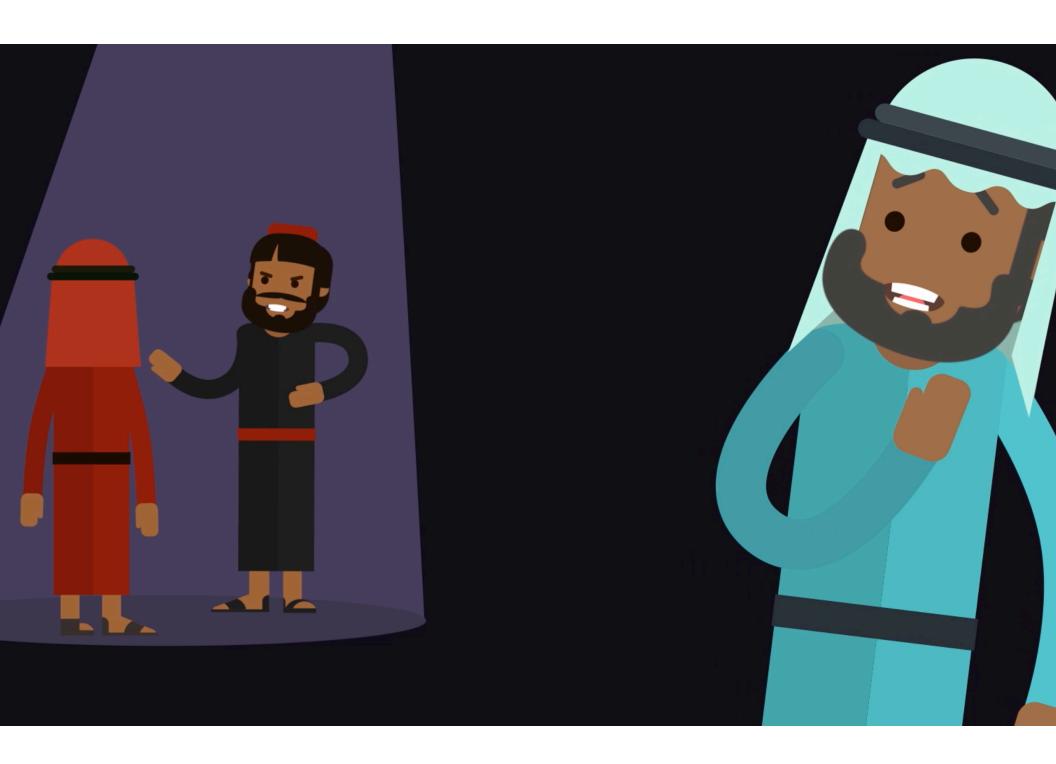


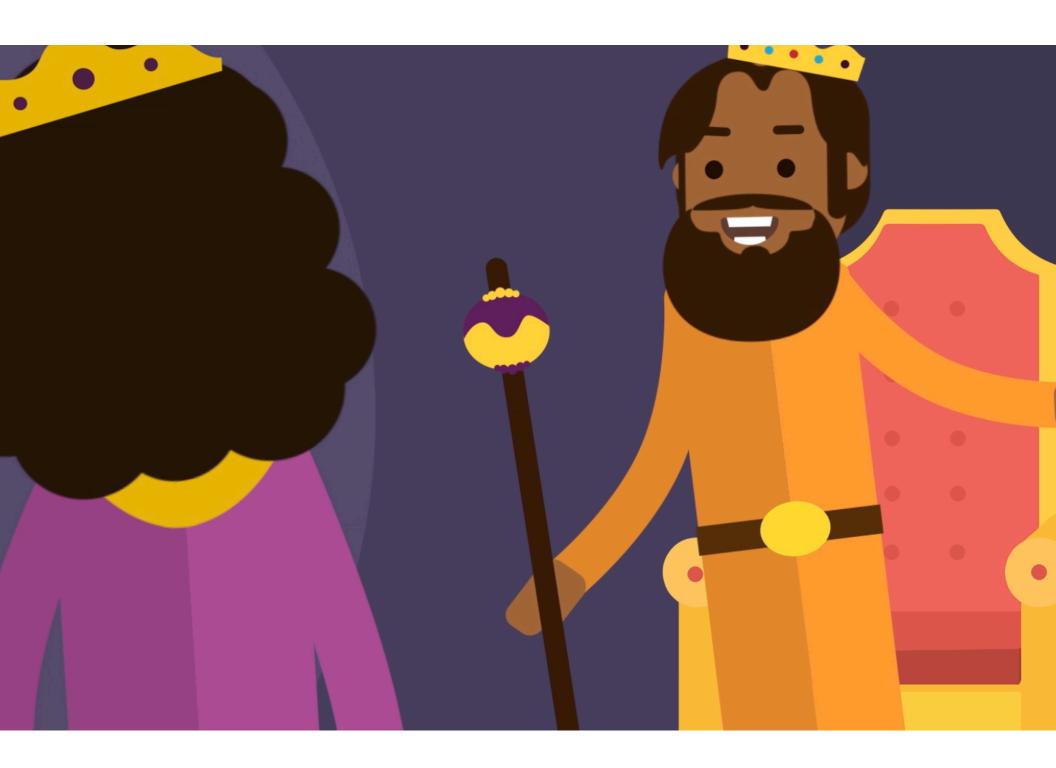
King Ahasuerus (uh haz yoo EHR uhs) of Persia chose Esther to be his queen. Esther was a Jew, one of God's people.



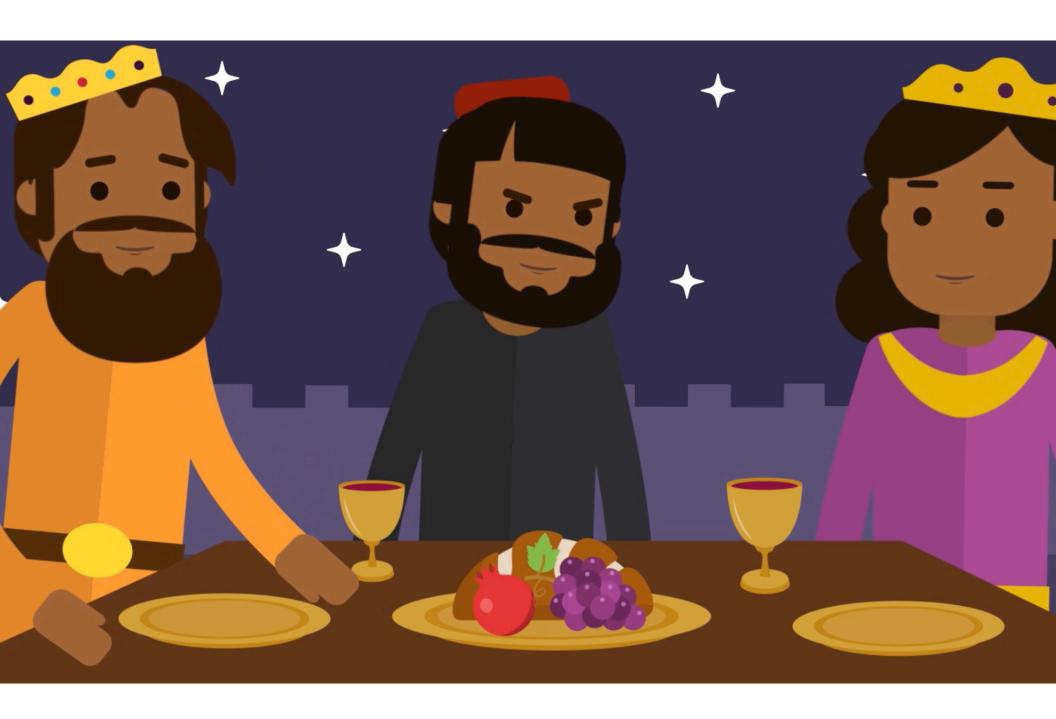
One day, her cousin Mordecai found out bad news-Haman, one of the kings leaders wanted to destroy the Jews.



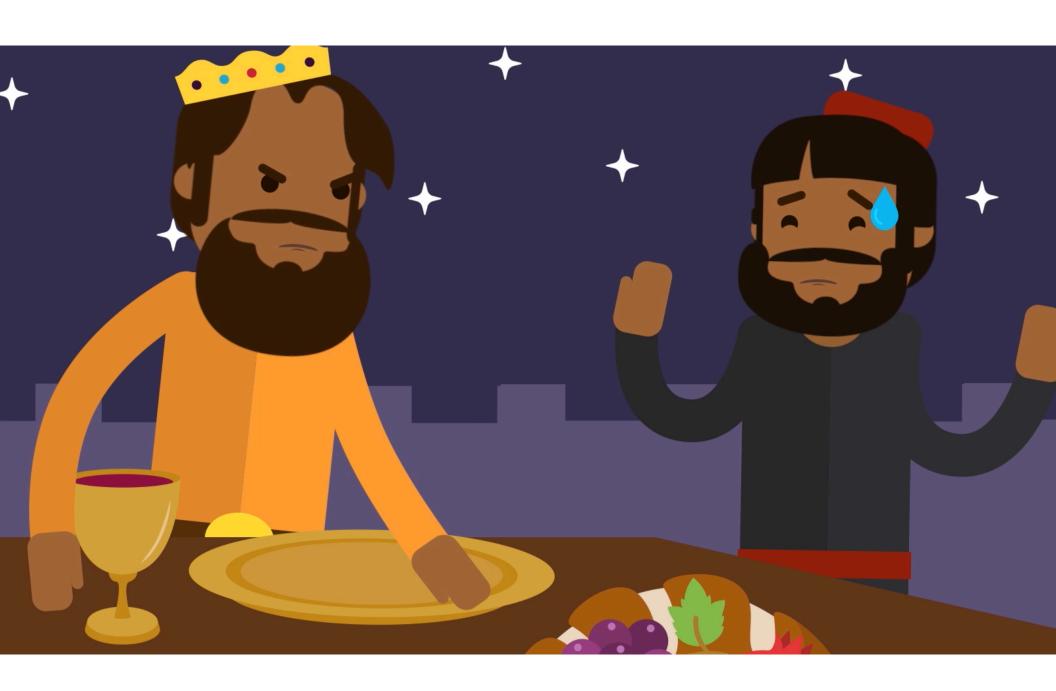
Esther wanted to help her people, but no one could go to the king without being asked first. The only way not to be punished was if the king held out his scepter.



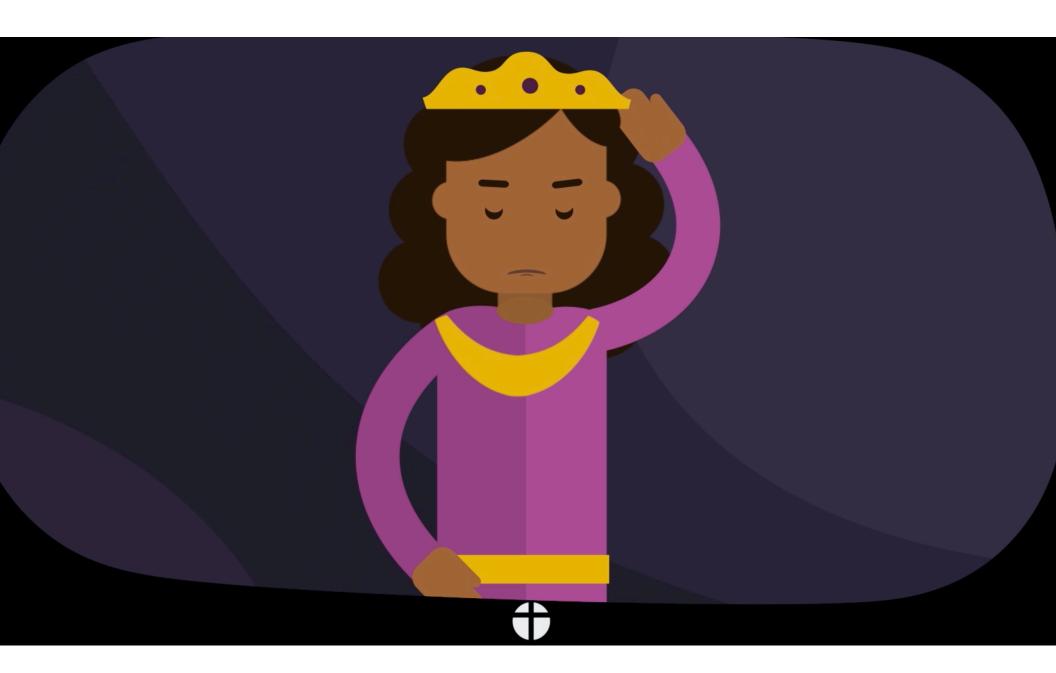
Esther was afraid, but she went to the king anyway. The king saw Esther waiting and held out his scepter to her.



Esther asked the king and Haman to come to a feast. At the feast, the king said, "What can I do for you?" Esther said, "Please save my people!"



The king made a law to keep the Jews safe from their enemies.



Preschool Christ Connection: Haman's evil plan could not stop God. God had a plan for Esther to rescue the Jews. By saving the Jews, God made the way for His Son, Jesus, to come into the world.

## 3/4 Year Old Discussion Questions

- 1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
- 2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
- 3. What did Queen Esther ask King Ahasuerus to do for her?
- 4. How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and choose to obey Him.

Elementary Christ Connection: 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..

## **Elementary 4 Questions**

- 1. What did you like about todays story?
- 4. What did you learn about God

- 2. What did you find confusing?
- 3. What did you learn about people