

Purim Play

A Theatrical Adaptation of the Story of Esther



King Ahasuerus

The king of Persia, makes important (and sometimes strange) decisions.



Queen Vashti

The first queen of Persia. Refuses to obey the king.



Mordechai

Esther's cousin. Loyal and principled.



Esther

The heroine. Wise and brave. Saves her people.



Haman

The evil advisor. Plots against the Jews.



Royal guard

Loyal to the king. Follow his orders.



Royal messengers

Announce the king's decrees. Carry trumpets.



Narrator

Tells the story. Has a serious dramatic voice.

Full Play Script

Instructions for the Performance:


- Actors should follow the narrator's cues.
- Encourage expressive movements and facial expressions to bring the story to life.
- Audience participation is encouraged (for example, every time Haman appears, the audience should make noise).
- For a larger group, a few people can play the same character at different sections of the play.

Opening Scene

 **Narrator:**

Welcome to the grand city of Shushan, the capital of Persia! Our story takes place a long time ago, in the palace of King Ahasuerus, a mighty ruler who loved grand feasts and making big decisions—sometimes, without thinking too much! Let's begin.

Scene 1 – The Feast and Queen Vashti's Banishment

 **King Ahasuerus:**

Welcome to the grand city of Shushan, the capital of Persia! Our story takes place a long time ago, in the palace of King Ahasuerus, a mighty ruler who loved grand feasts and making big decisions—sometimes, without thinking too much! Let's begin.

 **Queen Vashti:**

(stands tall, shaking her head)

No, my king. I refuse to come.

 **Narrator:**

The king was furious! "How dare she disobey me?" he thought. And so, in his anger, he banished Vashti from the palace forever.

 **King Ahasuerus:**


(gesturing to dismiss her)

Vashti, you are no longer my queen! I will find a new queen!

Scene 2 – Esther Becomes Queen

 **Narrator:**

The king searched for a new queen and held a beauty contest. Many young women came, but one stood out—Esther, a kind and wise woman.

 **King Ahasuerus:**

(looking at Esther)

Beautiful! You shall be my queen!

 **Esther:**

(bowing humbly)

Thank you, Your Majesty.

 **Narrator:**

But Esther had a secret—she was Jewish. Only her cousin Mordechai knew.

 **Mordechai:**

The king was furious! "How dare she disobey me?" he thought. And so, in his anger, he banished Vashti from the palace forever.

Scene 3 – Haman’s Evil Plan


 **Narrator:**

Meanwhile, the king’s advisor, Haman, wanted everyone to bow down to him.

 **Haman:**

(boasting)

Everyone must bow before me!

 **Narrator:**

But one man refused—Mordechai the Jew.

 **Mordechai:**

(firmly)

I will not bow to you. I bow only to God.

 **Narrator:**

Haman was furious. He went to the king with a wicked plan.

 **Haman:**

(whispering to the king)

Your Majesty, there is a people in your kingdom who do not obey your laws. I suggest we get rid of them!

 **King Ahasuerus:**

(nods)

Sure. Seems reasonable.

Scene 4 – Esther Saves Her People

 **Narrator:**

When Mordechai heard of Haman's evil plan, he rushed to Esther.

 **Mordechai:**

(worried)

Esther! You must speak to the king and ask him to save our people!

 **Esther:**

(hesitant, then determined)

I will do it, but first, everyone must fast and pray for me.

 **Narrator:**

Esther bravely went to the king, even though she had not been invited.

 **King Ahasuerus:**

(surprised)

What do you wish, Queen Esther?

 **Esther:**

(pleading)

Haman has plotted to destroy my people! Please, my king, save them!

 **King Ahasuerus:**

(angrily)

Haman, you shall be punished for your wickedness!

 **Haman:**

(shouting in fear)

Nooooooooo!

 **Narrator:**

And so, Haman was punished, and the Jewish people were saved.

Happy Ending!

 **Narrator:**

Thanks to Esther and Mordechai, the Jewish people were rescued! From that day on, Purim became a holiday of joy, costumes, and giving gifts to one another.

 **All actors:**

(raising hands and cheering)

Happy Purim!

The end

Post-Play Discussion & Activities:

Ask the Participants:

- What did you learn from the story?
- Discuss the importance of courage, standing up for what is right, and unity.
- End with a song or a Purim-themed group activity!

**Happy
Purim!**