

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

**BIBLE STORY:**

*Esther 1-2*

**BIBLE VERSE:**

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

**BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*People should trust God.*

**KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*God had a plan for Esther. (YK)*

*We can trust God even when we do not understand His plan for us. (OK)*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*Romans 14:1-12*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*Romans 14:19*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *Romans 15:30-33*

**MONDAY:** *Romans 16:1-2*

**TUESDAY:** *Romans 16:3-7*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Romans 16:8-11*

**THURSDAY:** *Romans 16:12-16*

**FRIDAY:** *Romans 16:17-18*

**SATURDAY:** *Romans 16:19-24*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

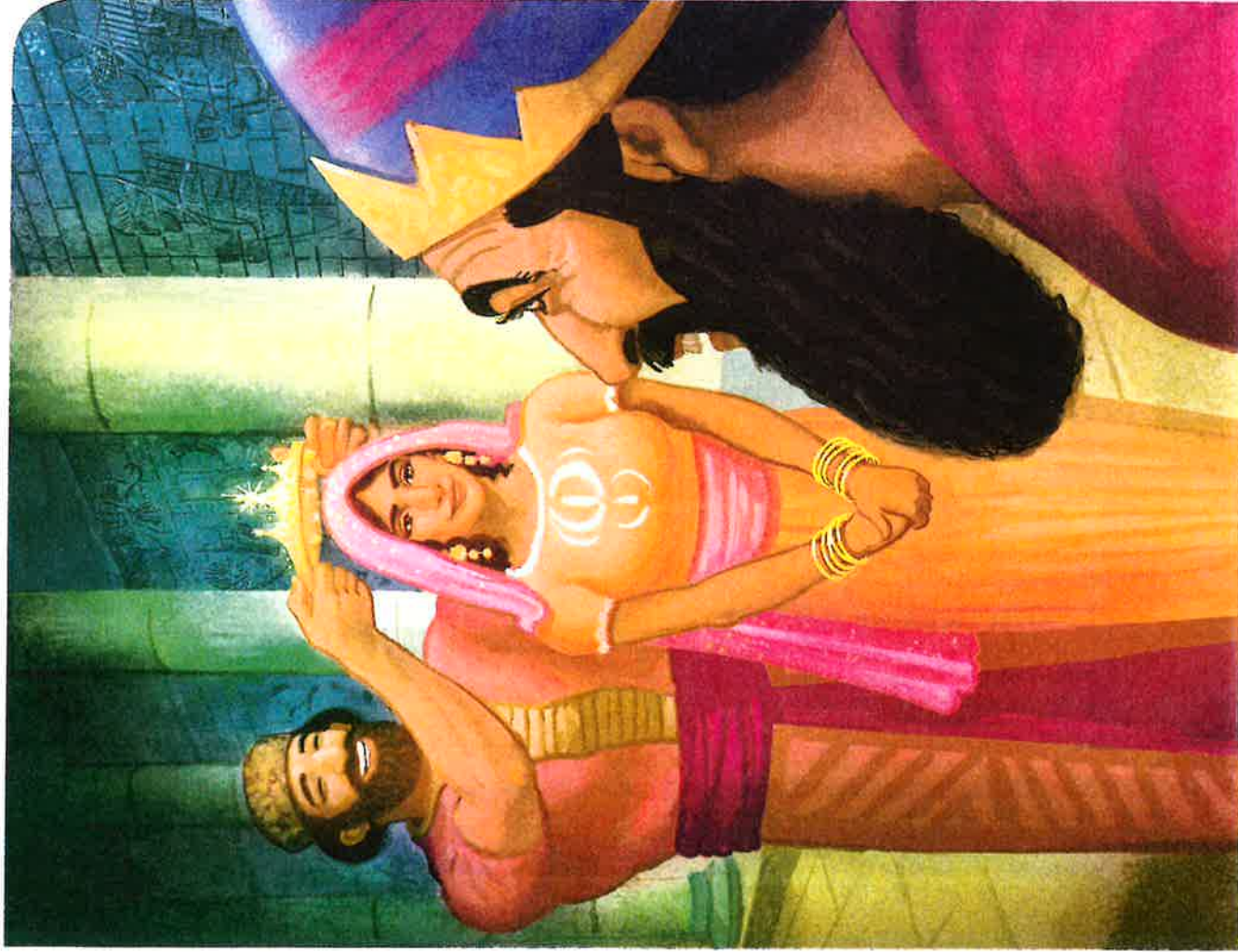
Share these points as you study *Esther* and *Romans* together as a family:



- **Xerxes the king.** Esther was a young Jewish woman who lived in Susa, the royal capital. The Persian king, Ahasuerus, was well known for throwing long and elaborate parties. Ahasuerus commanded his queen, Vashti, to come and present herself at one of the parties, but Vashti refused. In anger, Ahasuerus banished Vashti from the kingdom. The royal officials convinced Ahasuerus to begin a search for a new queen.
- **The search for a new queen.** Having been advised by the officials to look for a new queen, Ahasuerus ordered that preparations be made. Young women were gathered to see if they could be chosen to be the new queen. Esther was one of the women selected to have an audience with the king. For many months, the women were prepared with special beauty treatments that made them ready for their audience with the king.
- **Esther is chosen.** After 18 months or so, Esther was presented to the king and Ahasuerus immediately chose her to be the new queen. Esther was given the royal crown and the royal title, but could only approach the king if he called for her.
- **Mordecai the Jew.** Esther lived with her cousin, Mordecai, since her parents had died. Mordecai kept watch near the king's palace and one day overheard two men plotting to kill the king. Mordecai told Esther what he had heard, and Esther told the king of the plot and its discovery by Mordecai. King Ahasuerus made note of the heroic actions of Mordecai and praised him for the help.
- **Encourage one another.** Just like Mordecai in the story of Esther, Paul encouraged the Romans to watch out for one another and strive toward unity. Mordecai watched his cousin Esther and encouraged her; likewise, believers should encourage others to honor God.

# ESTHER BECAME A QUEEN

SESSION 13



**Text Truth:** People should trust God.

**Bible Verse:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart. In all your ways know him. Proverbs 3:5-6

**Bible Verse Paraphrase:** Trust God in all you do. He will help you. Proverbs 3:5-6

For Kids and Parents

## ESTHER 1-2

The king of Persia lived at the fortress in the city of Susa. He had many officials and helpers and servants. The king often held great parties and celebrations at the fortress.

One time the king held a celebration, and he wanted the queen to attend the party. But the queen did not go to the party, and this angered the king. He decided he would find someone else to be the queen.

The king talked to some men, and they decided to look for women who could learn how to be the new queen. So the men brought many young women to the fortress. Esther was one of the women who went to be trained. She was a Hebrew girl who lived with her cousin, Mordecai. Mordecai was like a father to Esther and took care of her.

When the women arrived at the fortress, they were given special foods to eat and shown how to act like a queen.

The king's helper told the king it was finally time to choose the new queen.

The king looked at all the women. When he saw Esther, the king chose her. The king put a crown on Esther's head, then he gave a banquet for Esther and the king's officials.

Esther now was a queen.