GRACE STUDIES: Esther

When Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus in his royal palace in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign, the king loved Esther more than all the other women; of all the virgins she won his favour and devotion, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. Esther 2: 16-17

Have you ever received an opportunity to do something out of the blue? Something that you haven't worked for, or tried for?

Esther was a Jew, she was not from a family of influence. She was an orphan and was adopted by a relative, Mordecai, who supported and encouraged her. She was admired by all who saw her, including king Ahasuerus. He made her queen.

Esther experienced grace, it was not something she deserved from hard worked, but was chosen for. She found herself in a place of influence, which she could either use for herself or to help others. (Esther 4:14)

Mordecai chose to adopt her. Ahasuerus chose to make her queen. Esther chose to use the place of influence she found herself in to help her people, the Jews, even though it could cost her everything. How are you going to chose to use what you have been given?

Father, Thank you for the story of grace in Esther. Help me to recognise grace when I see it and help me to be show grace to others. Amen.