

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.



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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!