STORIES!

WEEK 6

PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE:	ESTHER	DATE: 5/16/21

READ: ESTHER 2:7

- **7** This man had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her into his family and raised her as his own daughter.

STORY!

- Esther didn't have the easiest start to her life – she was an orphan who was raised by a kind uncle, Mordecai. Esther was Jewish and she lived in a dangerous spot for Jews. Her and her uncle lived near the king's palace. The palace workers thought that Esther would make a good wife for the king. After meeting with the King, he decided that he liked Esther better than anyone else, so she became the queen of the Persian empire! Not long after this, one of the king's advisors decided to make life very difficult for the Jewish people. No-one could approach the king to try to help them – except Esther. She was very scared because even the queen could not go to see the king without a special invitation; she could even have been killed for doing it! But thousands of lives were at risk, so she plucked up the courage to go and see the king, to ask him to save the Jewish people. Her courage was rewarded! The king stopped the people from being killed, and punished the bad advisor who hated God's people. Queen Esther was in the right place, at the right time - put there by God - to save her people. An orphan girl who became queen, turned out to be one of the best heroes ever!

ANSWERS AND NOTES:

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QUESTIONS:

- Who did Esther get adopted by?
- Why do you think it was so important that she talked to the King after the decision his advisor made about Jews?
- How did God use Esther in that situation?

Activity: Crown Decorating

- This week we are going to be decorating crowns. Esther was a queen as we learned in the story. You all get to be queens and kings this week. Your bag has a crown for you as well as jewel stickers. Feel free to add more to your crown if you want to! Show us pictures of you in your crowns!