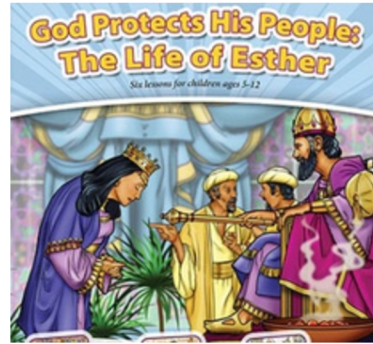


GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE: THE LIFE OF ESTHER *series overview*

Unit Summary

In this six-lesson series, children will learn about God's providential care for His people. Lessons include: Esther Becomes Queen; Mordecai's Choice; God's People Ask for Help; God humbles Haman; Esther Pleads for Her People; Royal Picnic Review Party.



Unit Memory Verses

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6, KJV)

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6, ESV)

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6, KJV)

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28, ESV)

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Lesson 1

Esther Becomes Queen

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5



Mordecai discovered a plot against the king and reported it through Esther, saving the king's life. Later, a wicked man named Haman became angry with Mordecai and convinced the king to make a law to destroy the Jewish people. When Mordecai learned about the law, he mourned greatly because God's people were in danger. Even in this difficult situation, God was preparing Esther to show courage and honor Him. (Esther 2:21-4:3)

King Ahasuerus chose Esther, a young Jewish woman, to become queen. Esther did not know why God had placed her in the palace, but God was working behind the scenes according to His good plan. Esther listened to Mordecai's advice and trusted God's timing. We can trust God too, even when we do not understand what He is doing, because His plans are always good. (Esther 1:1-2:20)

Lesson 2

Mordecai's Choice

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:6

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Lesson 3

God's People Ask for Help

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6



Pray to
God!



When Esther learned that her people were in danger, Mordecai encouraged her to help even though she was afraid. Esther asked all the Jews to fast and pray before she went to speak to the king. Esther trusted God to help her, and we can pray and trust God when we face difficult situations too. (*Esther 4:1-17*)



God
gives
grace!

Lesson 4

God humbles Haman

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28

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God gave Esther favor as she courageously approached the king and invited him and Haman to a banquet. While Haman proudly sought honor for himself, God arranged events so that Mordecai was honored instead. This part of the story reminds us that God opposes pride and can give us the grace to be humble. (*Esther 5:1-6:14*)

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Lesson 5

God Rescues His People

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28

Esther told the king about Haman's evil plan, and God turned the situation around to protect His people. The Jews were saved from their enemies, and they celebrated God's faithfulness by establishing the feast of Purim. This reminds us that God is always at work in our lives, even when we cannot see everything He is doing. (*Esther 7:1-9:5; 20-32*)



God is in
control!

Lesson 6

Royal Picnic Review Party

Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 4:6, and Romans 8:28

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God worked behind the scenes to place Esther in the palace and carry out His good plan for His people. When danger came, Esther prayed, trusted God, and courageously obeyed Him, while God humbled the proud and protected His people. In the end, the Jews praised God for His faithfulness, reminding us that God is always at work in our lives and is worthy of our trust and praise.



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