

Toddling Through God's Word:

Esther

"Oh Queen Esther" to the tune of "Oh My Darling"

Oh Queen Esther, Oh Queen Esther, Oh Queen Esther, child of God.

You were put here for a reason and so are you-oo, child of God.

Activity 1: Esther lives with her cousin. (Esther 2:5-7)

You Need:

- Esther and Mordecai paper dolls at the end of the PDF
- Scissors
- Crayons

Say: "Esther was a beautiful, young woman. Inside and out she was beautiful. Since Esther's parents had died, her cousin Mordecai had taken care of her. Mordecai and Esther were God's people. They believed and trusted in God."

Teaching Tip: Your child will create paper dolls for most of the activities in this lesson. Using thicker paper to print the paper doll section of this PDF will help the dolls last longer.

1. Help your child color and cut out the Esther and Mordecai paper dolls.

Activity 2: King Xerxes chooses Esther to be the next queen. (Esther 2:1-18)

You Need:

- King Xerxes doll and queen's crown
- Scissors
- Crayons

Say: "King Xerxes needed a wife who would become the queen after marrying him. He had many women come to his palace to search for his new wife. Esther came to the palace and was chosen to be his wife. Esther was now a queen!"

1. Assist your child in coloring and cutting out the King Xerxes paper doll and the queen's crown.
2. Place the queen's crown on the Esther paper doll.

Activity 3: Mordecai protects the king. (Esther 2:18-23)

You Need:

- Palace mat
- Crayons

Say: "One day Mordecai heard two men talk about hurting the King Xerxes. Mordecai reported it to the palace at once, which kept the king safe."

1. Help your child color the palace mat.
2. Using the paper dolls and palace mat, assist your child in acting out the Esther story so far.

Activity 4: Haman's evil plan (Esther chapter 3)

You Need:

- Haman paper doll
- Crayons
- Scissors

Say: "Mordecai would not bow down to Haman, one of the king's nobles. This made Haman angry. He asked, "Why will you not bow down to me?" Mordecai would only bow to God. He would not bow to a man. This made Haman angry. Haman decided he would get rid of all of God's people. He did not know that Queen

Esther was one of God's people."

1. Help your child color and cut out the Haman paper doll.

Activity 5: Queen Esther's feast. (Esther chapters 4-10)

You Need:

- A feast of favorite foods
- The paper dolls

Say: "When Mordecai heard about what Haman was planning, he was sad, scared, and angry. He informed Queen Esther about Haman's plan. Esther knew she was the only one who could save God's people. Queen Esther prepared a feast for the king. During the feast, she told her husband what Haman was planning. King Xerxes was very displeased with Haman. Haman was punished. God's people were safe."

1. Help your child set up a feast of favorite foods.
2. Invite your paper dolls.
3. Say a prayer of thanks and enjoy your feast together.



