

Esther the Play

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For this week we will be having a play from Esther. This play is traditionally performed as a funny pantomime. The plays are not meant to be polished performances.

The play below can be done by your Sunday school group or if possible have your youth group or creative ministries group come and perform the play. I have written this simple play but many more can be found on the internet with a simple search.

Actors: (5-8 needed)

- Story teller/ prompter (in red speaks what is in red the actor then repeats the line and acts it out)
- Esther
- King Xerxes,
- Haman
- Mordecai
- Potential Queen 1 (you can use audience volunteer)
- Potential Queen 2(You can use audience volunteer)
- Officials *[the Kings Cool Cats] sit either side of the king*

We cut out a simple castle as the set, out of a large fridge box and had a few bean bags scattered around in front

Scene 1

Look it's "Horrible Haman"

Haman laughs his evil laugh.....

And Here's "Marvellous Mordicai"

Mordecai is victory jumping...Hooray !!!!

And this is the "Castle of the King who can't keep Commitments"

King Xerxes yells.... I hate commitments

It's King Xerxes of Persia is Chillin' with some Cool Cats. ..."Persian Cats"

The Cats... all dance & tell the King what a great party

here comes "Horrible Hayman"

Haman yellsbow down, bow down... I'm on my way to the castle

but Mordecai will only bow down to God...

Mordecai shouts... I only bow down to God

Meanwhile the King Xerxes wants his wife Vashti to dance.... "Gangnam Style"

The King & Cats dance Gangnam Style....Oh Xerxes Lady !

But Vashti won't dance... So the 'cool cats' convinced King Xto X his wife

Haman saysdon't make no commitment to those who let you down man

This pleased the king because he can't keep commitments

The King yells I hate commitments *[tears up paper]*

But still The king wants a wife

Haman says...There are plenty of beautiful babes in the kingdom

The King has a brainwave

The King says ...Let's have a beauty contest. We'll call it *The King Wants a Wife.*

So Horrible Haman went out to search for the perfectly purest, best beautiful young women in Persia.

Scene 2 ...One year later...

Look it's "Horrible Haman"

Haman laughs his evil laugh.....

And Here's "Marvellous Mordicai"

Mordecai is victory jumping...Hooray !!!!

And this is the "Castle of the King who can't keep Commitments"

King Xerxes yells.... I hate commitments

Today is the finals for *the Miss Persia Beauty Contest*.

Haman says Come on girls, the King wants a wife

The girls are the prettiest & purest potential partners for the King...& for one whole year have been made even more beautiful with lotions and potions.

Haman quizzesSo why should you be Queen

(Potential Queen 1 : **Well I'm beautiful and would love to be Queen of Persia.**)

.....**So why should you be Queen**

(Potential Queen 2: **Well I'm more beautifulerand I believe in world peace.**)

.....**So why should you be Queen**

(**Esther replies I love the King and I want to support and help him as he rules Persia.**)

parade for King [song] ...*Oh the ladies of the harem of the court of King Xerxes were just passing by..*

King Xerxes declares I have voted... here's the Envelope !

Hayman laughs his evil laugh... two of the girls are going home tonight

The audience crys who will it be who will it be ?

Haman announces the winner is..... Esther! [*The king gets up and places a tiara on her head*]

The audience clap & shout for joy

Xerxes shouts... I now pronounce us husband and wife.

[*The king and queen hold hands & They leave thru people tunneloh Xerxes lady*]

Scene 3 A few years later

Look it's "Horrible Haman"

Haman again laughs his evil laugh.....

And Here's "Marvellous Mordicai"

Mordecai is again victory jumping...Hooray !!!!

And this is still the "Castle of the King who can't keep Commitments"

King Xerxes yells.... I hate commitments

Mordecai is victory jumping because....he helped stop an attempt to assassinate the King

Mordecai told Esther... Esther someone is plotting to Kill the King

Esther told the King of this dastardly plan.

Esther said Darling King husbandMordecai has discovered dastardly deeds against you

So the King was saved.... But evil Haman used this to convince the King to attack the Jews

Haman says Your Majesty, there is still danger. ...Those among us who refuse to bow down

Evil Haman worked all sorts of lies & trickery to the King

Saying They are very treacherous... We must do away with them.

Haman said this because he hated Mordecai because he is a Jew & he will not bow down

Haman says if they are not for you then they are against you

So The King tore up the peace treaty with the Jews

Xerxes speaks... You have my permission to kill these people

Haman walks away from the king rubbing his hands together

Haman says I'll make a plan & set a date.

Mordecai learns of the evil plans... he rips his clothes...starts crying.... then runs to warn Esther

Esther sadly says What is it uncle? Why are you crying?

He tells Esther that Haman tricked the King & has set a date to kill all the Jews in Persia.

Mordecai cries... Oh Esther you must convince the King to stop Haman's wicked plan.

But Esther knows that no-one can meet with the King unless invited ...not even his wife

Esther prays... Help me save my people Oh LordI will pray and fast for three days & then see the king.

Esther was scared, but chose to be brave & trust in the Lord...

She asked Mordecai to have all the Jews pray & fast.

Scene 4 God answers prayers

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After three days had passed the queen went to the king and he received her. Because he loved her

Esther cheerfully says Oh my King... & you too Haman... come to a special dinner...

Both the King & Haman don't know that Esther is a Jew... it's been a secret

Xerxes asks ...Haman what should I do for a man I wish to honour.

Of course Haman thinks the King must be talking about him

Haman says.... place your royal robes on him & tell everyone... "This is the man the king wants to honour."

But Haman didn't realise the King was asking how to bless Mordecai for saving his life

The King shouts ...Great ideaNow You go and get Mordecai the Jew... and do that for him.Then meet me at Esther's banquet.

Haman reluctantly finds Mordecai & obeys the Kings order

Haman Shouts..... this is the man the King wishes to Honour

Scene 5. The dinner party

The King says.... beautiful Queen Esther what is your desire.I will give you up to half of my kingdom.

Both the King & Haman are now at Esthers Dinner Party

Esther cries My Good King,I plead for my life..... Please don't allow me to be killed.

The King is quite surprise at this and start to get a little bit angry

He says... Who is trying to kill you?

Esther reveals the secret that she is a Jew & her uncle is Mordecai

Esther shouts... This man is trying to kill me, for he has plotted against the Jews.

Haman looks horrified and he falls to the floor and begs for the Esther for mercy

Begging Haman: says I didn't know the Queen was a Jew, Please, please have mercy on me King.

The King takes rips up his commitment to Haman & has him arrested & taken away...

Xerxes says.... I find it very hard to be committed to a man who wants to kill my bride....

He gets the official to send up Mordecai & asks what can be done to save the Jews?

Good King, reverse the law to destroy the Jews!

But the kings words & laws cannot be changed

Mordecai says.... Make a new law that says.... Salvation of the Jews will come thru the Jews

So the Jews trusted in the Lord and were saved

Esther yells Oh thank you my husband, my King

And so a battle took place and the Jews were victorious.

Haman was hung on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai and the Jews were respected throughout Persia.

To this day the Jews continue to celebrate this day.

It is called the feast of Purim.

Finale