God’s Queen

Esther wasn’t special – she was ordinary.

Esther wasn’t rich or famous – she was just like you and me.

Esther wasn’t super clever or really good at sports – she was normal.

Esther was ordinary and normal; just like you and me

And now the king had picked her to be his Queen!

The king had a friend called Haman.

Haman did not like God’s people.

Haman did not like that God’s people were living in the king’s country.

One day he decided that all of God’s people should be killed and their stuff should be stolen.

“Sure” said the king “Why not?”

When Esther found out she was horrified!

Not just because what Haman wanted to do was mean and nasty

But because she was one of God’s people and would be killed too!

“You’ll have to tell the king” her uncle told her “It’s the only way we can stop this happening.”

“I can’t just go and see the king!” cried Esther

“If he doesn’t want to see me he’ll have me killed!”

“Maybe God made you the queen so that he could use you to **rescue** his people” said her uncle.

“I’ll do it.” said Esther “But please ask God to help me.”

So Esther bravely went to see the king.

Would he want to see her?

Or would he want her dead?

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“Hello Esther!” said the king

“Why have you come to see me?”

“I want you and your friend Haman to come over for dinner please” said Esther

“Of course – I love a party!”

At the end of a delicious dinner the king said

“That was so yummy you can have anything you want –

You can even have half the kingdom.”

“I don’t want half the kingdom” said Esther

“I’d just like not to be killed.”

“What?!” said the king

“Who is trying to kill you?!”

“Haman is!”

“He got you to agree that all God’s people should be killed and have their stuff stolen.

I am one of God’s people so I would be killed too.”

The king was so cross with Haman he had him killed as a punishment.

“I’m sorry Esther,” said the king

“I can’t **rescue** God’s people.

I’ve already said they can be killed and all their stuff can be stolen.”

So Esther asked the king if he would give all of God’s people a sword so that they could fight back.

When the day came for all of God’s people to be killed;

The king kept his promise.

God’s people fought back and they won!

They weren’t killed and they didn’t have their stuff stolen.

God had used an ordinary girl like Esther to **rescue** them.