

Discussion Questions Course 205–3

Large Group

1. Fulfill means to completely finish or accomplish something. What purpose did Esther fulfill?
2. Do you think Esther could have fulfilled God's purpose all by herself, without any help from anyone?

Small Group

Teaching

Signpost #1

1. What was the evil plot against Esther, Mordecai, and all the Jews?
2. There was also an evil plot against Jesus. What was it?

Signpost #3

1. How did Esther obey God?
2. How did God answer Mordecai and the Jewish people's prayers?
3. Jesus obeyed God and died. But did He stay dead?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Could Esther come boldly to King Xerxes' throne without being invited?

SuperVerse

1. Jesus spoke these words to His disciples before He left Earth and ascended to heaven. He wanted to encourage them and to give them peace. Why do you think they might be troubled?
2. Jesus had just told the disciples to spread the Gospel, baptize new believers, and teach them God's word—without Him! How do you think you would feel if you were one of them?

Additional Activities

Action Game

1. Was it harder to flip or to catch the cotton ball?
2. How did you like the additional challenges?

Coloring Page

1. Who can say the SuperTruth from memory?
2. Was it easy for Esther to go see the king without being asked? Why not?
3. How did the king react when Esther approach his throne?
4. What did he do before she could speak?

Bible Study

Esther 5:9–14 (CEV)

1. Why was Haman angry at Mordecai?
2. Do you think Haman's wife and friends gave him good advice? Why or why not?
3. Do you think God is pleased if we take revenge against people who have hurt our feelings?
4. Who should we listen to or go to for advice?

Esther 6:1–5 (CEV)

1. What do you think—was it by chance that the king couldn't sleep the previous night?
2. Do you think perhaps God kept Him awake?
3. Was it by chance that Mordecai was not honored as soon as he saved the king?
4. Based on what we read here, what can we learn about waiting patiently and trusting God?

Esther 6:6–14 (CEV):

1. In verses 6–9, what was Haman thinking and planning?
2. How do you think Haman felt when he realized that all the honors he had planned for himself would be given to Mordecai instead?
3. How does God look at pride?
4. Optional: have children look up and read Proverbs 16:18 and Matthew 23:12.
5. How does Esther's story encourage you to stand up for God and do what is right?