

# Purim Narration Play for Children

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**King    Servants    Vashti    Mordechai    Haman & Zeresh    Hadassah    Attendants**

**Props:** Throne, tables, chairs, ring, scepter, 2 crowns, scroll, rope, groggers, broom horse

**Scene:**

- **King** is on his throne and people are eating
- **Vashti** is sitting at her own banquet with the women

**NARRATOR:** In the land of Persia, in the capital of Shushan, it came to pass in the days of the reign of King Achashverosh/Ahasaures (title rather than name “rosh”) that he planned a feast to display all his wealth and riches which lasted 180 days for all of his officials, nobles and princes.

At the end of the feast, he gave a 7-day banquet for ALL the people including his servants.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the feast, the **King** said:

**KING:** “Bring my beautiful Queen Vashti to me, so that I may show her to my guests!

- **Servants** walk to get Vashti

**NARRATOR:** So the king’s servants went to Queen Vashti to ask her to appear before the king; but, Vashti said,

**VASHTI:** “NO! I will NOT appear before the King who is so merry with wine just so he can show me off!”

**NARRATOR:** The servants returned to the King and told him that Vashti refused to come. So the King said,

**KING:** “What! My Queen will NOT come to me when I call for her?! I am MAD!!!”

**NARRATOR:** This greatly displeased the King and, so, he said to his counsel men and princes of the kingdom,

**KING:** “What should be done about this lack of honor and disobedience of my Queen?”

**NARRATOR:** Prince Memucan told the King that Vashti had not only wronged the King but she had also set a bad example to all the other wives in the kingdom. He told the King that she was NOT WORTHY of what had been given to her and she displayed ungratefulness toward the King.

He said, "Take her title and all that you've given to her and give it to someone who will appreciate it and obey you!"

→ King writes on scroll and gives to messenger servant

So, the King sent out a message to all the people to let them know that such behavior would not be tolerated by the women in the land. Then the King said,

**KING:** "Find me a new queen!"

→ Servants take Vashti away and bring in Esther/Hadassah

**NARRATOR:** And it came to pass that the king sent his servants to gather all the young beautiful maidens to be in a beauty contest. The winner would win the right to be crowned as the King's new royal wife.

Now in Shushan, there was a certain Benjamite named Mordechai. He and his uncle's daughter, Hadassah had been taken captive from Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

Mordechai took Hadassah to raise as his own daughter because she had no father nor mother. While in captivity her name was changed to a Persian name – that of **ESTHER** <Yeah grogger>.

Mordechai told her to keep it a secret that she was an Israelite.

**Esther** <grogger> was very beautiful and so she was taken to the king's house to be prepared for the contest. She spent six months being purified with oil of myrrh and six months with sweet perfumes to get ready. **Esther's** <grogger> Uncle Mordechai checked on her every day to see what would become of her.

After the King had seen all the maidens, he said,

**KING:** I like **ESTHER** <grogger> BEST! Bring her to me and I will make her my queen!

→ Esther comes before the throne to receive her crown (tiara).

**NARRATOR:** And so **Esther <grogger>** obtained favor above all the other maidens from the King and he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen in place of Vashti. Then there was a great feast to celebrate.

**Esther's <grogger>** cousin, Mordechai sat at the King's gate and one day he overheard two of the servants planning to harm the King. He told **Esther <grogger>** and she had it certified and recorded into the King's records. After an investigation, the men were both hanged on a tree.

MEANWHILE . . .

→ Haman enters scene.

**Haman <boo grogger>** was trusted by the King who set him above all the other princes. All the King's servants bowed down to him EXCEPT Mordechai. Mordechai was a faithful Israelite who obeyed Torah – The Living Word and would not bow down to anyone except for Elohim.

When **Haman <grogger>** found out that Mordechai was an Israelite from the captive Kingdom of Yehudah, he sought to DESTROY him and all of the Israelites.

And so in the month of Abib (Nisan), the 1<sup>st</sup> month on Yahveh's calendar, the people were casting lots or what is called PUR before **Haman <grogger>**. Wicked thoughts were on the mind of **Haman <grogger>** and he wanted to act out his thoughts so he went to the King and said,

**HAMAN:** My King, there are people in your kingdom who have different laws and they don't keep your laws. They are no profit to you. Therefore, I ask that you destroy these people and, if you do, I will give 10,000 talents of silver to your treasury.

**KING:** **Haman <grogger>**, here is my ring. Let it be as you say. Call my scribes to deliver the decree.

**NARRATOR:** And so it was written as **Haman <grogger>** requested that the Israelites were to be destroyed, all of them, including the women and the children, the old and the young. On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month (Adar – Psalm 90:12 count days vs. Babylon names/gods). The decree was sent to all the provinces throughout the land.

**MORDECHAI** sent word to **Esther <grogger>** about what was to happen to all her kinsmen. He and all the Israelites were wailing and fasting because of their fate. He asked **Esther <grogger>** to appeal to the King to save her and her people.

→ Mordechai falls to found wailing

But **Esther <grogger>** knew that if she went before the King without being called for, she could be put to death. And, yet, if she remained silent, she and all her people would certainly die. Especially when the King realized she, too, was an Israelite.

**ESTHER:** What shall I do! Oh Yahuah, Elohim, P-L-E-A-S-E HELP me!

- Esther falls to the floor in prayer
- She gets up and tells her attendant . . .

Go tell my people to pray and fast 3 days with no food or drink as so shall I do! Then I will go before the King even if he hasn't beckoned for me. If I die, then I shall die. Tell my people to pray that I will receive favor from the King and my life will be spared when I approach his throne.

**NARRATOR:** So, for 3 days **Esther <grogger>** and her people fasted and prayed asking Elohim to intercede and their behalf.

- Esther gets up and approaches the King

And it came to pass that when the King saw **Esther <grogger>** enter his court gate, he was pleased and granted her favor and invited her in. Then he said,

**KING:** Welcome my queen, what can I do for you?

**ESTHER:** If I have found favor with you my King, please attend a banquet in my chamber and bring **HAMAN <grogger>** to dine with me tomorrow.

**KING:** Of course my queen, we will attend!

**NARRATOR:** And so the King and **HAMAN <grogger>** attended the queen's banquet and when asked by the King what her request was, **Esther <grogger>** replied,

**ESTHER:** Please, would you both come and dine with me again tomorrow and I will then tell you my request.

- Haman goes to speak with his wife

**NARRATOR:** **HAMAN <grogger>** was so puffed up with pride at being asked to dine with the King and Queen that he said to his wife,

**HAMAN:** I'm invited to Queen **Esther's <grogger>** chambers again! She really likes me. This is good and will be prosperous for me, I'm sure. However, I will not be satisfied nor happy until I destroy Mordechai who refuses to bow down to me at the King's gate.

**NARRATOR:** So Zeresh, **Haman's <grogger>** wife said,

**ZERESH:** Why don't you just be done with Mordechai and have a gallow built to have him hung! That will make you feel better and then go back and enjoy yourself with the King and Queen.

**NARRATOR:** That night, YHWH stirred the King to awaken. Not being able to sleep, the King decided to read through the records of the kingdom. Upon reading, he came across the account of Mordechai being responsible for saving his life. This caused him to ask his servant,

→ King is reading scrolls

**KING:** "What has been done to honor this Mordechai for saving my life?"

**NARRATOR:** The king's servant answered, "Why I don't believe we did anything to honor this man named Mordechai, my King."

So, the King summoned for **Haman <grogger>** to inquire of him as to how to honor a man who served the king. **Haman <grogger>** was so full of pride that he thought the honor was to be bestowed upon himself, so he said,

**HAMAN:** Give the man a robe and set him high upon a horse and have a servant take him throughout the kingdom and proclaim to the people that he is to be honored and esteemed.

**KING:** What a great idea **Haman <grogger>**! Since it was your wonderful idea, I want you to take Mordechai and honor him as you have said for this man has saved my life.

**NARRATOR:** **Haman <grogger>** was shocked and mortified for it was not him but MORDECHAI. How could it be, he thought to himself, that he would have to honor the man he wanted to destroy for not honoring and bowing down to him!?? Nonetheless, **Haman <grogger>** composed himself so as not lose favor with the King and did as was requested of him.

→ Haman puts robe on Mordechai and leads him around on the horse  
mime: telling the people what he had done and that he was to be honored

Needless to say, **Haman <grogger>** was humiliated and madder than old wet hen by the time he was through with parading Mordechai around. However, the next day he began to cheer up when he saw that the gallows had been built to hang Mordechai on. Besides, he thought, soon all the Israelites will be destroyed soon enough! So, off to the banquet he went with the King and Queen.

→ The King, Queen and Haman are at dinner

**KING:** My dear **Esther <grogger>**, you have been so good and hospitable to me and my counselor **Haman <grogger>** -- say ye, "What is your petition? Ask of me and it shall be yours!

→ Esther falls to her knees and humbles herself before the King

**ESTHER:** Oh my husband, my KING! If I have found favor with you, P-L-E-A-S-E spare the my life and that of my people! Had we just been sold out to be slaves, we would be content. But now we have been bought and paid for to be DESTROYED, every man, woman and child from the face of the earth!

**KING:** WHO has done such a thing!

→ Esther points to Haman

**ESTHER:** This WICKED man – **HAMAN <grogger>**. You see the man, Mordechai, who saved your life is my cousin. He has been like a father to me since my family was killed during the time we were taken captive and brought into exile. Mordechai's people are MY people.

→ Haman falls down from fear, trips and falls on/near Esther

**KING:** What?? Are you trying to force yourself on my queen – don't touch her!! How dare you do such a thing – even in my own HOUSE!??

**NARRATOR:** Then the King's servant pointed out that **HAMAN <grogger>** had a gallow built to hang Mordechai. Fury entered the King's heart to take care of the matter and said,

**KING:** Hang **Haman <grogger>** on the gallows!

**NARRATOR:** The King gave the household of **Haman <grogger>** to Queen **Esther <grogger>**. Then he took his signet ring away from **Haman <grogger>** that designated his authority and gave it to Mordechai and put him in charge.

The King then explained that he could not change his decree for his word but be good; but he said to Mordechai,

**KING:** You are 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of my kingdom and I will issue a decree concerning the Israelites that they will be able to defend themselves when attacked.

**NARRATOR:** When the day came for the Israelites to be destroyed, only those who hated them attacked. The King's soldiers helped the Israelites because they were afraid of Mordechai and the authority YHVH Elohim had given him. Thus, there was victory for the Israelites.

The sons of **Haman <grogger>** were hung. For his wicked plan had returned to him to pierce his own heart.

**Esther <grogger>** was very happy and rejoiced for her and her people.

**ESTHER:** Yahweh has delivered us! Let it be written that these days of Purim which are the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> days of the 12<sup>th</sup> month were to be the destruction of Elohim's people but He has turned it around for our good and destroyed our enemies. May this be recorded and remembered throughout every generation that Yahweh Tzavaot – the Lord of Hosts has delivered His people.

→ Mordechai and Esther sign a decree.

**NARRATOR:** Then **Esther <grogger>** signed the decree to always REMEMBER (Zakar) Purim and to have it celebrated and sent copies to all the Israelites throughout the land.

Yahweh remembered Mordechai's faithfulness to Him and his obedience and exalted him as He had done for Yosef/Joseph and made him 2<sup>nd</sup> in command to the King. Mordechai did good for all the Israelites and the people of the land.