



**Lesson Scripture:** Esther 7:1-10

**Key Verse:** King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, “Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?” (*Esther 7:5*)

## ▶ Activity 1 ◀

### Message Decoder

Below is a message that King Xerxes said to Queen Esther in today’s lesson. To *decode* (figure out) the message, on each line below write the letter that is found where the two numbers provided under the line *intersect* (meet). The first number represents the row where the letter is found, and the second number represents the column where the letter is found. (For example, 1-2=T.) The first one is placed to get you started.

	1	2	3
1	E	T	W
2	P	S	R
3	O	B	G
4	U	L	A
5	I	V	H
6	N	Y	D

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 1-1 2-2 1-2 5-3 1-1 2-3 1-3 5-3 4-3 1-2 5-1 2-2

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1-3 5-1 4-2 4-2 3-2 1-1 3-3 5-1 5-2 1-1 6-1 6-2 3-1 4-1.”



## ▶ Activity 2 ◀

### Fix That Phrase!

Oops! There seems to be a word out of place in each of the sentences below. Read through the sentences and/or phrases below (which are pulled from today's Scripture passage). See if you can find the misplaced word and move it to where it belongs in the statement. Put a circle around the misplaced word and then draw a line to where it should go. (You may use your NIV Bible.)

**(Example:** I my mom(love.) [Should read: I love my mom.])

1. The king and Queen Haman went to Esther's banquet. (verse 1)
2. Haman was on the couch where falling Esther was reclining. (verse 8a)
3. "What is your request? Even up to the kingdom, it will be half granted." (verse 2b)
4. "He had it up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king set." (verse 9b)

# Answer Key

## LESSON 1

### Activity 1

**Decoded Message:** "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24, NIV)

### Activity 2

**Answers:** (1) darkness; (2) festivals; (3) offering; (4) righteousness; (5) justice

## LESSON 2

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) b; (2) c; (3) a; (4) c; (5) d; (6) a; (7) c

### Activity 2

N	Q	W	D	F	G	H	J	K	P	F	W	K	M	K
C	M	W	Q	J	P	L	M	H	R	G	I	E	I	L
B	A	J	B	U	H	E	U	J	O	B	C	D	N	D
V	L	O	R	D	J	W	Y	R	P	N	K	W	J	C
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A	W	T	Y	M	W	S	K	W	E	W	D	P	S	B
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L	B	N	Y	C	V	Q	O	N	K	S	A	V	E	G
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T	P	S	Y	U	O	P	L	M	U	Q	S	D	F	G
L	C	H	X	P	U	R	E	P	K	D	F	G	W	I

## LESSON 3

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) commit; (2) way; (3) Lord; (4) reward; (5) dawn; (6) vindication; (7) noonday

**Completed Statements:** (A) The psalmist said: "Commit your way to the LORD." (B) He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

### Activity 2

**Answers:** (1) fret, evil, envious, wrong, grass, wither, plants, die; (2) Lord, good, land, pasture; (3) delight, desires, heart

## LESSON 4

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (A) = 3 (offerings); (B) = 4 (calves); (C) = 1 (rams); (D) = 2 (olive oil)

### Activity 2

**Revealed Message:** God wants us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.

## LESSON 5

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) "I will send an angel my messenger, who will prepare the way before me." (2) "I the LORD change each day do not change." (3) God said, "Run away from Return to me, and I will come after return to you." (4) "Bring the cattle whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house." (5) God said, "Test me in this, . . . and see if I will not close throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out no so much blessing."

### Activity 2

<sup>1</sup> T	E	M	<sup>2</sup> P	L	E
			R		
			E		
			P		
<sup>3</sup> R	<sup>4</sup> O	B			
	F			A	
	F			R	
<sup>6</sup> M	E	S	S	E	N
	R				G
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<sup>7</sup> T	I	T	H	E	S
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<sup>8</sup> H	O	U	S	E	
					<sup>5</sup> P
					U
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					F
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## LESSON 6

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) F (Jesus and His disciples approached Jerusalem.); (2) T; (3) F (Jesus told His disciples that they would find a donkey and a colt.); (4) T; (5) F (When the disciples brought the donkey and colt to Jesus, they spread cloaks on them.); (6) F (When Jesus went into the Temple He drove out all the money changers [people who were buying and selling there].); (7) T

### Activity 2

**Answers:** (1) g; (2) e; (3) a; (4) f; (5) d; (6) b; (7) c

## LESSON 7

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) Sabbath, spices, anoint, body; (2) sunrise, the tomb, stone; (3) alarmed, crucified, risen; (4) disciples, Galilee

### Activity 2

**Decoded Message:** "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here."

## LESSON 8

### Activity 1

**Decoded Message:** "Esther, what is your petition? It will be given to you."

# Answer Key

## Activity 2

**Answers:** (1) The king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet. (2) Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. (3) "What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted." (4) "He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

## LESSON 9

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) king; (2) woman; (3) house; (4) baby; (5) asleep; (6) alive; (7) mother; (8) Israel

### Activity 2

B A B Y  
W O M E N  
D I E D  
S O N  
H O U S E  
P A R D O N  
C U T  
A S L E E P  
L I V I N G  
M O R N I N G  
G I V E

## LESSON 10

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) city; (2) obeys; (3) trust; (4) righteous; (5) justice; (6) remnant; (7) deceitful

### Activity 2

**Decoded Message:** God expects justice from His people.

## LESSON 11

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) jealous, jealousy; (2) Zion, Jerusalem; (3) men, women, old age, Jerusalem, cane; (4) save, from; (5) people, God; (6) curse, save, blessing

### Activity 2

**Actions to be circled:** Praying; Being loving; Going to Sunday school and church; Being kind; Sharing; Helping; Working together; Forgiving others

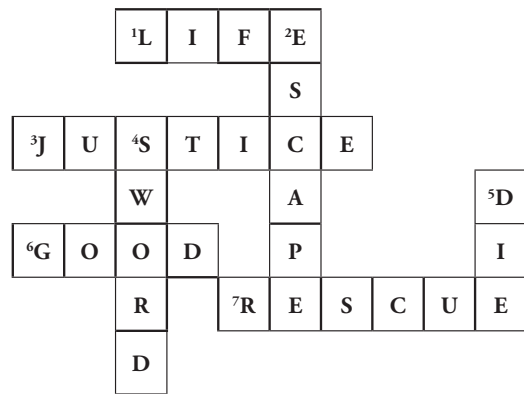
**Actions to be crossed out:** Being selfish; Telling lies; Cheating on a test; Fighting; Refusing to do chores around the house; Being mean

## LESSON 12

### Activity 1

**Answers:** A=3; B=4; C=5; D=1; E=2; (1) Jeremiah reminds the people of Jerusalem that they could still choose to serve God. (2) God told the people how to regain His favor. (3) Because of Israel's disobedience to God, they brought punishment to themselves. (4) God gives His people an opportunity to repent. (5) God said, "I will punish you as your deeds deserve."

### Activity 2

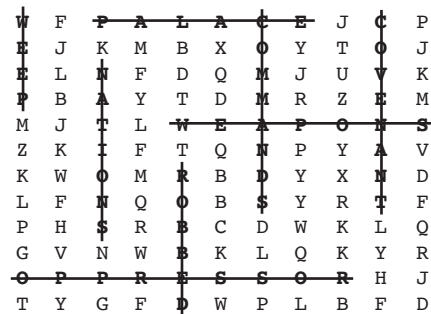


## LESSON 13

### Activity 1

Drawings will vary. Assist any students who need help understanding the Scripture verses.

### Activity 2



## LESSON 14

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) Israel; (2) Egypt; (3) baals; (4) incense; (5) exalt; (6) heart; (7) compassion; (8) love; (9) justice; (10) Lord; lesson summaries will vary.

### Activity 2

**Revealed Message:** "I have been the LORD your God ever since you came out of Egypt."