

What's Your Idea?

Unintentional Outcomes

Remind kids that in today's Bible story, Haman wanted to kill all the Jews. But Haman didn't realize that God was in control. **God used Esther at just the right time to save His people.**



Have one person read the following list of things that seem bad one at a time. Allow others to guess what good thing came from them. Then reveal the answer.

- **In 1853, a customer complained about his thick, soggy potatoes. The insulted chef sliced potatoes very thin and salted them to anger the customer. (Potato chips were invented!)**
- **In the 1870s, a chemist studying coal tar got chemicals on his hands, which got onto his food. He noticed that his food tasted very sweet! (He had created saccharin, or artificial sweetener.)**
- **In 1905, a man left a soda outside with a stirring stick in the cup. That night, the soda froze around the stick. (Ice pops were invented!)**
- **Wanting to make chocolate cookies, a woman in 1930 broke up pieces of a chocolate bar and mixed it into her cookie dough. (Chocolate chip cookies!)**

Say: **The outcomes of these events weren't what the person had originally expected. God used Esther at just the right time to save His people, but God was in control the whole time. We can read the story of Esther and remember how good and trustworthy God is.**

We know that even now He is working His plans in the world to make sure people from every tribe and nation have the chance to hear about Jesus. We can be a part of God's plan too, just like Esther was, when we trust in Him and obey Him. We can tell other people about Jesus everywhere we go!