

Sunday School Lesson 11 (Primarys)

Unit Theme: Esther—Obedience to God

Title: Mordecai is Honored

Scripture: Esther 6

Lesson Objective: The child will learn that pride has disappointing consequences.

Materials needed: Proverbs 16:18 verse visual

CHRISTIAN song visual

1. Sing the CHRISTIAN song.
2. Take prayer requests and have a volunteer pray.
3. Play a game to review last week's verse (Proverbs 16:18)
4. Begin Lesson

Introduction: If you were president what would you do to honor the most important person in your country? Ahasueres the King was having a hard time finding an idea for this very thing in his kingdom so he asked Haman for his opinion. Haman thought it would be a great idea for the important person to wear the king's clothes, ride the king's horse, and wear the king's crown. Not only would that special person receive this honor but he would get to ride through the streets of the city while one the princes proclaimed that this is what is done for the man whom the king is happy to honor.

Progression of events outline:

1. One night the King could not sleep so he had the record book read to him.
2. The King found it recorded that Mordecai had warned of a plot against him.
3. The King asked what had been done for Mordecai and discovered nothing had been done.
4. The King asked who was in the court and Haman was there getting ready to speak to the King about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he had prepared for him.
5. The King told the servants to let Haman in.
6. The King asked Haman what should be done for the man whom the King delighted to honor.
7. Haman gives his ideas on what should be done for the man whom the King would honor, thinking all the time that he is the man for whom it will be done.
8. The King tells Haman to go do all those things he suggested to Mordecai the Jew. (climax)
9. Haman does as the King commands and honors Mordecai.
10. Mordecai comes back to the King's gate and Haman runs home pouting.
11. Haman whines to his wife and friends about what had happened to him and they tell him that if Mordecai is a Jew, he will not prevail against him.
12. The king's chamberlains come and take Haman to Esther's banquet.

Conclusion: Just like last week's lesson, we see Haman's pride in contrast to another person's humility. This week it was Mordecai's humility that brought him honor and respect. Haman's pride brought bitter disappointment to his life. He thought he was the King's favorite, but he found out that the one person who would not honor him was in fact the King's favorite. Not only is pride never satisfied, but it is sure to be disappointed.