

MEGILLAH & THE PURIM STORY



- Esther and Mordechai made brave choices. What does bravery mean to you? When have you had to be brave?
- Haman wanted everyone to bow to him, but Mordechai refused. What are examples today of times when you have stood up for what's right?
- The Megillah is full of unexpected twists. Can you think of a time when something seemed bad but turned out to be good?
- If you could change one moment in the Purim story, what would it be and why?
- What do you think Esther was thinking when she decided to approach King Achashverosh?
- Haman's plan was stopped in an unexpected way. Can you think of a time when something worked out differently than you expected—but in a good way?
- If the Purim story were happening today, how do you think social media and news would cover it?

COSTUMES, HIDDEN IDENTITIES & BEING TRUE TO OURSELVES



- We wear masks and costumes on Purim—what is something important about you that people don't always see right away?
- Esther had to hide her identity at first. Have you ever felt like you needed to hide your Judaism? What helped you be true to yourself?
- Sometimes, we judge people by how they look. How can we learn to see the real person behind the "mask"?
- In life, we sometimes "wear masks" to fit in or hide how we feel. When is it okay to do that and when is it important to be our true selves?
- The Purim story reminds us that things are not always as they seem. Can you think of a time when you misjudged a situation or person at first and what you learned from that experience?
- What's one thing about you that people might not realize right away but is an important part of who you are?



MATANOT L'EVYONIM & MISHLOACH MANOT (GIVING TO OTHERS)

- **What's the best gift you've ever received? What made it so special and memorable?**
- **If you had unlimited resources, what's one way you would help others this Purim?**
- **Purim is about giving to people in need. Can you think of small act of kindness that can make a big difference?**
- **The mitzvah of Matanot L'Evyonim (giving to the poor) teaches us to share with others. What is one creative way that you can give beyond just money?**
- **What is a small but meaningful way someone has helped you in the past?**
- **How can you make sure that the active kindness of Purim continues throughout the year?**



SIMCHA (JOY) & CELEBRATION

- What is something that always makes you happy, no matter what?
- Why do you think Purim is considered the most joyful Jewish holiday?
- The Megillah says the Jews had “light, happiness, joy, and honor” after Haman was defeated. What do each of those words and concepts mean to you?
- Purim teaches us to find joy, even after difficult times. What’s one way you personally bring happiness to others?
- What’s a song that always puts you in a good mood?
- If you had to create a “recipe” for happiness, what ingredients would you include?

A white ceramic plate with a decorative embossed pattern around the rim, filled with several golden-brown, triangular Hamantaschen (Oznei Haman) filled with dark poppy seeds. The plate is positioned on the left side of the image against a solid blue background.

COURAGE & TAKING A STAND

- **Esther risked everything to save the Jewish people.
Can you think of a time when you stood up for what was right, even when it was difficult?**
- **Who is a real-life hero you admire and what have you learnt from them?**
- **Have you ever had to speak up for yourself or someone else? How did it feel?**
- **What does it mean to be a leader and how can you show leadership in everyday life?**



GRATITUDE & PERSPECTIVE

- If you could say “thank you” to any character in the Purim story, who would it be and why? What would you say to them?
- What’s something in your life today that you might take for granted but would feel lost without?
- How can you use Purim as a reminder to appreciate the hidden blessings in your life?
- If you could send a letter of appreciation to someone today in the Jewish commUNITY who would you write to and what would you write?



CommUNITY & JEWISH UNITY

- Purim brought the Jewish people together during a time of danger. What are ways we can actively strengthen our Jewish commUNITY today?
- If you could bring one message from the Purim story to Jews around the world, what would it be?
- What's something unique about your Jewish commUNITY that makes it special? How can you share that with others?
- The Jewish people were saved because they united in fasting and prayer. How can we work together today to make a difference?



HIDDEN VS. REVEALED – SEEING BEYOND THE SURFACE

- **Purim reminds us that things aren't always what they seem. Can you think of a time when you misjudged a situation but later realized the full picture? What did you learn from that situation?**
- **What's something about your personality that people don't always notice at first?**
- **Just like Esther was chosen for a reason, we all have a unique role in this world. What's something special that only you bring to your family or commUNITY?**

THE POWER OF SPEECH & WORDS



- Esther's words changed history. What's the most powerful or inspiring thing someone has ever said to change you?
- If you could give a speech to inspire people—like Mordechai encouraged Esther—what would you say and to who would you say it?
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