

# ESTHER SAVED HER PEOPLE

*Esther*

Unit 18, Lesson 1

## WHAT WE LEARNED

God was in control over Haman's evil plan to destroy the Jews. Like Haman, Satan wants to ruin God's plan and destroy believers. Satan thought he had won when Jesus died on the cross, but God raised Jesus from the dead and defeated Satan once and for all. All who believe in Jesus are rescued from sin and death.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. God made Esther a queen to protect his people. Esther's cousin Mordecai told Esther about Haman's evil plan and reminded her that she is Jewish too. Esther was nervous about asking the King to stop Haman but Mordecai encouraged her to have faith in God.**
  - Esther made the hard decision to protect the Jewish people even though she could have been punished, because she knew God was in control and leading. How can we trust God when we are scared and do not know what to do?
  - Mordecai reminded Esther about where she came from and why God made her the queen. How can we help our friends and family make good decisions?
  - How do you feel when you help others? Has God given you gifts and put you in places where you can bless the people around you?
- 2. When Esther was scared about asking the king to protect her people, she first brought everyone together to pray: "go, gather all the Jews...hold a fast on my behalf...then I'll go to the king, though it's against the law...if I perish, I perish."**
  - Why is it best to pray before making a big decision or before trying to help others?
  - Even though things could have gone bad, Esther chose God's way. Is there a time when you did something the way that Jesus would even when you were nervous?

## MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

"After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

- 1 Peter 5:10

## **PRAY TOGETHER**

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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