

# Esther

Esther 2:2-8:17



## Family Activity (Before Chapel Kids Preschool Video)

**Materials needed:** A piece of paper (or a cut-out crown) for each person

**Say:** *Let's pretend that we have crowns!* Give each person a piece of paper.

**Say:** *Pretend that the paper is your crown. Walk around the room with your crown on your head. Try your best not to let it fall!* Challenge your child(ren) to not drop the paper as he/she walks around the room...or even around the house.

*After the Activity, Say: Great job! You look just like a king/queen. Today, we will hear a Bible story about a queen and a king. Let's watch our lesson!*

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## Puppet Retell

**Materials Needed:** King Haman and Queen Esther cut-outs, scissors, two large craft sticks or rulers, and tape.

Give your child the cut-out of Esther and Haman. Have them cut out each picture. If you have craft sticks or rulers, tape the pictures to the tops of the sticks to make an Esther and a Haman puppet. (You may want to make a set for yourself to help review the story).

**Say:** *Let's act out our Bible story with puppets.*

**Haman had a very mean plan. He did not love God. He wanted to be mean to Queen Esther's friends and family who loved God. (Hold up Esther puppet.)**

**Queen Esther was very worried. She wanted to talk to the king (hold up the king) and ask him for help (hold up both the queen and the king), but she was afraid that he would be mad at her.**

**So, she talked to her friend Mordecai. Mordecai told her that God had a plan for her, and it was to help her friends and family. Queen Esther knew that God had a plan for her! She went to talk to the king about helping her friends and family! (Have the queen talk to the king.)**

***The king said, 'Yes'! Queen Esther followed God's plan!"***

Repeat the story. Give your child(ren) a chance to retell the story in his/her own words.

***After the activity, Say: God has a plan for all of us! Just like He had a plan for Esther! God loves you and has a plan for you!***



## Playdough Jewels

**Materials Needed:** “Crown” picture cut-out (on cardstock if possible) and Play-Doh® in various colors

Give your child a crown.

**Say:** *I have a crown for you. But something very important is missing. Do you know what it is? (Pause.) Yes, jewels! You can't have a crown without jewels! Let's make some of our own out of Play-Doh. Take a small amount, the size of a coin or small rock, and shape it into a jewel to add to your crown. (Demonstrate.)*

Encourage your child to shape quarter sized balls of Play-Doh into jewels to adorn his/her crown.

**After the Activity, say:** *Your crowns are beautiful! In our Bible story today, we learned about a very brave queen, Queen Esther. God had a very important plan for her, and He has a plan for you, too! He loves you!*

