



Grades 4-5 • Unit 12 • Lesson 114

# Esther Trusts God

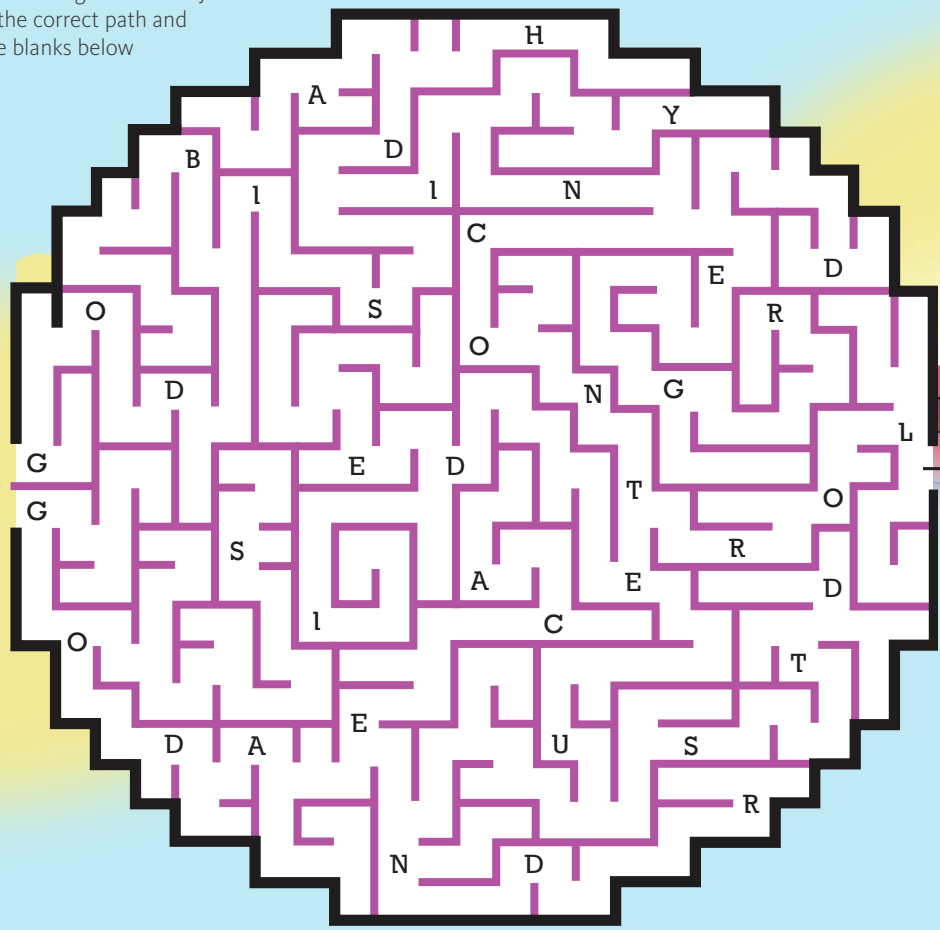
Esther 2:8-9, 2:16-17, 2:21-23, 3:8-10, 4:15-17, 8:5-8

Help Queen Esther get to the king to save the Jews.  
Pick up the letters along the correct path and  
place them in order in the blanks below  
to answer the question.

Name



START →



→ FINISH

Why are we sure there is  
no such thing as luck?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: God is in control.

## Memory Verse

Use the word list to fill in the blanks then  
practice saying the verse three times.

**CALLED, GRACE, GLORY, RESTORE, STRENGTHEN, SUFFERED**

And after you have \_\_\_\_\_ a little while, the God of all \_\_\_\_\_, who has \_\_\_\_\_ you to his eternal  
\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, will himself \_\_\_\_\_, confirm, \_\_\_\_\_, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10



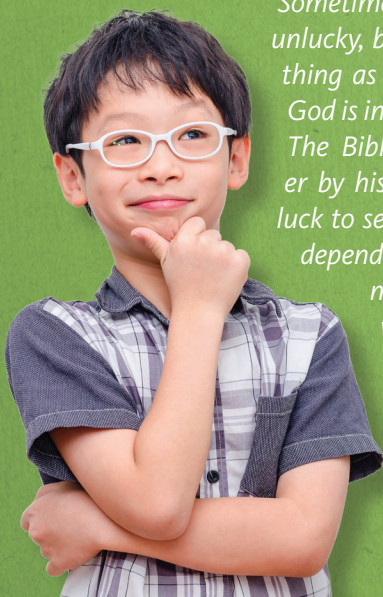
## **What You Heard** *In the Word*

- God's sovereign hand is displayed clearly through the book of Esther as he moved people and arranged events in incredible ways to save his people, the Jews.
- God used Esther, Mordecai, the king, and even the king's servants to accomplish his will to save the Jews from Haman's plot to destroy them.

## **OutWord** *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend always talks about being lucky or unlucky whenever good or bad things happen to him? **What could you say?**

*Sometimes it may seem like we are lucky or unlucky, but I don't believe there is any such thing as luck. That's because I believe that God is in control of everything that happens. The Bible says he holds all things together by his power. I don't want to depend on luck to see me through hard times. I'd rather depend on the all-powerful God who hears my prayers and knows my heart. If we trust and believe in Jesus as our Savior, then we can know that everything that happens to us is for our good—because God is good!*



## **HomeWord** *For Parents*

The book of Esther is an intriguing account. Esther was a Jew. Her family had been deported from Judah during the Babylonian takeover. And God worked his will in such a way that this beautiful, young Jewish woman would become the queen of the pagan nation of Persia. She gained favor in the eyes of the king's servant and the king himself (Esther 2:15–18).

When the wicked Haman came to power, trouble began. Mordecai refused to bow to him as commanded (Esther 3:1–2).

Mordecai's refusal fueled hatred in Haman not only for Mordecai but for all the Jews. Haman used his power to present a decree that commanded all the Jews in Persia to be killed. There was great mourning among the Jews.

Mordecai encouraged Esther to approach the king and attempt to save the Jews. Even as queen, Esther was afraid because an audience with the king had to be by invitation only. Anything else could result in death! She agreed to go when Mordecai reminded her that perhaps she had come to this place at this time to save the Jewish people (Esther 4:14).

Esther agreed to help her people. She courageously appeared before the king. She found favor in his sight, and the king extended his golden scepter and offered to fulfill her request. At Esther's requested banquet, she petitioned the king to spare her and her people from Haman's plot to destroy them. And through a twist of events that only God could have ordained, Haman was hanged on the gallows he had built for Mordecai while Mordecai was elevated to Haman's position. Esther and Mordecai were allowed to write their own edict to protect the Jews (Esther 8:5, 8:8).

Nowhere in this biblical account is God mentioned, but his sovereign hand is seen directing each person to accomplish his ultimate purpose—to preserve his people according to his will.



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