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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 17 • Session 4

ESTHER SAVED HER PEOPLE

Esther

**HOW DID GOD PLAN TO FIX WHAT SIN BROKE?
BEFORE HE CREATED THE WORLD, GOD PLANNED TO SEND
THE MESSIAH.**

Esther was brought to King Ahasuerus because he was looking for a queen. The king liked Esther very much, and she became queen. But 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 bow down. This made Haman extremely angry. When Haman found out that Mordecai was a Jew, Haman planned to have all the Jews put to death. Mordecai sent word to Esther and asked her beg the king to save her people. Esther said, "There is a law that if you go to him without him calling you, you will be put to death unless he chooses to raise his gold scepter." Mordecai replied, "Who knows, maybe you were made queen for this reason!"

Esther approached the king, and he extended the gold scepter toward her. He said, "What is it, Queen Esther?" She invited the king and Haman to a banquet that day. While they were dining, the king said again, "What do you want, Queen Esther?" 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.

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.

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