

Sunday School Lesson 12 (Primarys)
Unit Theme: Esther—Obedience to God

Title: The Banquet

Scripture: Esther 7

Lesson Objective: The child will learn that pride always ends in death.

Materials needed: Proverbs 16:18 and Romans 6:23 verse visuals
Fancy place setting (glass, placemat, etc.)

1. Have prayer request time
2. Teach and sing “His Banner Over Me”
3. Learn new verse and keep reviewing Proverbs 16:18
4. Begin Lesson

Introduction: Begin by choosing three children to be your Esther, Haman, and King Ahasuerus. Let them sit at the “banquet table” while the lesson is being taught.

Progression of events outline:

1. The King and Haman come to Esther’s second banquet.
2. Again the King asks Esther her request and offers her even to half of his kingdom.
3. Esther makes request for her people that have been sold to destruction.
4. The King asks Esther who dared to do such a thing.
5. Esther answers that it is Haman. (climax)
6. Haman is scared and King Ahasuerus is so angry he walks out into the garden.
7. The King comes back and becomes even more angry at Haman.
8. One of the chamberlains tells the King of the gallows Haman had made for Mordecai and the King orders to hang Haman on them.
9. Haman is hanged on the gallows and the King is no longer angry.

Conclusion: We have seen how Haman’s pride disappointed him and did not satisfy him. Now we know that his pride also brought about his death. Just like our verse tells us, pride always goes before destruction and a haughty (or arrogant) spirit goes before a fall. Pride is a sin and sin is disobedience to God’s commands. When you are tempted to be proud of yourself this week, remember all the trouble it caused wicked Haman and ask the Lord to help you to be humble.