



FCA Elementary Unselfishness

Love your
neighbor as
yourself. Mark
12:31

Bible Story--Esther 4:12-17

Esther was a beautiful person who was not selfish. She thought of others first.

- Esther was an orphan and raised by her cousin, Mordecai.
- Esther and Mordecai were Jewish but lived in a foreign country.
- Esther was beautiful and she was trusted by others.
- Esther was chosen by the king to be the queen of Persia.
- The king's advisor was Haman and he was full of pride. He did not like Mordecai. He wanted to kill him and all the Jews. He did not know Mordecai and Ester were Jewish.
- Esther was a Jew and she knew she needed to save her people.
- If she went to King Xerxes to stop Haman, she could be killed. She was not allowed to talk to the king without permission.
- Esther was not selfish. She thought of her people rather than herself. She would rather be hurt than her people get hurt.
- She told Mordecai, "Then I will go to the king even though though it is against the law and if I die, I will die."
- Because Esther was not selfish, she saved the Jews. (Minno Kids and the creativebiblestudy.com)

The Bible tells us to "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves. Phillippians 3:3-4.

Philippians 2:2 tells us compassion is having tenderness and compassion, and being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

When we choose to follow the example of Jesus, we will not be selfish (gotquestions.org). Jesus will help us to think of others first.

Definitions

Webster's definition of being unselfish: Generous, having concern for others.

Biblical definition of being unselfish: looking out for the interest of others.

Discussion Questions

1. What made Esther beautiful?
2. Who was Mordecai?
3. Who was the king's advisor?
What did he do to make him evil?
4. How did Esther save the Jewish people?



THE FOUR

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- God loves you
- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?

Bible Story Video

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