



Bible Lesson

# Esther Becomes Queen

Week

8

Visuals:

**Esther****Flash-a-Cards**

EC 1-1 thru 1-5

## Preparing to Teach

The children in your class can sense when you are impatient or annoyed. Determine that with the Lord's help you will **handle challenges in your class calmly and firmly**. If you set the example of a loving, patient Christian, you can teach the children to handle frustrations or anger in the right way.

**Note:** Be sure to read pp. 6–9 for teaching songs, memory verses, Bible lessons, and other elements of the class time.

### □ Scripture to read

Esther 1:1–2:18

### □ Lesson theme

God is in control over all things and people.

### □ Lesson application

God was able to put Esther in a position to save the Jews through her willing spirit. Pray for those in authority.

### □ Class memory verse

*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”* —Proverbs 3:5–6

## Preparing Lesson Materials (marked in bold)

### for Arrival

- Tear out **Activity Book p. 15**. Have it ready at each child's place.
- Have **pens and colored pencils** in containers.
- Have **attendance book** ready.

### for Songs

- If possible, practice singing with the CD.
  - He's Able* p. 52, track #10
  - Child of the King!* p. 17, track #3
  - Great and Mighty* p. 40, track #7
  - He Keeps Me Singing* p. 48, track #9
  - God Is So Good* p. 27, track #6
  - It's a Grand Thing* p. 74, track #12

### for Bible Truth

- Have **Bible Truth questions** ready to use (from inside back cover).

### for Review Lesson

- Review **Friends at Bethany** from last week's Bible lesson:  
(*Later Ministry of Jesus Flash-a-Cards CB 7-1 thru 7-11*).

### for Memory Verse

- Have **Verse Card 4** ready.

### for Bible Lesson

- Study lesson guide and practice telling with **Flash-a-Cards** several times:  
**Esther Becomes Queen** (*Esther*). (Optional: *Adventures! in God's Word* Wk 8, DVD Bible lesson)

### for Activity

- See p. 41 for answer key to **Activity Book pp. 15–16**.

### for Dismissal

- Have copies of **Adventures! in God's Word** Take-Home paper, Week 8, ready to distribute to children.

# Sunday Outline

## Arrival 10 min

Offering • Attendance • Activity Book p. 15  
Collect activity sheets before opening.

## Teaching Tips

Keep accurate records of attendance. Make plans to visit those who miss Sunday school.

Have children use their Bible to check their answer after they complete the Activity maze.

## Opening

### Welcome / Songs 2–3 min

“He’s Able” p. 52 track #10

“Child of the King!” p. 17 vv. 1–2 track #3

“Great and Mighty” p. 40 track #7

**Prayer** 2 min Two children \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and teacher pray.

**Bible Truth** questions 1–4 (*review*). 2 min

### Songs 2–3 min

“He Keeps Me Singing” p. 48 vv. 1–2 track #9

“God Is So Good” p. 27 vv. 1–5 track #6

Enjoy singing time, teaching the children by your example that we praise God through song.

## Lesson

For classes that divide after Opening Assembly, start here. Add prayer time and Bible Truth from above.

### Review Lesson *Friends at Bethany* 5–7 min

### Songs 2–3 min

“It’s a Grand Thing” p. 74 (sing 2x) track #12

“Great and Mighty” p. 40 track #7

**Memory Verse** 2 min (repeat 4 to 6x)

Proverbs 3:5–6 **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”**

Proverbs 3:5–6

Take a few moments to explain the phrase—*lean not unto thine own understanding.*

Have children recite Mark 8:36, John 16:33, and Ephesians 2:8–9 for review.



### Bible Lesson *Esther Becomes Queen* 15–17 min End lesson with prayer.

**Activity** Redistribute activity sheets. 8 min

Activity Book p. 16 7 min

Bible Truth Review 1 min

Be sure you are telling the story. Don’t come unprepared, hoping to “wing it.” Have something you want your class to remember.

**Dismissal** Distribute Take-Home paper.