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The Bible has a wonderful book called Esther. Esther was a beautiful and brave Jewish girl who saved the lives of all her people. Because her mother and father were dead, Esther was raised by a kind cousin, Mordecai. One day King Ahasuerus fell in love with Esther and made her his queen. The king was not a Jew and did not know that Esther was a Jew.



The chief over all the princes in the land was a bad man called Haman. Esther's cousin, Mordecai, refused to bow down to him when he passed by and Haman was very angry. The wicked Haman told the King that the Jews were disobedient to the king and obtained permission from the king to kill all the Jews. Because of Haman all the Jews, even the women and children, were going to be killed. Esther asked all the Jews in the city to fast and ask God to help them.



The brave queen arranged to meet with the king and the evil Haman. The king loved Esther and told her that he would do anything for her. She asked the king to save her life and the lives of her people. The king asked Esher who it was that wanted her and her people killed. She told him that it was the wicked Haman. The king was very angry with Haman.



One of the then servants told the king that Haman had built gallows on which he planned to hang Mordecai. The king knew Mordecai was a good man who had once saved his life. The king ordered that Haman be hung on the gallows that he built for the queen's cousin, Mordecai. So it was that God used an orphan Jewish girl to save His people.