

Sharing Purim with 3rd-5th Graders

Purim is a joyful holiday that celebrates the story of Queen Esther, a brave woman who stood up for her community and helped save the Jewish people long ago in Persia. With help from her cousin Mordechai, Esther tells her husband, the king, that she is Jewish and stops a harmful plan made by the king's advisor, Haman. We read this story in the Megillah, the Book of Esther, often in a lively synagogue setting filled with costumes, noisemakers (groggers), and enthusiastic shouts whenever the villain Haman's name is mentioned.

Purim reminds us to live out important values: courage, kindness, generosity, joy, and speaking up for what's right. Families celebrate by dressing up in costumes, giving gifts of food (mishloach manot) to friends, offering support to people in need, and sharing a festive meal together. Many people enjoy hamantaschen (triangle shaped cookies with hidden fillings) which remind us that in the Purim story, things aren't always what they seem on the surface.

Crafts

Paper Plate Masks:



Paper Plate Groggers:

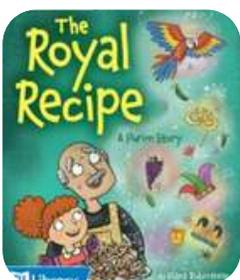


Origami Mishloach Manot:



Books

The Royal Recipe: A Purim Story



A Persian Princess



Meet the Hamantaschen

