

Lesson No. ( 10 )

## God Cares for Esther

### References

The Book of Esther

### Notes for Servants

- ★ Did you experienced the Lord's blessing in your life? Do you remember what He did to you today, yesterday, and through the past years.
- ★ At the time of troubles remember that He never forget you our forsake you. Fear not, He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

### Objectives

**General:** God's care for the yong Esther.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to...

- A. Explain how God cared for Esther.
- B. Express how God protects His children and save them.
- C. Learn not to be afraid of anything or anyone.

### Bible Verse

**“ Bless the Lord O my soul. ”**

Psalm 103:2

### Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
  2. Video.
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### Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

### Story Time

Long ago, an announcement swept throughout the ancient land of Persia. King Ahasuerus was

searching for the most meek and most beautiful woman in the land to be his queen. In the country lived a kind and gentle girl named Esther. Her cousin Mordecai brought Esther before the king. The king took one look at her and chose her as his queen. Mordecai often sat outside the king's gates listening to the gossip. One day, he overheard two guards plotting to kill the king. Mordecai told Esther, who in turn told the king. King Ahasuerus then had the men arrested and hanged.

One day, one of the king's officers, a man named Haman, was honoured by the king. Everyone at the king's gate knelt down to Haman but Mordecai. Mordecai was a Jew and bowed to no one but God. Haman was so angry he vowed to kill all the Jews. Haman obtained the king's permission to have the Jews put to death. The word went out that the Jews were to be killed in the month of Adar. Esther had not heard of the king's decree; and when her maids told her about Mordecai, Esther sent him food and clothing. But Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think that you will be saved just because you live in the palace. When the king discovers that you are a Jew, he will kill you too. Esther sent word to Mordecai: "Gather all the Jews in the city. Pray and do not eat for three days and nights. Then I will go to the king." After three days, Esther put on her royal robes and crown and entered the king's chambers.

Esther prepared a banquet and invited the king and Haman. They ate and drank and watched the entertainment Esther provided. At the end of this, King Ahasuerus asked once more, "Esther, what is it that you wish?" Esther I would like to invited you and Haman to the banquet I have prepared for tomorrow. Then I will tell you what I desire." Of course, all this made Haman very proud. He thought he was a very important man indeed. Haman went home and told his wife, "I am the only one Queen Esther invited to be with the king. And the king and I return tomorrow for another banquet! If only I didn't have to see that wretched Mordecai every time I enter the king's gate." Haman's wife suggested to him, "Have a gallows built today. In the morning, you can ask the king to hang Mordecai on it. I'm sure the king will do whatever you ask. Than you can go to the banquet a happy man." So Haman had the gallows built. That night the king could not sleep, so he read the history of his reign. He read how Mordecai's saved his life. In the morning, he asked his attendants, "Did I honour Mordecai for saving my life?" "No my king," came the answer.

Then, Haman came to ask the king to hang Mordecai. But before Haman could speak, the king asked, "What is a good way to honour a man?" Haman thought, He is going to honour me. So he said, "Place the king's robe on the man's shoulders and his crown upon his head, Place him on the king's horse and have a prince lead him through the streets shouting, 'This is a man the king thinks highly of.'" "Then go," said the king. "Get the robe, the crown, and the horse and do as you have suggest to Mordecai the Jew." So Haman did as the king commanded. After the banquet was over, King Ahasuerus again asked Esther, "What can I do for you? She told him about Haman's plan to kill Mordecai and all the Jews. The King ordered that Haman to be hanged in the same place that he wanted to hang Mordecai.

### **Discussion**

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### **Learning Activities**

Activity Sheet.