

Year 3

Week 109

Beautiful Queen Esther

Scriptures: Esther 1 and 2

Key Verse: Esther 2:17 “The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.”

Key Points:

1. King Ahasuerus gave a large feast that lasted for several days, and summoned Queen Vashti on the 7th day to come so he could show her beauty. Queen Vashti refused to come, and the king was very angry.
2. The king consulted with his wise men and decided that the queen's disobedience would set a bad example for all the women in the land, and that she should no longer be the queen, and another queen should be found.
3. The king orders beautiful women from all over the country to be brought to the palace and for beauty preparations to be made for them. The young woman who most pleases the king would become the new queen.
4. Esther, a Jewish girl who has been raised by her cousin Mordecai, is one of the women taken to the palace, and she finds favor with the custodian of the women. He gives her extra beauty preparations and other benefits. All the time, Esther does not reveal her ethnicity, and Mordecai waits every day for news of Esther.
5. After 12 months of preparations, Esther is taken before the king, where she finds the favor of everyone who sees her, including the king, who loves her more than all the other women. He makes her his queen.
6. Mordecai continues to wait in the king's gate, and while he is there, he overhears two of the king's eunuchs plotting to kill King Ahasuereus. He reports this to Queen Esther, who informs the king in Mordecai's name. Both men were hanged in the gallows, and it was recorded in the king's book of chronicles.

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN**(ESTHER 2:1-18)**

"Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her."

ESTHER 2:15

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(ESTHER 2:1-18)

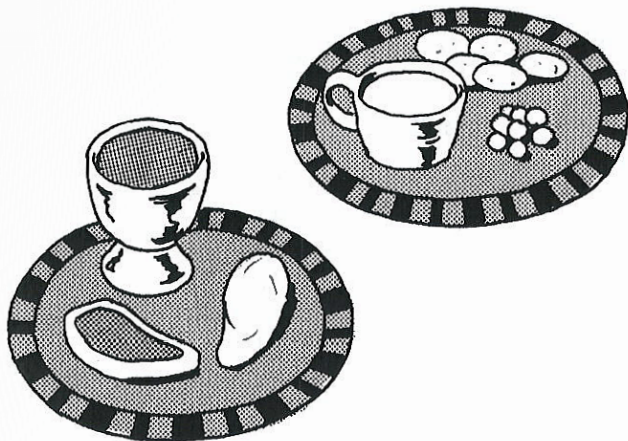
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CROWN
ESTHER
FAVOR
FEAST

HOLIDAY
KING
LOVED
MORDECAI

PALACE
QUEEN
UNCLE
VASHTI





Directions:

Cut two plates from construction paper and two from tagboard, all 5 inches in diameter. Glue a paper plate to each tagboard plate. Decorate plates with felt-tip pens or paints. Model food out of bread-dough clay or any self-hardening clay. When food is thoroughly dry, color with the pens or paints. Glue to plates. Cut the cups down to 1½ inches tall. Cover cups with the foil. Twist or fold a scrap to make the handle. Staple or glue in place. Make stem and base of goblet with the extra foil by twisting and flattening into shape. Stuff each container with a bit of plastic from a dry-cleaning bag. (Watch this around children!) Tint the "wine" with a red felt-tip pen. Glue cup and goblet to plates.

(*See recipe on page 5 for bread dough.)

In the Fiery Furnace

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Materials needed:

Tagboard
Construction paper—black, red, orange



Glue

Crayons, felt-tip pens, or tempera paints

Directions:

Cut the four figures from tagboard, using the patterns on pages 27 and 28. Color the figures. Cut free-form flames from red construction paper. Cut these about 9½ inches wide and 4 inches high at peaks. Make three folds in flames, then add yellow color. Place glue on bottom and sides of flames and glue to orange sheet, about 1½ inches from bottom. Allow flames to "pleat" where they were folded to give them a slight 3-D effect. Cut a piece of black paper, 9 inches by 2½ inches. Put glue on bottom and sides of this and place at bottom, over flames. Figures can now be slipped behind flames and removed easily.

Esther Paper Doll



Materials needed:

Tagboard
Construction paper—various colors
Glue
Gold glitter
Cotton ball
Felt-tip pens or tempera paints
Fancy wrapping paper (optional)

Directions:

Cut paper doll out of tagboard, using pattern on page 30. Color with the pens or paints. Cut robe and crown from construction paper. Glue tabs of crown together. Add glue to crown and dip into glitter (or sprinkle on glitter). Unroll cotton ball and use it to trim robe. Make dresses using fancy wrapping paper or use construction paper and decorate with glitter, etc. Add Post-It Note tape to backs of all garments.

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN

(ESTHER 1-17)

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MORDECAI AND HAMAN**(ESTHER 2:19-3:15)**

"Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath."

ESTHER 3:4-5

128. MORDECAI AND HAMAN

(ESTHER 2:19-3:15)

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BIGHTHAN
BOW
COMMAND
DECREE

DESTROY
GATE
HAMAN
HANGED

HOMAGE
JEWS
KING
KINGDOM

MORDECAI
OBEYED
QUEEN ESTHER
TERESH

FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH THE DECREE

