

Esther



INTRO QUESTION

When in your life did you most feel out of your depth? How did you cope? Did it work out OK in the end, or was it a big horrible disaster?

BIBLE PASSAGE

The Jews are in exile in Persia, and the royal official Haman has got a law passed to kill them all. Their only hope is Esther, the beautiful Jewish girl who married the Persian King. Mordecai her father is a less powerful royal official.

Read Esther 4:6 – 5:8, plus 7:1-10

TALK ABOUT IT...

1. How would you summarise the story told in these verses?
2. Each pick three words to describe what kind of person Esther seems to be in this passage. Compare your choices. Do you agree? What kind of picture emerges?
3. Look at Esther's Diary and the way she has been played on the Ark. Again, each pick three words to describe this character. How do the results compare with question 2?
4. Do you think our contestant has captured the real Esther? How might you have played her differently?
5. What kind of relationship does Esther have with the king in the Bible passage?
6. Do you think you have acted the same way as her if you were in the same position? How do you think she feels at the end of the passage?
7. Whom does Esther get on with best on the Ark? And worst? How would you get on with her?
8. What contribution does Esther make to life on the Ark? Do you think she should win / should have won?

