

# Esther

## LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 3



### FOR THE LEADER

In this lesson, we will learn the value of being faithful.

#### KEY POINT

God rewards those who are faithful.

#### KEY VERSE

A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

**Proverbs 28:20**

*Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.*

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

#### REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- Mordecai had saved the king's life.
- Mordecai's actions showed his loyalty to the king. The king could see Mordecai was a quality guy and wanted to honor him.
- Answers will vary.



### MATERIALS & PREP

Prepare a copy of the Student Handout for each boy.

Read the lesson in advance, taking note of the main points. Be prepared to present the lesson to your group, but avoid reading it word for word. Include discussion with the group to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

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Honoring Faithfulness

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Esther 6:1–11

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 3



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## READ

That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.

"What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked.

"Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered.

The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about impaling Mordecai on the pole he had set up for him.

His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court."

"Bring him in," the king ordered.

When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?"

Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!'"

"Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended."

So Haman got the robe and the horse. He

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robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, “This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!” Esther 6:1–11

Haman plotted to kill Mordecai and all of God’s people, the Jews. God’s name is not used in this book of the Bible. However, it is clear God helped His people.

Earlier, Mordecai had uncovered a plot to kill King Xerxes. Mordecai exposed the plot. That saved the king’s life. But, the king forgot to reward to Mordecai.

The night before Haman planned to ask for Mordecai’s death, the king could not sleep. So, the king had the nation’s records read to him. Those records reminded the king of what Mordecai had done. The records also said that Mordecai had not been honored for his actions. The king decided to fix that. About that time, Haman arrived.

So, the king asked Haman how to honor someone. Haman thought the honor was for him, so he made it really nice. Instead of killing his enemy, Haman had to give Mordecai the honor he thought was his.

Mordecai was faithful to his king. God wants us to be faithful to our leaders too.

Being faithful means that you can be trusted. You do what you say you will. You are loyal to your friends. You don’t say bad things about them when they aren’t around. It means that you follow your leaders and help them when you can.

Godly men are faithful men. God rewards faithfulness with honor. In the workplace, faithfulness often leads to better jobs. This is also true in the kingdom of God. God promotes those He can trust.

Mordecai chose to be faithful to his king. You will face choices that test your faithfulness. Faithful people keep their commitments.

When your faithfulness is tested, remember that God rewards people He can depend on.



### REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Why did the king honor Mordecai?
- How did Mordecai’s faithfulness save his life?
- When are some times that you have had your faithfulness tested?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

**PRAYER:** Dear God, thank You for honoring those who are faithful. Help me to honor my commitments and to be a godly man. Amen.



### RESPOND

Let the boys create a drama that reenacts this story. Have boys be Mordecai, King Xerxes, Haman, and the two guards. You could even have one be the horse Mordecai rides on. Talk about what each character might have been feeling during the scene. Have the boys discuss how Mordecai showed faithfulness to King Xerxes, and how they can show faithfulness to God.

Remember to read your Bible this week using the Bible reading plan of your choice. A recommended plan can be found in the Bible Reading merit or online at [RoyalRangers.com](http://RoyalRangers.com). Review this lesson with a friend or parent as a way to help you remember it.

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