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God helped a young woman named Esther to become queen of Persia. God had a very good reason. He was going to use Esther for His big plans. Esther was Jewish, and so was her cousin, Mordecai. One day, a leader in the kingdom named Haman got very angry at Mordecai. So he decided to ask the king to have all the Jews killed. The king didn't know queen Esther was Jewish. Mordecai asked Esther to go to the king and beg for their people to be saved, even though it meant risking her life. Esther went to the king to ask for his help. The king was very angry with Haman and made a new law that would save the Jews. God chose Esther for this big job because He knew she could do it! He saved His people, the Jews.

The following passages have been provided for you to model to the children in your small group how to look for truth in Scripture. Some verses may be engaging for your children while others may simply aid in your preparation to lead this time of discussion.

Questions:

1. Read Esther 2:20. **Who told Esther to keep her Jewish family history a secret?**
(Her cousin, Mordecai.)
2. Read Esther 3:1–2. **What did the king command people to do when they saw Haman?**
(He commanded them to bow down and give honor to Haman.) **Who didn't bow to Haman?** (Mordecai.)
3. Read verses 5–6. **What did Haman do when he saw that Mordecai refused to bow down to him?**
(He got angry and looked for a way to get rid of Mordecai and all the Jews.)
4. Read Esther 4:12–14. **Why did Mordecai think God put Esther in the palace?** (To help save her people.)
5. Read Esther 7:3. **What did Esther ask the king?** (She asked him to save her and her people, the Jews.)
6. Read Esther 8:8. **What did the king do to help save the Jews?** (He made a new law that would help them.)
7. **What part do you think you can play in The Big God Story?**