

Sunday School Lesson 13 (Primaryes)

Unit Theme: Esther—Obedience to God

Title: Joy of the Jews

Scripture: Esther 8-10

Lesson Objective: The child will learn that just as the disobedience of one person can bring unhappiness to many people, the obedience of one person can bring happiness to many people.

Materials needed: OBEDIENCE song visual
Golden Sceptre

1. Learn Romans 5:19
2. Sing OBEDIENCE
3. Have a child pray before you begin the lesson.
4. Play the golden sceptre game after the lesson.

Introduction: As you learned in your verse today, Adam's disobedience made all mankind sinners and it took Christ's obedience to His Father for us to be able to accept Him and be made righteous. We can compare this to Haman's disobedience of pride bringing great unhappiness to all the Jews of his day. Yet, the Lord chose Esther to be in the kingdom for such at time as this...

1. After Haman is hanged, Esther tells the king who Mordecai is in relation to her and the King honors him.
2. Esther cries and begs the King to help her people who are facing the devise of Haman.
3. The King holds out his golden sceptre to Esther once again.
4. The King made a decree that the Jews could defend themselves against those who sought to destroy them on a certain appointed day. (Explain how a decree could not be reversed but could be added to.)
5. The Jews became glad and joyful because of the proclamation that went throughout the land.
6. When the time came for the Jews to defend themselves, no one could stand against them because they were afraid.
7. Esther also requested of the King that Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows.
8. The Jews institute the feast of Purim in celebration of their deliverance from their enemies.

Conclusion: Esther's obedience to God brought deliverance to a whole nation. God used her to save her own people. What if she had been too scared to go before the King? What if she had not believed in her God to do what was best in her life and the lives of her people? What kind of excuses are you making today for not following the Lord in obedience to His commands? It could be that a whole nation depends on you to bring it to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Will you be too scared to go or will you trust the Lord to be with you every step of the way?