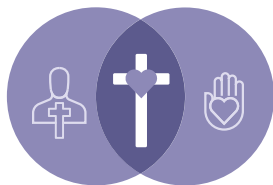


THE RESCUING QUEEN

LESSON 12

Esther 2:15–23; 3:12–13; 4:12–17; 7

GOD PRESERVES HIS PEOPLE.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God sends people into our lives to save and rescue us from sin and death.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can trust God to provide faithful helpers who will defend and rescue me from the evil plans of others.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can examine the text for insights into how God chose to preserve His people through Esther and why that matters for us today.

YOUTH

I can describe how God has preserved me through Christ.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that God protects His people.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God protects me from harm.

BIBLE VERSE

You preserve me from trouble.

Psalm 32:7

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Displeased with Queen Vashti's behavior, King Ahasuerus banishes her and seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king, who chooses her out of all the eligible women of the kingdom. Esther's guardian, Mordecai, uncovers a plot against the Jews spearheaded by Haman, one of the king's officials. Risking her life, Esther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people and brings Haman to justice.

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—Why was King Ahasuerus angry with Vashti? What did Esther do that showed she trusted in her heavenly King?
- ▶ *At Mealtime*—How did Esther show that she obeyed and respected Mordecai, the guardian God had given her? How did Esther and Mordecai show that they respected and obeyed the rulers God had placed over them?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—In today's reading, some men had an evil plan. Make a good plan together—something your family can enjoy doing. Read Jeremiah 29:11 to learn about the plans God has for His people.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—When you obey your parents and other authorities, what blessing does God promise? Pray together, thanking God for the blessing of parents and other leaders.

