

The BIBLE STORY

God Saved His People Through Esther

Esther 5–10

God's people in Persia were in trouble. One of their enemies, a man named Haman, made a plan to kill all of them. But Esther the **queen** was going to try to help them. Esther was also a Jew. So **Esther and the Jews prayed and asked God for help. On the third day, Esther went to see the king.**

Esther saw the king sitting on his throne. **Esther was afraid. No one was supposed to go to the king unless he asked for them.** Esther came closer, and the king held out his golden scepter. This meant that Esther was allowed to come to him. **Esther** walked toward the king and **touched the tip of the scepter.**

“What do you want, Queen Esther?” the king said. “I will give you anything, up to half of my kingdom.”

Esther said, **“I have prepared a feast. Would you and Haman come eat with me today?”**

“Yes,” said the king. So the king and his helper Haman went to Esther's feast. After they ate, the king said, “What do you want, Queen Esther? I will give you anything, up to half of my kingdom.”

Esther said, **“Will you and Haman come to my feast tomorrow?”**

“Yes,” said the king.

The next day, the king and Haman went to Esther's feast. After they ate, the king said, **“What do you want, Queen Esther? I will give you anything, up to half of my kingdom.”**

Esther said, **“I am a Jew, and there is a plan to kill me and my people.”**

The king asked, “Who is planning to hurt you?”

“This evil enemy, Haman!” Esther said.

The king was angry. He ordered for Haman to be punished. Then he made a law to keep the Jewish people safe from their enemies.

Christ Connection: Haman had an evil plan to kill the Jews, but God was in control. God used Esther in His plan to rescue His people. When Jesus came to earth, His enemies killed Him. But Jesus did not stay dead. After Jesus died on the cross, He rose from the dead. Jesus has power over evil.



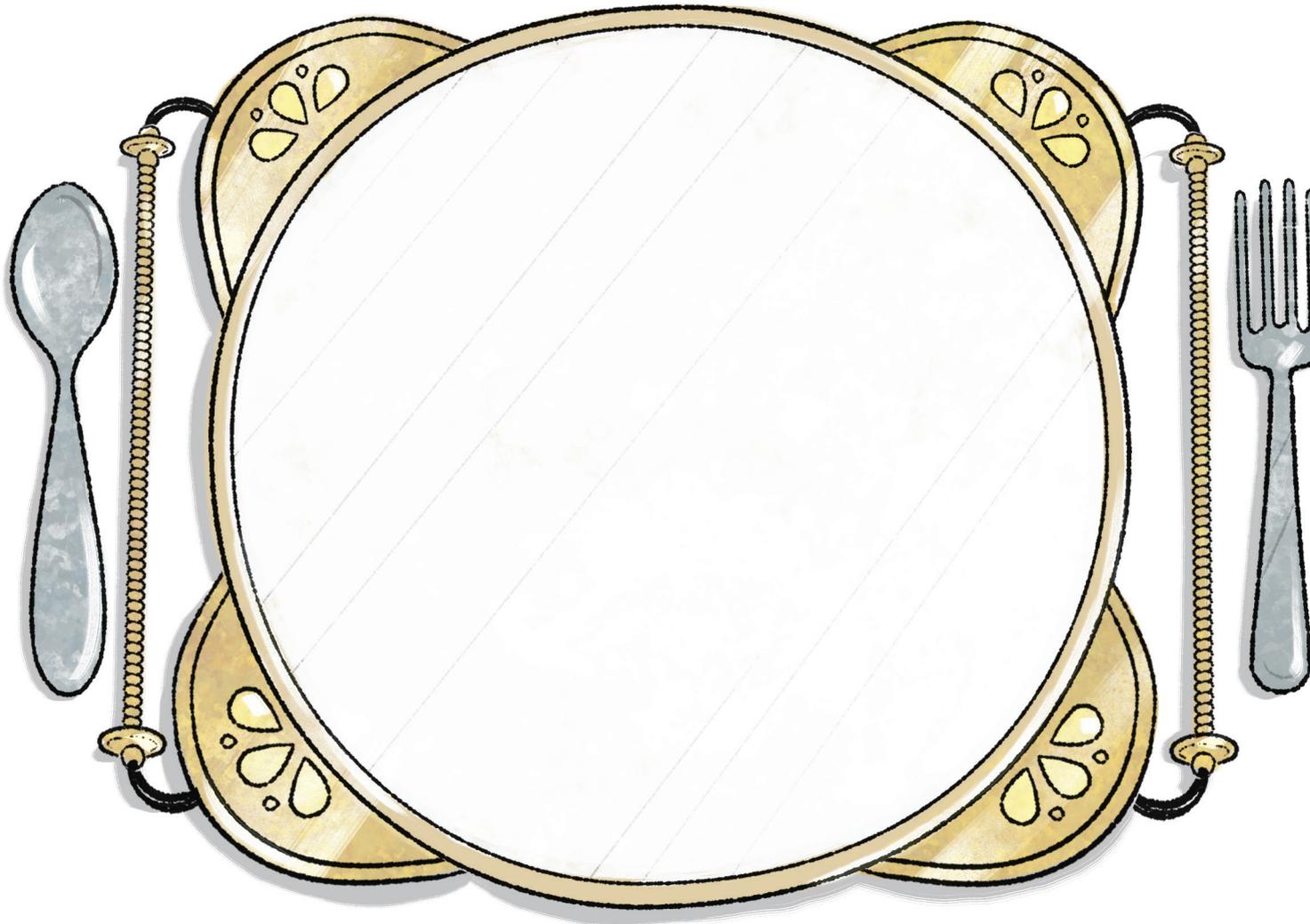
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Invite preschoolers to check out this week's devotionals to discover that Esther trusted God to keep His promise to hear her when she called for help. (Ps. 17:6) Jesus is God's answer to our call to be rescued from sin. Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.

What's on Your Plate?



INSTRUCTIONS: Draw what you would like to eat at a feast.



KEY PASSAGE:

Lamentations 3:22-23

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Does God keep His promises?
Yes, God is always faithful.

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- Esther went to the king to try to save God's people.
- The king held out his scepter so Esther could live.
- Esther told the king at her feast about Haman's evil plan.
- God used Esther to save His people.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What are some things God controls?
- When does it feel like God is not in control?
- What did Jesus do to show He has power over evil?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Look up a recipe for hamantaschen and prepare the Jewish treat. Read about the Jewish holiday, Purim.
- Pray for the Jewish people to believe that Jesus is the Messiah whom God promised to send.



