

The Brave and Beautiful Queen

Esther Esther 2-5; 7; 9:20-22



Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- What did Esther say when Mordecai told her to change the king's mind? ("...He can have me killed.")
- * What did Mordecai tell Esther? ("Perhaps you were made queen just for this moment.")
- What happened to Haman at the end of the story? (He was hanged on the gallows he'd built for Mordecai.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Esther was probably very scared. People who went to see the king without being invited could be killed. But God had a plan. He had made Esther queen so that she could save the Jewish people, His people, from death.



Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

Even though Esther was scared, God used her to save His people. God loved Esther and made her for a special purpose. God loves each of us and has a purpose for us, too.



"Who knows (shrug your shoulders) if perhaps you (point forward) were made queen (pretend to place a crown on your head) for just such a time as this (point down firmly)?" Esther 4:14b (NLT)



Dear God,

Even when I am scared, I can know that You are in control of everything. Help me to be brave like Esther. Help me fulfill Your plan for my life, too. Amen.

