ESTHER BECAME QUEEN

Bible Passage: Esther 1-2

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Text Truth: God had a plan for Esther

Christ in Context: The Book of Esther highlights our need for deliverance. Jesus is our deliverer. He came to live a perfect life and die on the cross for our sin. God raised Him from the dead. Jesus delivers us from our old life of sin to a new life changed by His grace and mercy.

Key Points:

1. Even when we don't understand, we can trust God's plan.

2. God knows His whole plan for our lives.

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King Ahasuerus (uh haz yoo HER uhs) gave a party for all of his officials and helpers. He called for Queen Vashti (VASH tigh) to join the celebration, but she refused. She was sent away and forbidden to be in the palace.

Later, after anger was gone, his servants suggested he choose a new queen. Among the girls to be presented before the king was Esther (also called Hadassah, huh DASS uh), a beautiful Jewish girl.

Esther was cared for by her older cousin, Mordecai (MAWR duh kigh), because she did not have a father or mother for they had died. Mordecai instructed Esther not to tell anyone she was Jewish. The king saw that Esther was beautiful. He loved her more than any of the other women and made her queen.

One day Mordecai, while sitting at the king's gate, heard that two guards were planning to kill the king. He told this news to Queen Esther, who told the king. Mordecai saved the king's life.

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Activity   Crown the Queen

Items Needed:

Muffin tin, table tennis balls, paper, marker, tape, scissors, paper or dress up crown.

- Place your muffin tin on a flat surface

- Allow each child three chances to throw and land their table tennis ball in a muffin tin cup.

- If the child gets it in their try, crown them queen or king!

- Connect: God knew why everything happened to Esther. God had a plan for her, which included her becoming a queen!

Prayer: "God, we know You love and care for us. Please help us learn to trust You in everything we do. Amen."