



## Lesson 114 – Esther Trusts God Devotions for Week of October 5, 2025

Children's Ministry has prepared a five-day, weekly devotion to reinforce the Bible lesson covered on Sunday. We're here to come alongside you as you train up your child in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). Please contact us or go to the Children's Ministry app for added support or resources. We love you and are here for you and your children.

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### Unit Memory Verses

**1 Peter 5:10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

**Jeremiah 33:7-8** I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against Me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against Me.

### Day 1

#### Read: Esther 2

In Esther chapter 1 (read it if you like), we learn how King Ahasuerus got rid of the old queen, and now, he wanted a new queen. This is where we meet Esther. She was raised by her cousin, Mordecai, because both of her parents had died. She was a Jew, and she loved God. She was chosen to be the new queen. She was very beautiful, but I think her beauty was from within, from her love for God. Later, her cousin Mordecai, heard of an evil plot to assassinate the king. Mordecai told Esther and it was told to the king. The king was saved and everything that happened was written in the royal journals. All these events are in God's control, for He knows the future, and He has a plan. God had put Esther in the palace for this time, and He will use her in a mighty way later. God also put Mordecai in the right place and at the right time to hear of the assassination plan, so that he could save the king's life, and that it would be written down and remembered. We don't know or see the future of our lives. Where we are right now, we may think it is boring or maybe you're not happy. But we must know that God sees, and He has put us right where we live and where we are because He has a plan for our lives. God is preparing and working behind the scenes. He

is sovereign and in control. God sees and knows our future, and He knows right where we need to be to use us for His glory and purpose.

**Discussion:** Where does God have you living right now? Do you trust and know that He is preparing you for a future to live for Him and bring Him glory? Talk about it.

**Pray:** Thank God for where you are right now. Ask Him to prepare you and teach you right now for a future to love Him and live for Him. Ask Him to glorify Himself in your life. Praise Him.

### Day 2

#### Read: Esther 3

The next part of this true event is the enemy's hand. The enemy, Satan, is always, throughout history, trying to destroy God's people. All the way from Moses when Pharaoh commanded that all the children be thrown into the Nile River to when Jesus was born, and Herod commanded all the children in Bethlehem be killed as he was trying to get rid of Jesus the Messiah. Now again, Satan is using Haman to get the king to make a decree to kill all the Jews on a certain day. We have a real enemy that is even trying to get rid of us. Satan is not stronger than our God, but he tries to hurt God by getting to the people God loves, and that's us. Satan's main goal is to seek, kill and destroy. He goes about like a roaring lion seeking who he may devour. We need to be aware of the enemy that is around us. Just like we can't see God, we can't see this enemy. BUT, when we have Jesus in our hearts, He makes us strong to fight and defeat this enemy. Don't let the enemy win, for we are stronger when we have Jesus. God is on our side so nothing can stand against us. The demons tremble and run away even at the name of Jesus. As we continue reading through this true account, we will see God conquer and win. We are on the winning side.

**Discussion:** Are you aware of the enemy in the world and even attacking you or your family? Talk about some things that you see the enemy doing in this world. Talk about how strong you are in Jesus. Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

**Pray:** Pray in the power of the Name of Jesus that you will be aware of the enemy and be strong in the Lord to fight against his evil tactics. Thank God that you have Jesus in your heart and that He is stronger and greater and that you are on His winning side.

### Day 3

#### Read: Esther 4

When Mordecai found out about Haman's plot to kill all the Jews, he went to Queen Esther and told her all about it. He told her she must go to the king and get him to save all the Jews' lives. Queen Esther was scared. To go before the king, you could lose your life. The only way to be accepted is if the king held out his golden scepter to you. Mordecai told her that she would be killed also if she didn't do something. He

said that maybe God put her in the kingdom as queen for just this time to be able to save them all. Esther made the choice to stand up and be strong in the Lord. She said if I die, I die. But first she needed to pray and ask for God's help. She had everyone around her pray and fast from food and she told Mordecai to tell everyone he knew to also fast and pray. They all did. When we are scared or worried, we can always go to God and pray and ask for help. We don't ever have to be afraid to go to our King, the God of heaven and earth, who loves us. God hears our prayers. He is in control of all things.

**Discussion:** Did you know that God knew that Haman would make this plan to destroy the Jews? Did you know that God made Esther to be queen to save all the Jews from destruction and death? Did you know that we can always go to God to save us and help us?

**Pray:** Praise and thank God for hearing your prayers and for loving you. Praise and thank Him that you can go to Him anytime and pray and ask for help. Praise and thank Him for His power.

#### Day 4

**Read:** Esther 5-6

So, Esther went before the king. Would she live or would she die? Would the king hold out the royal scepter to her? Yes, he did, and her life was safe. God heard her prayers and God saved her. The king asked what she wanted. He was willing to give her up to half of his kingdom, which basically means anything she asked for. Esther asked for the king and Haman to come to a banquet that she would prepare for them. They did. But she was wise and did not ask for her life at the banquet. Instead, she asked for them to come to another banquet the next day. God still had to get some things in order and ready, for it wasn't time to reveal this evil plot just yet. And so, Haman went home and was angry again at Mordecai and decided to build gallows to hang Mordecai on. Also, that night, the king was not able to sleep. He asked for the royal journals to be read to him. According to God's plan, the part that was read was the part where Mordecai had revealed the plot to kill the king. The king asked Haman to honor Mordecai. Mordecai. Haman was even more angry now, and even his wife realized that Haman may not be able to fight against Mordecai. I think she saw that God was on Mordecai's side and not on her husband's side. All these things happened according to God's plan. God is sovereign and in control of all things. This book of Esther is full of God's hand moving and working behind the scenes.

**Discussion:** Did you know that God can make you not be able to sleep like He did in the king? Did you know that God can have you read something that He wants you to read? He can even have you read a Bible verse just for you. He is in control of all things. Talk about the things that God is in control of.

**Pray:** Thank and praise God for being sovereign. Tell Him you want to follow Him all the days of your life. Tell God you love Him.

#### Day 5

**Read:** Esther 7

It is now God's perfect timing for Esther to reveal to the king the evil plot that Haman made to destroy all the Jews, including her. When the king found out, Haman was terrified. His evil plot had been revealed. God promises that He will bring all things to the light. Nothing is hidden that will not be revealed. The king was angry and went outside. I believe this was part of God's plan too. While the king was gone, Haman laid at Esther's feet to plead for his life. It was against the law to be closer than 6 feet away from the queen. When the king came back in and found Haman on his wife, he was even more angry and had him hanged. He had him hanged on the very same gallows that Haman made for Mordecai. God knew when Haman was building it that Haman was really building it for himself. Queen Esther then asked for her people to be protected. The King called in Mordecai to write a new law that the Jews could fight back and protect themselves on the day they were to be destroyed. As you read in the rest of the book of Esther, you see that the Jews were strong and able to fight against their enemy and win. There are many promises that God will help deliver us from our enemies and from those who want to hurt us. God is faithful and He is stronger than the enemy, and with Him on our side, we are on the winning side. God will fight for us.

**Discussion:** Do you have an enemy that is hurting you? Talk about it. Look in the Bible for promises that God will help you fight and deliver you from the enemy.

**Pray:** The Bible also says to pray for our enemies. Pray for your enemies right now. Pray that they would come to know God and His love. Pray for deliverance and help. Thank God that He is faithful and that He loves you.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Children's Ministry Prayer – Sunday, October 12 in Living Room at 1:00 pm
- Turkey Bowl (Rooted v. Thrive Flag Football) – Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 - 12:00 pm with tailgating at 10 and kickoff at 11 with kids' activities and crafts available throughout

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