

# PURIM

Purim is a beautiful Jewish holiday. Purim is a children's holiday. On Purim we wear costumes, masks of something or someone that we admire or do not like. Purim's story is in Esther (book of the Bible). The story happened many years ago in Persia . It's about a queen that was Jewish and a very beautiful woman. No one knew that she was Jewish, even the king named Ahashverosh.

That story had very happy end for the Jewish people in Persia .

On Purim, we eat special food. We eat "The ears of the 'Evil Haman'" to remember that the king hung him by his ears.

When the name of Haman is called in the synagogue, everyone there makes noise with the noisemakers.

We give and receive little gifts and presents with our friends.

The symbol of Purim is a clown. Every kid in Israel likes the Purim holiday. In the schools in Israel, we celebrate the holiday, one day before Purim. On Purim we don't study at school, and there is a vacation.



Questions:

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1. What do we wear on Purim?
2. Where can we read the story of Purim?
3. When did it happen? Where?
4. What was the name of the queen?
5. What was the name of the king?
6. What do we eat on Purim? Why?
7. What is the symbol of Purim?
8. How do we celebrate Purim in Israel?

# QUEEN ESTHER

Esther was a beautiful young woman, and King Ahasheverosh chose her to be his queen. Haman was the king's highest officer, and he didn't like the Jews who lived in his country. Haman had planned to kill all of the Jews.

Esther was worried when she found out about his plan. She was also a Jew. Esther wanted to tell the king about Haman's evil plan, but she couldn't go right in to see him. If she went in without the king calling her, the law said that she would be killed. The only way she would live was if the king would hold out his scepter to her. Esther took that chance. She bravely walked right in

to see the king. Everyone was shocked! What would the king do? He lowered his scepter to Esther, and she touched it. When Esther told the king about Haman's evil plan, the king had Haman killed. Esther saved her people.

## ⇒ Questions

1. Who chose Esther to be his queen?
2. What evil plan did Haman have?
3. Why was Esther afraid to walk up to the king?
4. What did the king do when Esther walked in?
5. What happened to Haman?
6. When have you had to be brave?

## ⇒ Find the opposites in the story.

ugly \_\_\_\_\_  
lost \_\_\_\_\_  
old \_\_\_\_\_

lowest \_\_\_\_\_  
left \_\_\_\_\_

## ⇒ Find the word or words that mean:

attractive \_\_\_\_\_  
murder \_\_\_\_\_  
concerned \_\_\_\_\_

land \_\_\_\_\_  
mean, cruel \_\_\_\_\_



## Fill in the correct form of the verb

- ❖ Purim \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a happy holiday for children.
- ❖ People \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) the holiday to remember the miracle of the Jews.
- ❖ Years ago there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a king named Ahasverosh.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ (rule) more than 127 countries and \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of power.  
His Prime Minister Haman \_\_\_\_\_ (hate) the Jews and \_\_\_\_\_  
(want) to destroy them.  
While the king \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) his feast, Vashti \_\_\_\_\_ (refuse) to  
arrive. The king \_\_\_\_\_ (become) angry and \_\_\_\_\_ (order) her  
to be killed.  
He then \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a beauty contest to find the most beautiful woman in all  
of his lands.  
He immediately \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) in love with Ester because of her beauty and

Mordecai, her uncle \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) Bigatan and Teresh plotting to kill the  
king.

- ❖ While the children \_\_\_\_\_ (get) ready for the party, Mother  
\_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) a cake for them.
- ❖ The class \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) Purim at school this week. It \_\_\_\_\_  
(be) a lot of fun.
- ❖ We \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) Purim to end!
- ❖ They \_\_\_\_\_ (not recognize) Dan because of his costume. He  
\_\_\_\_\_ (look) funny!
- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a party this weekend for Purim? We  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hope) you have a great time.
- ❖ While father \_\_\_\_\_ (decorate) the classroom, the lights  
\_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
- ❖ The teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) costumes for Purim on Friday. They  
\_\_\_\_\_ (look) funny!

- ❖ Last year my Purim holiday \_\_\_\_\_ (be) great. I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) hamantaschen  
and I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) wine at a party. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) until  
morning. We \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) many songs too. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) games and  
we \_\_\_\_\_ (win) prizes! I \_\_\_\_\_ (wish) this year is the same!

Happy Purim!