



JOY TREK Sunday School: 10/4/2020

At-Home Lesson: **“Queen Esther”**

Story Overview:

Once there was a young girl named Esther. Her cousin Mordecai worked for the King of Persia. When Esther's parents died she went to live with her cousin at the palace. Esther learned new things and got to wear beautiful clothes. Esther and Mordecai had a secret, they were Jews and many people at that time did not like Jewish people. The King was a wise man and he always listened to Mordecai. Another man who worked for the King was named Haman. Haman thought he was better than everyone else and he ordered others to bow down to him. Mordecai refused, he knew God was the only one he should bow to. This made Haman mad and when he learned that Mordecai was Jewish he crafted a scheme to hurt all Jewish people.

Esther learned of his plan and decided in order to help her people she must speak to the King. Esther was brave and smart and used God's favor in her to become Queen. Esther thought long and hard how and when to tell the King Haman's plan. Esther was honest with the King and told Him that Mordecai was her cousin and they were both Jews.

The King admired her courage and her boldness and bravery. The King did not care she was Jewish, he only saw that she had a good heart and was willing to do anything to stand up for her people. The King fired Haman and created a decree that Jewish people would be protected in Israel.

20411Scripture: Proverbs 3:5a

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”

Family Conversation & Activities

- God gave Esther the courage to stand up for what She believed was right.

Where do you get your courage from?

- Share with your family a time you were courageous and stood up for something you believed was right.

- Esther and Mordecai were cousins. Talk to your family about your extended family and how many cousins you have. Write notes or make calls to family members you haven't seen to share your love for them.

**Dear God,
Thank you for the story of Esther.
With your help we can all have
courage like Esther
to stand up for what is right.
Give us the strength to be
bold and brave.
We pray for our families and
Church family both near and far
to stay safe and healthy.
Thank you for loving us God, we
love you!
Amen**