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What I have Learned Term 4 – December 8, 2024

Lesson 7 Esther's Banquet – Esther 5 and 6

Possible Points	My Points	Questions
5		1. What did Esther do before she went to see the king? (Esther 5:1-2)
5		2. What did Esther ask the king and Haman to do after she went to see the king? (Esther 5:4-5)
5		3. How did the king find out that Mordecai had not been rewarded for saving his life? (Esther 6:1-3)
5		4. What did Haman suggest the king should do to honor someone? (Esther 6:7-9)

Possible Points	My Points	Memory Verse
10		1 Samuel 16:7 – "People look 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 to a special dinner where everyone dressed in their best clothes? Esther planned a special dinner, a banquet, for the king and Haman.

After three days of not eating or drinking, Esther put on her prettiest clothes and went to see the king. She stood quietly at the door of his throne room. When King Xerxes saw her, he smiled and held out his gold sceptre. Esther walked up and touched it. The king said, "What do you want? I'll give you up to half of my kingdom!" Esther replied, "Come back tomorrow with Haman for another banquet, and I'll tell you my request then."

Haman left feeling very happy because not everyone was invited to dinner with the king and queen! But when he saw Mordecai at the gate, he became angry because Mordecai refused to bow or stand when he saw Haman. Even though Haman was upset, he stayed quiet.

At the first banquet, the king asked Esther again, "What do you want, Queen Esther? I'll give you up to half of my kingdom." Esther responded, "I've prepared a banquet for you and Haman tomorrow. Will you come?" The king agreed.

That night, Haman went home bragging to his family. "I'm rich, powerful, and important. The king likes me and gave me a high position! I'm the only one Queen Esther invited to her banquet, and she's invited me again tomorrow!" But then he complained about Mordecai, saying, "Everything would be perfect if it weren't for him." His family suggested, "Why don't you have him hanged?" Haman liked the idea and had a platform built for it.

That same night, the king couldn't sleep, so he asked a servant to read the court records. The king found out that Mordecai had saved his life by exposing two guards who planned to kill him. "Did we ever reward Mordecai for this?" the king asked. "No, sir," the servant replied.

The next morning, before Haman could ask the king for permission to hang Mordecai, the king asked Haman,

"What should be done to honour a man who has done a great thing?" Haman, thinking the king was talking about him, said, "Give him royal clothes and a crown, and let him ride a royal horse while someone shouts, 'This is how the king honours someone!'"

The king liked the idea and said, "Do everything you just said for Mordecai. Don't leave anything out!" Haman was embarrassed, but he had to do it. Afterward, he went home, ashamed, and told his family what happened. They said, "You're losing power to Mordecai. You can't win."

Before Haman could respond, the king's servants arrived and took him to Queen Esther's second banquet. What would Esther say? God was with her, just like God will be with you, too.

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 have a hard time accepting different kind of people?

With God's help, I have the courage to do what is right.