenger to ask Mordecai why all the Jews were upset. Mordecai told Esther about Haman's evil plan.

Mordecai said, "Ask the king to stop Haman. Ask him to save the Jewish people."

Esther sent a message back to Mordecai. "No one can approach the king unless the king calls for that person first," Esther said. "The punishment is death—unless the king holds out his scepter; then you may live."



"You're a Jew," Mordecai said. "If you don't stop Haman, he will kill you too. Maybe this is why you are the queen." Maybe God put Esther in the palace to save her people! Esther asked Mordecai



and the Jews to fast for three days. Then Esther would go to the king, even if it meant she might die.

On the third day, Esther went to the king. He saw Esther and held out his golden scepter. “What is it, Queen Esther?” the king asked. “What do you want to ask me? I’ll give you anything—up to half of my kingdom.”

Esther said, “Would you and Haman come to a feast today?” So Haman and the king went to Esther’s feast. After eating, the king said, “What do you want, Queen Esther? I’ll give you up to half of my kingdom.”

“Come to my feast tomorrow,” Esther said.

The next day, Esther spoke up, “There is a plan to kill me and my people.” Esther said the evil plan was Haman’s.

The king was angry! He punished Haman and made a law to keep the Jewish people safe from their enemies.

God was in control over Haman’s evil plan to destroy the Jews. Like Haman, Satan wants to ruin God’s plan and destroy believers. Satan thought he had won when Jesus died on the cross, but God raised Jesus from the dead and defeated Satan once and for all. All who believe in Jesus are rescued from sin and death.



Big Picture Question

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REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service will start at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ **Please encourage and help your child to read and write the Bible. The next Bible quiz will be from 1 Samuel 2.**
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



“Nehemiah Rebuilt the Walls” (Nehemiah 1–7)

