

Queen Esther

A Puppet skit by Jenny Ancell, Gosford, Australia

This play can be done at Sunday School or Kid's Club etc.

Freda is a girl puppet (who frankly, likes the sound of her own voice, is a little bit vain and lives in Australia).

Mark is a member of the congregation (who stands next to the puppet theatre and engages in conversation with Freda)

A girl is chosen from the bible school class to participate.

The puppet can be adjusted to suit countries (who have no royal family) and assistant bible school teachers can be used (to engage in the dialogue).

Items needed for the play: a robe, a sceptre and a crown.

Freda: Hello Boys and Girls. Hey I liked the story of Queen Esther. You know Mark-when I grow up I've decided I'm going to be the Queen of Australia. Everyone can call me Queen Freda and they will have to bow down before me.

Mark: Really Freda. But we don't have kings and queens in Australia...

Freda: Really? That's no good. I would have been a brave queen like Queen Esther who stood up for her people. And Mark-what do you think of my looks-do you think I'm as beautiful as Esther?

Mark: Of course you are Freda.

Freda: Mark-I brought some **special** things along with me today but I need a volunteer...It should be a girl with some long hair...Is there anyone out there with long hair. Can you choose someone for me?

Mark: OK.

Freda: Now I have a royal robe. Can you put that on my Queen Esther please?

Mark: Sure

Freda: I also have a royal sceptre for her to hold. And finally I have a crown for her to wear. What does she look like Mark?

Mark: She looks beautiful.

Freda: Now Mark, could you teach her how to bow properly as a Queen?

Mark: OK. (Does a very fancy bow).

Freda: Now Queen Esther you take a bow! And can you hold out your sceptre like Esther did to the King? And repeat after me....

Freda: (in a loud voice) If it pleases the King.....let an order be made....that overrules wicked Haman's plans.... to see him destroy my own people-the Jews.For how can I bear to see the disaster of the Jews? (Girl repeats the statement).

Freda: Well boys and girls-do you think Esther was brave to speak up for her own people?

Kids respond...

Freda: Next time you need to be brave-think of Queen Esther and speak up!