

Esther

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Key Highlights of the Story:

- Plan against Gods children will not prevail
- God will raise people from even a deep sleep/will not let people to sit down without doing what God has told them to do.
- God will honour our good deeds at the right time.
- The courage of Esther to protect her people and enter kings presence
- Esther's obedience to Mordecai
- Mordecai's burden for his people
- People who plot against children of God will be caught in the same plot.

Day 1

Bible Portion:: Esther 1

Choose the Correct answer:

1. King Ahasuerus ruled over _____provinces.
 - a. 127
 - b. 128
 - c. 137
2. King Ahasuerus was a _____King.
 - a. Jewish
 - b. Persian
 - c. Ethiopian
3. King Ahasuerus worshipped and followed _____
 - a. God of Israelites
 - b. Pagan Gods (other Gods)
 - c. Jesus
4. Queens Vashti when called to come before the King, she _____
 - a. Came immediately
 - b. She said she will come later
 - c. Refused to come

5. The King called all the nobles for a feast to _____
 - a. Show the riches of his kingdom
 - b. To celebrate a festival
 - c. Show the splendour of His majesty
 - d. Both a&c

Answer True or False:

1. King Ahasuerus was a prideful king – True/False
2. God loves those who are prideful – True/False
3. The events of the Book of Esther happen in Sushan – True/False
4. The King forgave Vashti of her disobedience – True/False
5. It is good to make quick decisions when we are in anger – True/False

Reflections:

Rohan was a very studious and a humble boy. Every subject teacher appreciated Rohan for his excellent performance in his studies. Soon he found his interest in playing cricket and joined the cricket team and became popular throughout the School. Slowly pride crept into Rohan and he did not respect anyone. He became the team captain and Shrijit the vice-captain missed an important wicket and so Rohan was very furious. He immediately removed Shrijit from the vice-captain role. The new vice-captain who was chosen was not very familiar with the team and eventually they lost the game.

Do you Agree/Disagree:

1. Rohan initially was very prideful and arrogant.
2. As I am a child of God, God will bless me with wisdom and help me gain victory in all that I participate.
3. Shrijit deserved the punishment because he missed the wicket.
 - When God blesses me and lifts me high I will not be like Rohan because
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 - Rohan's decision to remove Shrijit from being the vice- captain is wrong because
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Confessions:

- ❖ When God gives me victory and honors me, I will continue to be humble.
- ❖ I will not make hasty decision.

Day 2

Bible Portion:: Esther 2

Memory Verse: Esther 2:16 – And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all who saw her.

Question & Answer:

1. Esther's another name is
2. is the custodian for the woman.
3. Mordecai to know about Esther's welfare.
4. was made queen in the place of Vashti.
5. and are the doorkeepers who wanted to kill the king.
6. The incident about the plot against the king and the great help of Mordecai is recorded in the book of

Reflections:

Scenario 1:

Janel was the only child of her parents, and she got everything that she asked. Janel's mom and dad both are working and so she was taken care by a caretaker. The caretaker was a very good person and she always took good care of Janel and restricted too much eating of junk food and had a watch over her TV time. These restrictions annoyed Janel and so she complained to her mom lied to her mom saying that the care taker does not provide her enough food and always restricts her from eating. Janel's parents informed the care taker not to restrict her from eating and this led to Janel to over eat the junk food and in few weeks Janel developed a severe stomach ache.

Questions:

1. Janel's care taker _____
 - a. was a rude person
 - b. did not take good care of Janel
 - c. purposefully made Janel to starve
 - d. none of the above
2. Janel's intention to tell her parents about the caretaker was
 - a. she was not given enough food
 - b. to endlessly eat the junk food
 - c. to eat healthy and be fit
3. Janel's action shows that she was
 - a. Disobedient
 - b. obedient and satisfied with what she was given
 - c. dissatisfied with what she was given d)both a&c.

From Janel's life I understand

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Scenario 2:

Preethi and Hannah were best friends at school. Hannah regularly prays and reads her bible, attends Sunday class and always remembered that Jesus was watching over her every moment. Preethi observed that Hannah got help even from strangers without even asking them and thought it was because of the wisdom and wit of Hannah. Later that day when both were talking to each other, Hannah explained to Preethi that children of Jesus are given special attention and help from everyone around them. From that day on Preethi started to follow Jesus.

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the special characters of Hannah?
2. Preethi's opinion was that Hannah found favour from everyone because of her own wisdom- True/False.
If False give reason.....
3. I am a child of God and so I will receive favour from everyone.True/False.
If False give reason.....

Scenario 3:

Read aloud Esther 2:12.

1. Esther was given _____ months to prepare herself before presenting herself before the King.
2. When there is so much preparation needed to present ourselves before earthly King, there is much more preparation needed to meet the King who created heaven and earth. – Agree/Disagree.
3. To meet Jesus, I need to _____
a) wear the costliest dress b) go to parlor and do make up c) prepare the inner man by living according to Gods word.

Day 3

Bible Portion:: Esther 3

Choose the correct answer:

1. King Ahasuerus promoted and set him above all the princes.
 - a. Mordecai
 - b. Hegai
 - c. Haman
2. Mordecai was a
 - a. Egyptian
 - b. Jew
 - c. Persian
3. Haman plotted to kill
 - a. Mordecai
 - b. Esther
 - c. all the Jews
4. Haman decided to payof silver to those who kill the Jews.
 - a. 100
 - b. 10,000
 - c. 1,000
5. Haman was the Of Jews.
 - a. Caretaker
 - b. Friend
 - c. Enemy
6. The law to kill all the Jews was passed with the Kings
 - a. Sandal
 - b. Signet ring
 - c. Sceptre

Reflections:

Roopa works in a multinational company and she is an exceptional performer in her work. She has gained many awards and recognition for her work in her project. One day her manager calls Roopa, her team mates, her team lead and informs them to complete a task as soon as possible. Roopa finished her part of the work and started to help the rest of the team but they could not fully complete the given task. The team leader fearing the consequences asked Roopa to send a false email to the manager stating that they have completed the given task successfully. What would Roopa do?

1. Roopa was a smart worker and completed her task on time – True/False
2. Roopa was only worried about her work completion and did not bother about others - True/False
3. Roopa has to send the email with a wrong information as it was told by her Team Lead - True/False
4. Roopa has the choice to request for a little more time to complete the task and then send the completion email. – True/False
5. If I were in Roopa's place I will a)do what my Team leader says b)I will request for more time c)send the email with incorrect information.

Day 4

Bible Portion:: Esther 4

Memory Verse : Esther 4:14 – “For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place...Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this”.

Question and Answer:

1. When Mordecai came to know about the law that was passed to kill all Jews, he his clothes and put on
2. Esther sent to Mordecai to know what she was supposed to do.
3. Mordecai asked Queen Esther to go to the king and make..... to the king on behalf of her people.
4. The King must hold out his incase a person enters the inner court without being called.
5. Queen Esther, her maids and all the Jews fasted and prayed for days.

Reflections:

Freeda was the School Pupil Leader and one of the all-time favourite student of the then Principal mam. Freeda relentlessly worked with the Teachers and Principal in organising the Interschool cultural and sports competitions. On a particular day, the entire class to which Freeda belongs was shouting and screaming due to absence of the class teacher. Principal mam happened to pass through their class and was angry with the class for their act. Freeda's friends requested her to ask sorry and apologise for their mistake (as she knew the principal mam in person) and that they would not repeat this in future. Freeda was wondering whether her name would be spoilt if she asks sorry.

1. If Freeda speaks to the Principal on behalf of her classmates, she might lose the good name she has gained so far.
2. Freeda should not ask sorry as she might get punished by the Principal.
3. Freeda need not talk to the Principal as they all deserve to be punished.
4. More than the need to save the classmates from punishment, it is important to protect the good name Freeda has earned so far.
5. Freeda as classmate has the responsibility to speak on behalf of the class to the Principal.

If You were in Freeda place, what would you do?

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Confession

- ❖ When I get an opportunity to help the people around me, I will do it selflessly.

Day 5

Bible Portion:: Esther 5

Match the following

Esther	Half the kingdom
Ahasuerus	fifty cubits
King and Haman	Golden Sceptre
Petition	banquet
Gallows	Royal throne

Reflection:

Swetha (5th grade) and Vasanth (4th grade) had summer vacation and on the day of reopening of the school they had to submit a project and chart based on Types of Pollution. Swetha thought that there are many days left for school to reopen and she can do it later. But Vasanth started collecting articles and pictures needed for the project.

After few weeks, when the school was about to reopen, Vasanth was ready with his project with all details but Swetha had to rush up and complete the project with little details.

1. Vasanth spent time preparing for the project and so
 - a) did not enjoy his holidays
 - b) could complete the full project on time
 - c) completed the project with incomplete details
2. Swetha did not plan and prepare because
 - a) planning will not help anyways
 - b) there is ample time
 - c) enjoying holidays is important than project
 - d) none of the above.
3. When your given a task/project, it is important to
 - a) make a plan
 - b) collect the required materials for it
 - c) plan well ahead of time
 - d) all the above

Confession:

- ❖ When a task is given to me big or small, I will make a plan and prepare for it.

Day 6

Bible Portion:: Esther 6

Question and Answer:

1. In this chapter the king could not sleep because
 - a. he was sick
 - b. he felt bored
 - c. God did not allow him to sleep
2. The king could not sleep and commanded to
 - a. get some medication
 - b. get a better bed
 - c. bring the book of the records of the chronicles
3. “Nothing has been done for him” – who said to whom?
4. God used Haman (enemy of Mordecai) to bless
 - a. Esther
 - b. people of Persia
 - c. Mordecai
5. In our life, we should
 - a. not worry about people like Haman
 - b. always think about our enemies and worry about it
 - c. God will use our enemies to bless us
 - d. both a&c

Reflections:

Naveena had prepared well for her public exam. She had been praying and with Gods wisdom prepared well for all subjects. On the day of issuing hall ticket there was heavy rain and so she hurried back home. She had mis- placed the hall-ticket in the school. Two days before the exam she found out that her hall ticket was missing and was

shocked but immediately knelt down and prayed asking God to help her find it. She immediately went to the school office and informed them about her lost hall ticket. It was long weekend and there were not many staffs at school and everyone was busy with their work and they asked Naveena to go and search in her classroom. A helper aunty in the school campus just then came to the office and told that she usually does not clean the cupboards everyday but she did that day and found that hall ticket of a student in it. Naveena felt relieved and joyful for getting back her hall ticket. She really thanked God for sending that helper aunty like an angel.

1. Naveena lost her important wallet with lot of money. – True /False.
2. Naveena a)should have been punished for her carelessness b)God is merciful and forgives our carelessness c)when we earnestly pray, he answers
3. The helper aunty is considered like an angel because a)she might also be on leave as it was long weekend b)she might have missed to clean the cupboard c)she need not have bothered about the hall ticket d)all the above'
4. God send angels in our lives and helps us through them whenever we need them the most. – Agree/Disagree.

Day 7

Bible Portion:: Esther 7

Do as directed:

1. When the King asked Esther about her petition (a) she immediately told him (b) she waited for the right time (c) she ignored the petition.
2. "Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?" – who said to whom?
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3. is the adversary and enemy.
4. "Hang him on it "Who said to whom?
5. Haman was hanged on the gallows he prepared for Esther. True/False.
If False give reason.....

Reflection:

Joseph, Shreesha and few other friends were going to take part in a singing competition. Joseph was too excited as the chief guest of the program is A.R.Rehman and he decided in his heart to win the prize at any cost. In the last 3 years, Joseph and Sreesha had a tough competition between them. 2 days before the competition when all the friends had gathered, Joseph made a evil plan in his heart. He mixed ice cubes in Shreesha's cup of Juice. When everyone was about to drink, the power went off and the cups got jumbled and Joseph himself had picked the cup with ice cube and his voice became really bad. Finally, Shreesha won the prize in the competition and Joseph could not even come in the top 10 list.

1. Joseph's behaviour is not a big mistake because (a)his intention was not to hurt Shreesha (b)he wanted to get prize from his favourite music director (c)it was just for fun (d)none of the above
2. Joseph could have done the following to win the prize (a)practiced ever harder (b)learn the techniques of best singing (c)focus on improving his singing (d)all the above
3. If Joseph had not mixed ice cubes he might have got the prize from his favourite music director. – Agree/Disagree
4. Joseph missed the opportunity to be even in the top 10 list because of his own evil plans. – Agree/Disagree

Confession:

- ❖ I will not plan evil things against others.

Day 8

Bible Portion:: Esther 8

Answer the following questions

1. The King took off the signet ring from Haman and gave to
 - a. Esther
 - b. Vashti
 - c. Mordecai
2. The petition of Queen Esther to cancel the law sent by Haman was
 - a. Postponed
 - b. not agreed
 - c. agree.
3. The letter was sent through
 - a. Speedpost
 - b. Pigeon
 - c. Courier
4. Mordecai went out in royal apparel of and colour; crown of; garment of
5. The people of the land became because the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

Reflections:

Sushil was a smart little boy who always feared God and did things with the thought that eyes of Jesus is always watching over him. It was already time to school and he was rushing but then saw a crippled person trying to cross the busy road and he stopped by and helped him. Later after school, when he was about to leave, he saw that all the light and fans were still on without anybody in the class and he switched them off and left home. At home too he helped in the house chores of his parents and helped his little brother to do the homework. Sushil felt dejected one day and all that he was doing did not mean anything to anyone. To his surprise in the Sunday newspaper he found an article with his name and photo for helping the needy people and he was appreciated by everyone.

1. Sushil need not bother himself by helping others (a)as we have enough to do for ourselves (b)it's a waste of time (c)God will honour it someday
2. Sushil should expect good appreciation from all whom he helped. –Agree/Disagree. If agree, give reason.....
3. When we do good to others, we (a)should not expect them always to appreciate (b)should not get disappointed if they don't thank us (c) should continue to do good
4. When people don't appreciate our help, we should stop doing it – Agree/Disagree. Why?
5. When we continue to do good (a) God will honor it (b)even if it gets delayed, it will be rewarded (c) we will be rewarded more than we ask and think (d)all the above

Day 9

Bible Portion:: Esther 9-10

Question and Answer:

1. No one could withstand against the Jews because _____ fell upon all people.
2. _____ was great in the kings palace and his fame spread throughout all the provinces.
3. The Jews defeated all their _____ those who hated them.
4. Every year the _____ and _____ Day of the month of Adar should be celebrated.
5. _____ Festival is celebrated with its name originated from Pur.
6. _____ was second next to Ahaseurus.
