

## Sunday School Lesson 5 (Primarys)

Unit Theme: Esther—Obedience to God

Title: King Ahasuerus and Queen Vashti

Scripture: Esther 1

Lesson Objective: The child will learn the consequences of King Ahasuerus' anger and Queen Vashti's disobedience.

Materials needed: Ephesians 4:26 verse visual  
OBEDIENCE song visual

1. Begin with singing the OBEDIENCE song.
2. Take prayer request and have prayer time.
3. Teach the verse.
4. Begin the Lesson

Introduction: Have you ever wanted to visit a palace? Would you like to see the gigantic banquet rooms and all the different kinds of food they might eat? Would you like to drink out of a sparkling golden cup and hear your shoes clack on the marble hallways of the palace? Today we are going to visit a King and his unfortunate Queen in their magnificent palace.

Progression of Events outline:

1. King Ahasuerus is introduced.
2. Ahasuerus makes an important feast.
3. The palace at Shushan is described.
4. Queen Vashti also makes a feast.
5. Ahasuerus commands to have Vashti brought before the people.
6. Queen Vashti refuses to come at the King's command.
7. King Ahasuerus is angry.(climax)
8. The King and the wise men wonder what they should do with Vashti.
9. Memucan says that Vashti has sinned against all the people and will be a bad example to the women in the kingdom.
10. King Ahasuerus takes Memucan's suggestion and removes Vashti from being queen.

Conclusion: Disobedience got Queen Vashti kicked out of the beautiful palace; anger made King Ahasuerus lose his wife. We may think that our anger and disobedience would never bring such terrible results in our lives, but the truth is that the Lord will allow those things to happen to us to bring us to trust Him. Ahasuerus and Vashti were not believers, but we can learn much by their lives' examples. Remember them this week when you are tempted to get angry or disobey.