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What I have Learned Term 4 – December 1, 2024

Lesson 6 Challenging Choice – Esther 2, 3 and 4

Possible Points	My Points	Questions
5		1. Why didn't Mordecai bow down to Haman? (Esther 3:2)
5		2. What did Haman want to do to Mordecai and the Jews? (Esther 3:6)
5		3. How did Esther help save her people? (Esther 4:16)
5		4. What did Esther ask the Jews to do before she went to the king? (Esther 4:16)

Possible Points	My Points	Memory Verse
10		1 Samuel 16:7 – "People looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Possible Points	My Points	Home Connection	Parent/Guardian Signature
5		<i>I have read the Scripture and story for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

Total Points	Teacher Use Only
	Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____



Have you ever been in a situation in which you did not know what to do? Queen Esther was. Read on to find out what she did.

Mordecai was happy when Esther became queen, but he told her not to tell anyone that she was Jewish. One day, while Mordecai was sitting at the palace gate, he overheard two guards talking. They were angry and planning to kill the king! Mordecai quickly told Esther, who then told the king. The king checked it out, found out it was true, and the guards were arrested. Everything was written down in the king's daily records

Around the same time, King Xerxes promoted a man named Haman to be the most powerful person in the kingdom after him. The king commanded that everyone should bow down to Haman when they saw him. Everyone did—except Mordecai. Haman noticed that Mordecai wasn't bowing, and he became very angry because he knew Mordecai was a Jew. Haman began to plan how he could destroy not only Mordecai but all the Jews.

Haman tricked the king into signing an order to have all the Jews destroyed, without telling the king exactly who the people were. When Mordecai heard the news, he was very sad. He put on rough clothes and ashes and cried loudly at the city gate. Esther heard about how upset Mordecai was and sent him nice clothes, but he wouldn't wear them. Instead, Mordecai sent a message to Esther, asking her to go to the king and beg for mercy for the Jewish people.

Esther sent a message back saying, "No one is allowed to go to the king without being called. If someone does and the king doesn't hold out his golden sceptre, that person will be killed. And I haven't been called to see the king for 30 days."

Mordecai replied, "Don't think that because you live in the palace you will be safe. If you stay quiet now, help will come from somewhere else, but you and our family

will die. Maybe you became queen for this very moment to save us."

Esther then sent a final message: "Tell all the Jews in the city to fast and pray for three days and nights. My servants and I will do the same. Then, even though it's against the law, I will go to the king. And if I die, I die."

What will happen to Esther? Will she survive? Find out next week!

Extra Activity For The Week:

RESEARCH: Ask your parents for help!

Who in the New Testament realised the truth in accepting people even though they were different?

Acts 10:34-35

- Who do you think this person is talking about or trying to accept?
- Have you personally felt this before? Did you ever had a hard time accepting different kind of people?

God helps me accept everyone!