

LESSON 6—*Esther*

Questions and Answers—Student Guide

Lesson goal: The goal of this lesson is to answer the questions, “What does the word *intercede* mean? How did God use Esther to intercede on behalf of his people?”

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Read Esther 4:15–5:9; 7:1–8:12.

Think

Have you ever had to step in and defend someone—intercede on their behalf? Maybe someone you loved was being ridiculed. Maybe your best friend in school or younger sibling was being bullied. Or think of a situation in your life that was bad but God used it to work good in your life and to bless you and those around you.

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin or sins does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. Together write a definition of the word *intercede*.
14. List some examples from the Bible of people who interceded for God’s plan of salvation.
15. Briefly list some facts about Xerxes/Ahasuerus.

Lesson wrap-up

16. What does the word *intercede* mean? How did God use Esther to intercede on behalf of his people?