

Esther Was Courageous

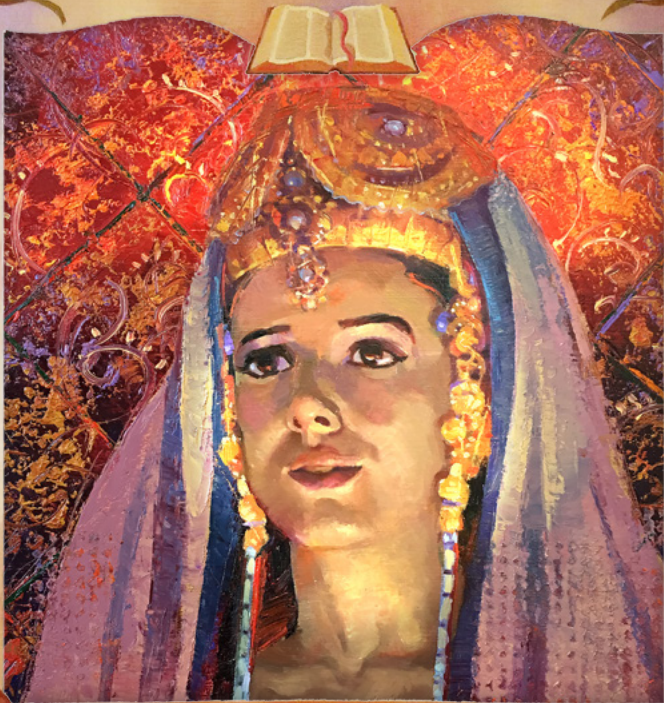
Esther was queen of Persia. The king did not know that Esther was a Jew. The king had an evil friend who hated the Jews. He tricked the king into saying that all the Jews in the land must be killed. Esther decided to ask the king to save her people. But she could be killed for going to the king's throne. Esther asked the Jews to fast for her. When Esther went to her husband's throne, he welcomed her. She invited him and his friend to dinner. There, she told them that she was a Jew. The king could not change the law, but he allowed the Jews to protect themselves. With God's help, Esther had saved her people!



"Queen Esther," Rebecca C., age 8, Aragua, Venezuela

Read about Esther in Esther 2–8.

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ESTHER

**Esther was brave and believed in God.
I can be courageous and stand up for what's right!**

- Memorize the last part of Esther 4:14.
- Watch chapter 45 of the Old Testament stories at scripturestories.lds.org.
- If your parents say you are old enough, fast for someone you care about.
- I can be courageous by ...
