

BEING DIFFERENT



“Why do the other hens always chase Peggy away Auntie Chris?” asked Vicki. “I think it’s because she is a different colour. They often peck at her too,” Auntie Chris replied. “It reminds me of what happened to the Jews when they were living in Persia. One of the kings officials named Haman thought he was so important that everyone should bow down to him. A Jew named Mordecai refused because Jews only bowed to God. Because Mordecai was different and didn’t behave as Haman wanted, Haman became very angry.”



Some things to think about or talk to someone else about.

People are often teased or treated meanly just because they are different.

- Is this right?
- What sort of things do people get teased about?
- How do you feel if you are teased?
- What can you do if someone is teasing you?

Listen to God! Esther 3:8-9

Find out what happened to Mordecai and Haman by looking up the rest of the story and circling True or False.

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| Haman decided to put Mordecai in jail. (Esther 3:5-6) | T | F |
| The king agreed that Haman could kill all the Jews. (Esther 3:8-11) | T | F |
| Mordecai was very upset and cried. (Esther 4:1) | T | F |
| Esther refused to go to the king for help. (Esther 4:15-16) | T | F |
| Esther invited the king and Mordecai to dinner. (Esther 5:7-8) | T | F |
| Haman built a gallows to hang Mordecai on. (Esther 5:14) | T | F |
| Mordecai told the king about Haman. (Esther 7:4-6) | T | F |
| Haman was hanged on his own gallows. (Esther 7:10) | T | F |



Mimi had a new dress that she really liked until Melvin teased her and said it looked nerdy. Then she felt bad and told Melvin so. Melvin hadn’t really wanted to be mean so he apologised.



Talk to God!

Lord Jesus, it feels bad when someone teases me. Help me to ignore teasing, and most of all help me to never be a teaser.