



# Esther

*A Chronological Study of the Book of Esther*

Sample Lesson

Beginner

# Teaching Grapevine Lessons

## Before Class

**Lesson Preparation:** Nothing can replace the time a teacher spends in prayer with our Master Teacher, the Lord God Almighty. We also recommend you read the Scriptures and lesson notes before class.



**Supplies:** Supplies needed for teaching:

- Bible
- Dry erase board or chalk board
- Dry erase markers or chalk
- Colored pencils
- Lesson pages for each student
- Bible Dictionary



## Teaching the Lessons

**Teacher Notes:** The teacher notes, in green, explain the important information that will need to be covered in that section of the lesson. These notes will also be helpful for substitute teachers and can even be read to the students if needed.

**Stick Figuring:** As or after the Scripture is read, the teacher will stick figure that portion of Scripture onto the board. While students are drawing teachers can discuss that portion of Scripture. Students can either draw what the teacher has drawn or draw their own interpretation of the Scripture section. We encourage colors and creativity. Some students may opt to take notes in this section.

**Review Questions and Answers:** This section gives teachers the questions and answers for the lesson review. These questions cover who, what, when, where, why, and the how of the lesson. Notice that the last question is the application question for the lesson. The answer to this question will depend upon what the Lord has led the teacher to emphasize in the lesson - answers may vary. Teachers may also want to add their own questions as they feel led.



## QUEEN VASHTI

Background Bible Reading: Esther 1  
Timeframe: Between Ezra chapter 6 and chapter 7

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The King's Party: The setting for the book of Esther is the capital of King Ahasuerus' Persian Empire, Shushan. During the third year of King Ahasuerus' (also called Xerxes) reign, he held a great party for the nobles and princes of his kingdom.



citadel

*Draw the king and a prince at the feast.*

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Queen Vashti Disobeyed the King: On the last day of the party, the king wanted to show off his beautiful wife, so he sent for Queen Vashti.



eunuchs

*Draw the king calling for Vashti, but Vashti refusing to go to the king.*

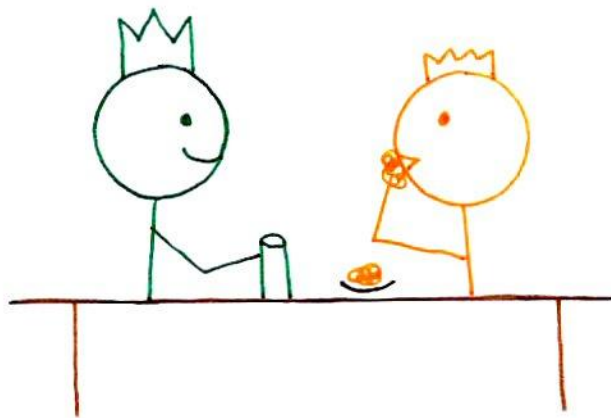
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Bible Verses: Esther 1:1-19

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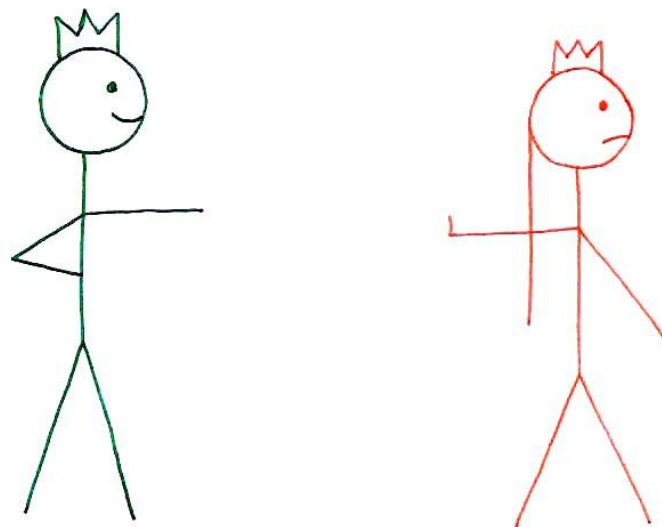
Est. 1:1-4



The King's Party

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Est. 1:10-12



Queen Vashti Disobeyed the King

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The King's Friends: Queen Vashti refused to go to the king. When the king learned that Vashti disobeyed him, the king talked to his friends (wise men and counselors) and asked them what he should do about her.



wise men

*Draw the king talking to a friend.*

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Queen Vashti Banished: The king's friends told the him to not allow Queen Vashti to be queen and to send her away—which he did.



decree

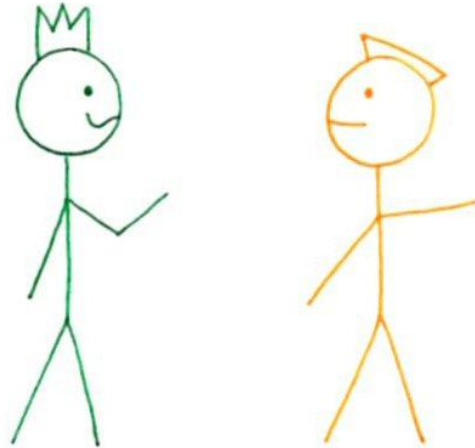
*Draw Queen Vashti leaving.*

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Who was the king in the book of Esther? **Ahasuerus.**

1. Where did King Ahasuerus hold his party? **In his capital, Shushan.**
2. Why did King Ahasuerus call for Queen Vashti? **To show off her beauty.**
3. What happened to Queen Vashti when she disobeyed the king's request? **She was not allowed to be queen and was sent away.**
4. What do we learn about Queen Vashti? **She was the queen of Persia but when she disobeyed the king she was no longer allowed to be the queen.**

Est. 1:13-15



The King's Friends

Est. 1:19



Queen Vashti Banished

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### Lesson Review

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2. Where did King Ahasuerus hold his feast?
3. Why did King Ahasuerus call for Queen Vashti?
4. What happened to Queen Vashti when she disobeyed the king's request?
5. What do we learn about Queen Vashti?

**Memory Verse:** Esther 1:12

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