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# Tell the Story:

King Xerxes was the king of a place called Persia. He ruled from his throne in the capital city of Susa. In the third year of Xerxes' rule, he gave a party for his officers and leaders. The army leaders and important leaders from all of Persia were there. The Queen refused to come to the King when he called for her. That made the king very mad and he decided he wanted a new queen.

King Xerxes told his helpers to bring him the most beautiful women from all over the kingdom. When the King met **Esther** he chose her to be his queen. So he quickly gave **Esther** beauty treatments and special food. He chose seven slave women from the king's palace and gave them to **Esther**. Then he moved **Esther** and her seven women servants into the best place where the king's women lived.

Esther was an Israelite. She loved God. King Xerxes' helper named Haman did not like the Israelites (Jewish people). Haman tricked the king into making a law that said people can only bow to the King. Esther's cousin, Mordecai, told her about the new law.

Esther made a plan. She made a special dinner for the King and his helper, Haman. She asked the King, "Why does Haman not like the Jews, these are my people, if you get rid of them - you get rid of me. King Xerxes loved Esther. He did not want to get rid of her. He told his guards to get rid of Haman. Queen Esther saved the Jewish people and her cousin, Mordecai became the Kings new helper!

# Bible Words: Esther 5:2

The King saw Esther standing in the courtyard. When he saw her, he was very pleased.

# Talk:

- Esther had to work with her helpers to get ready for the King.
- Who is our King today?
- What are things we do to get ready to be before our King?
- What do you do to get ready to come and worship God?

### Pray:

Dear God, thank you for letting us study about you and know you better. Thank you for being with us all the time. Thank you for keeping us safe.



### ACROSS

3) Gather all the Hebrews in Susa and hold a \_\_\_\_\_ on my behalf. (Esther 4:16 ESV) 5) Queen \_\_\_\_\_ refused to see the King of Persia. (Esther 1:12 ESV)

- 7) Esther approached the king and touched the \_\_\_\_\_. (Esther 5:2 ESV)
- "This idea pleased Haman and he had the \_\_\_\_\_ made." (Esther 5:14 ESV)

## DOWN

- 1) The king of Persia. (Esther 1:2 ESV)
- 2) Who did the king love more than the other women? (Esther 2:17 ESV)
- Esther invited Haman and the King to a \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Esther 5:4 ESV)
- What piece of jewelry did the king give Mordecai? (Esther 8:2 ESV)
- 6) Who raised Esther as his own daughter after her parents died? (Esther 2:7 ESV)
- 8) "Therefore they called these days \_\_\_\_\_, after the term Pur." (Esther 9:26 ESV)

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