

## APPLICATION

In this story, King Xerxes was powerful, but God was even more powerful! God used Queen Esther and Mordecai to save His people from a bad plan. This shows us that God can use anyone, even you, to do great things for Him, even when it feels scary. God has a plan, and He can use you!

### Let's talk to God

Thank God that He is always in control, even when things look scary or impossible. Ask Him to give you courage, like Queen Esther, to do what is right and to help others.

Pray that you would trust His plan for your life, just like Mordecai and Esther trusted Him.

'In Jesus' name, Amen.'

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# X Xerxes

(An ancient King)



**“... *Xerxes* (the king) gave the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther.”**

**Esther 8:1 NLT**

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**Instructions:** Read the story, then go back and reread the story and answer the questions.

**John 14:1-6; Acts 1:9-11,23 NLT**

<sup>1</sup>After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman...  
<sup>6</sup>Haman sought to destroy all the Jews throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

... <sup>14</sup>For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place... And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” ... <sup>16</sup>“Go, gather all the Jews... Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

<sup>1</sup>On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court... <sup>2</sup>And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter... <sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request. <sup>4</sup>For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to perish...” <sup>5</sup>Then King Ahasuerus spoke and said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?” <sup>6</sup>Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified...

<sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai... is standing at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” <sup>10</sup>So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king’s wrath abated.

<sup>1</sup>On that day King Ahasuerus gave the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther. And Mordecai came before the king... <sup>16</sup>The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor.

## QUESTIONS

**1.** How did God use Queen Esther and Mordecai to save His people, even when things looked very bad?

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**2.** What can this story teach us about being brave and trusting God's plan?

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## ACTIVITY: Who Did What?

**Instructions:** The story of Esther has many important people! Can you match the person to what they did? Draw a line from the person's name to their action.

People:	Actions:
King Xerxes	Tried to trick the king and destroy the Jews.
Haman	Bravely went to the king to ask for help for her people.
Mordecai	Was the powerful king who listened to Queen Esther.
Queen Esther	Helped stop a bad plot against the king and helped the Jews.