

# ESTHER

## MAIN CHARACTERS

ESTHER: Orphan girl. Lives with her Uncle Mike

UNCLE MIKE: Esther's uncle. Struggling financially

DAVID: Well-respected businessman in the community

HAROLD: Employee of David's and long-term trusted friend

\*\*SARAH: David's wife

## SECONDARY CHARACTERS

\*\*DONNA: Works in the office with Harold

\*\*KATRINA: Harold's wife

\*\*\*RALPH: Robber

\*\*\*CHARLIE: Robber (Ralph and Charlie can be combined into one character and also can be played by David)

\*\*\*SERVANT: This can be played by Esther

\*\*\*NARRATOR

Total 11 Cast members or as little as 6 Cast members

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## Introduction NARRATOR:

Set in the 1950s, an orphan girl finds herself in the middle of a bad situation. God uses her to bring resolution and works all things out for good. Inspired by the story of Esther in the bible.

## SCENE 1: UNCLE MIKE'S HOME

**TECHNICIAN:** Harold to Sing Song "Sixteen Tons" by Ernie Ford

(Sing 1st verse, and 1st chorus)

**ESTHER:** (Walks in, holding out pants toward Mike) Here Uncle Mike, your pants are like new again. (Observes Mike is sad) What's the matter?

**MIKE:** (Uncle Mike is sitting at the table figuring bills.) I don't need another pair of pants. Look at you! You need clothes, and I cannot even afford to buy you any!

**ESTHER:** (Grabs a blanket and wraps it around her) I don't need new clothes, this warm blanket makes me feel like a queen. (Smiling as she spins around and sits next to Mike - cuddled in a blanket.)

**MIKE:** Bills! Bills! Bills! I can't even pay the oil bill for heat! It's freezing cold in here.

I have been trying to find a job for months and nothing has worked out. I'm so sorry Esther, hopefully this won't last much longer.

(He takes off his jacket and spreads it over her)

**ESTHER:** It's ok Uncle Mike, it will be spring soon and it won't be cold anymore.

**MIKE:** Oh, Esther I wanted a better life for you. I wanted you to have an education, something I did not have.

**ESTHER:** Uncle Mike, you have given me everything you could. You took me in when Mom and Dad died and cared for me, and I have learned a lot from you. You taught me the most important things in life, and that is...To trust in God. He has brought us through difficult times before and-

**MIKE:** (Mike goes back to the table. He glances down at the newspaper and begins to read an ad. Interrupts Esther.) Yes, and He is going to bring us through this one too. Listen to this: "Home Available for Youth. The person selected will receive their own room, education, and lots of love. Anyone interested meet in the courtyard at 7:00 Saturday evening for snacks at 101 Terrace Avenue."

**ESTHER:** Terrace Avenue, where is that?

**MIKE:** I know where it is, and I know who lives there. A very respected man named David.

**ESTHER:** How do you know him?

**MIKE:** He helped your mother and father by giving your father a job a long time ago. He owns a successful business with many people working for him.

**ESTHER:** Uncle Mike, I know you think this is good for me, but I really can't leave you!

**MIKE:** It's not far away so I'll come and visit you as much as possible. I know David and his wife, Sarah, will take good care of you.

**ESTHER:** But what makes you think they will choose me over all the others?

**MIKE:** Well, because we're going to ask God. He has a good plan for you, Esther, and if this is it, you WILL be chosen...Let's pray to Him and trust Him.

**ESTHER:** You know...It would be nice to have my own room. I could go to school and... college!

**MIKE:** Of course! Now let's see, we need to buy you a new dress...I just need some money. Uh...I could sell (Mike looks around for something to sell, and he picks up a watch)

**ESTHER:** No, not the watch your grandfather gave you!

**MIKE:** It's okay, Esther. Let's go buy you a dress.

**TECHNICIAN:** Harold to continue the song where left off, and sing to the end "Sixteen Tons" by Ernie Ford

## **SCENE 2:COURTYARD**

**NARRATOR:** At the courtyard, David and Sarah are introducing themselves to the youth. Harold is also with David and Sarah during the introductions.  
(David, Sarah and Harold on the scene talking among themselves.)

**ESTHER:** (Esther and Mike walk into the scene/off to the side) Uncle Mike, if I am chosen, I will tell them about you and how you taught me—

**MIKE:** (Interrupting Esther) No!! Do not mention anything about me. I just want you to be taken care of.

**ESTHER:** But...Uncle Mike...

**MIKE:** Shhh...Please, go ahead. (Mike gives Esther an endearing hug.)

**ESTHER:** (Enters the courtyard)

**MIKE:** (Leaves while looking back at Esther.)

**ESTHER:** (Looks around and notices a dog with a hurt leg. She takes the scarf off that is around her neck and puts it around the dog's leg.)

**DAVID:** (David and Sarah notice this act of kindness and go over to Esther. Harold follows.) Hello, I am David, this is my wife, Sarah. This is Harold, my good friend, and the vice president of my company.

**HAROLD:** Hi there. (He puts out his hand to shake Esther's hand but pulls it back quickly and wipes it on his shirt when he notices she was petting the dog.)

**ESTHER:** Oh hello, my name is Esther, nice to meet you...I just noticed the dog. He seems to be hurt.

**SARAH:** You took your nice scarf and wrapped it around his leg. That was very nice of you. (Looking at David signaling this is the one.) I think he'll be better now.

**DAVID:** Would you like to have dinner with us tonight?

**ESTHER:** Me? Oh, yes...I...I would like that very much.

**SARAH:** (Smiles and takes Esther's hand.)

**DAVID:** Esther, where are you from?

**ESTHER:** I am from around here. My parents both passed away when I was young.

**SARAH:** I'm sorry to hear that. Are you looking for a place to stay?

**ESTHER:** Well... Yes, I am looking for a place to stay. I would love to go to school...and WE, or, um, I mean, I don't have much money.

**DAVID:** Would you like to stay here for a while and see how you like it?

**SARAH:** Yes, and if you're happy, you can stay as long as you like. You see Esther, we were not able to have children. But we have plenty of room. (Giving Esther a hug) And a lot of love to give.

**ESTHER:** Really?! I would love to stay!

**TECHNICIAN:** Scene Change Song "Stay" by Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs

### **SCENE 3: DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE (LIVING ROOM)**

**NARRATOR:** Esther moved in with David and Sarah. She grew to love them just as if they were her own parents, and they grew to love her as their own daughter.

**DAVID:** (In the living room at David/Sarah's house) Esther, your sixteenth birthday is coming up, and we want to throw a party for you.

**SARAH:** Yes, it will be a very big party. We have grown to love you like a daughter and we want all our friends to meet you. Is that okay with you?

**ESTHER:** Yes, it's okay. You don't know what this means to me...I feel the same. You both have done so much for me; I can't thank you enough! (Esther gives David and Sarah hugs. David and Sarah leave.)

**SARAH:** We will invite Debbie, Donna, Sheila... (continue talking as David and Sarah walk off the set)

**ESTHER:** (Facing the audience) Uncle Mike was right, God hears every prayer, and all things REALLY DO work out for the good for those who trust in Him. **TECHNICIAN:** Scene Change Song "At the Hop" by Danny and the Juniors

#### **SCENE 4: COURTYARD PARTY**

**NARRATOR:** The night of the party Uncle Mike comes to check on Esther. He is standing at the door just trying to get a peek at her.

**DAVID:** Hello, come right in. Would you like to join us?

**MIKE:** Oh no, thank you. I was just passing by and....

**DAVID:** My name is David.

**MIKE:** Hello, I'm Mike.

**DAVID:** When you get a chance, you must meet our daughter Esther.  
(David is rudely interrupted by Harold)

**HAROLD:** David, who are all these people? Do you even know all of them?

**DAVID:** Excuse me Mike, please make yourself at home.

**MIKE:** Thank you. (Walks away and looks around trying to find Esther)

**DAVID:** (Turning to Harold) No, I don't know everyone here... but I want everyone to have a chance to meet Esther.

**HAROLD:** Well, I don't like some of these people. It is obvious that some of them are not the same as we are! (Looking over at Mike.)

**DAVID:** Harold, you're not in the office now, so just relax and enjoy yourself. (David pats Harold on the back, and both walk off the set.)

**ESTHER:** (Esther walks on the set and sees Mike off in a corner alone.) Uncle Mike, where have you been? I've missed you!!

**MIKE:** I have missed you, too! I just came by to check on you, and David invited me in.

**ESTHER:** Maybe you can stay here with us...I know Father will let you. You're right, Uncle Mike...they are wonderful people.

**MIKE:** Esther, I'm so happy for you. But remember what I told you, I don't want you to mention anything about me. I just want you to be taken care of. Don't worry about me; I really am fine!

**ESTHER:** Well, at least stay and have something to eat.

**MIKE:** Ok. Esther, I am glad you're doing so well.

**ESTHER:** I really am, Uncle Mike! I'm glad you're doing well, too!  
(Esther leaves the set.)

**TECHNICIAN:** Mike to sing song "The Great Pretender" by The Platters  
  
(After Mike finishes the song, Ralph and Charlie enter. Mike overhears them talking.)

**RALPH:** Charlie, the window downstairs is unlocked, we can come in later tonight.

**CHARLIE:** So, what's the plan?

**RALPH:** It's written down right here, including the map of the house.  
(Ralph slips the piece of paper into his pocket. Looks around pointing and talking among themselves.)

**ESTHER:** (Enters carrying a plate of food for Mike.) Here Uncle Mike, have something to eat.

**MIKE:** It's Okay Esther, I am fine. I just overheard two men talking about breaking into this home tonight. It's those two men right there. You should go and tell David!

**ESTHER:** Uncle Mike, are you sure?

**MIKE:** Yes! I even saw him put the plan and the map of the house in his pocket! (Mike leaves the set but walks back before his next line.)

**ESTHER:** (Esther goes to get David and brings him on the set. Harold trails behind looking around at a distance.) Father, there are two men in the house who are planning to come back later and rob you.

**DAVID:** What? Are you sure about this?

**ESTHER:** Yes, they even have the plan in their pocket. (Gestures to thieves) That's them right over there.

**DAVID:** Okay Esther. Do not worry, I'll take care of this. (David turns to Harold) Harold, you might have been right about some of the people here!

**HAROLD:** Of course, I am!

**DAVID:** Can you check something out for me. There are two men right there (pointing to Ralph and Charlie). I don't know them, but I believe they have a map of the house in their pocket; and they're planning on coming back later to rob me. Can you see if this is true?

**HAROLD:** Sure David. I'll get to the bottom of this! (Harold goes over to the two men. He notices a piece of paper sticking out of one of the men's pockets. He bumps into him and pulls out the piece of paper. The paper showed the floor plan of the house and where they were going to enter)

**RALPH:** Hey, give that back!

**HAROLD:** No, you're coming with me! (Harold grabs the two men and pulls them off the set.)

**RALPH:** (Resisting while leaving the set.) Wait a minute, who are you to push me!

(Esther and Mike enter talking among themselves about the robbers.)

**HAROLD:** (Goes back to David.) You were right! Here's the plan for your house, but don't worry, I took care of it!

**DAVID:** Thank you, Harold.

**HAROLD:** Of course! I am usually right about people! (Looking at Mike while walking off the set and feeling good about himself.)

**DAVID:** (Walks to Esther.) Esther, thank you. All that you said is true. If it weren't for you, who knows what would have happened.

**ESTHER:** But Father, it was not me. (Looking at Mike) This is Mike, he overheard what they were saying and told me about it.

**DAVID:** I would like to thank you for telling us about what you heard. Who knows what those men might have taken from me.

**MIKE:** Sure...It was nice meeting you. (Mike starts to leave)

**DAVID:** Wait, how can I repay your kindness?

**MIKE:** That is not necessary. I am glad I was here at the right time.

**ESTHER:** I believe you said you were looking for work. (Turning towards David) Maybe you could help him find a job?

**DAVID:** I can offer you a position with my company. It's only a janitorial position, but benefits and vacation are included. Are you interested?

**MIKE:** Wow...I don't know what to say.

**ESTHER:** Say, you'll take the job.

**MIKE:** Yes...Yes, of course I will. When would you like me to start?

**DAVID:** How about tomorrow?

**MIKE:** I'll be there. (They shake hands)

**TECHNICIAN:** Scene change song "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley & His Comets

#### **SCENE 5: OFFICE**

(In the Office - Harold sitting at desk with feet up...quickly removes them when David walks in)

**DAVID:** Harold, I hired a man to be a janitor and clean the office. His name is Mike.

**HAROLD:** What!?!? I thought you put me in charge of hiring. What if I don't like this guy?

**DAVID:** You'll like him. He seems to be an honest man. He's the one who told me about the thieves that were going to break into my home last night. Be nice and make him feel welcome.

(David leaves about the same time Mike enters the office sweeping the floors)

**HAROLD:** It's you? Welcome? Oh, I will make him feel welcome!! (Harold sees Donna working at her desk and snaps his fingers at her.) Woman, get me a cup of coffee!!!

**DONNA:** Yes, sir. Right away, sir! (She hops right up and gets him his coffee and hands it to him.)

**HAROLD:** (Harold walks over to Mike.) You see how things are done here, Mike, well, don't forget it!

**MIKE:** (Continues to sweep and ignores what Harold said.)

**HAROLD:** Where is my breakfast? I ordered it a while ago.

**DONNA:** (Enters the scene, carrying his breakfast.) I'm sorry, sir. I was getting the papers together you asked for.

**HAROLD:** Then it will be your job, Mike, to bring my breakfast in the mornings.

**MIKE:** Wait a minute! I was hired to keep the office clean. David said nothing about waiting on you.

**DONNA:** (Donna looks at Mike as if she cannot believe he is standing up to Harold.)

**HAROLD:** Well, he is not here, and you have to do what I say!!!

**MIKE:** (Walks out.)

**HAROLD:** (Snapping his fingers, Harold calls Donna over to him.)  
What do you know about this Mike guy?

**DONNA:** From what I understand he is a very honest, God-fearing man. I even overheard him praying this morning.

**HAROLD:** Oh, he respects God, but not me?! I will teach him to fear me!!

**TECHNICIAN:** Scene change song "Yakety Yak" by The Coasters

**SCENE 6: DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAVID AND ESTHER ARE PLAYING CHECKERS.**

**HAROLD:** (Enters, pacing back and forth in front of David and Esther) I am sorry to disturb you at home like this, but I felt I needed to tell you something.

**DAVID:** (Preoccupied with the game) Sure Harold, what's on your mind?

**HAROLD:** (Pacing) David, you are like a brother to me, and I wouldn't keep anything from you. You should know that there is someone working for you that does not respect you. He thinks there is someone better than you and does not listen to what I say. I would like your permission to fire him.

**DAVID:** Listen, Harold, I've given you responsibility over hiring and firing at the office. I trust you will make the right decision. Do what you think is right. (David goes back to playing checkers with Esther.)

**HAROLD:** Don't worry about a thing, David. I will take care of things for you in the office. (Talking as he walks away) I will teach Mike to respect me. Pray to God...Huh! Mike will be praying to me for his job before this is all over!!

**ESTHER:** (Sits up when she hears this because she knows who Harold is talking about.) Father, are you going to let Harold fire that man? You don't even know who the man is. Is he a good man, a hard worker? Don't you even care about these things?

**DAVID:** Esther, I've trusted Harold with my business when I am not there. So far, he has not let me down. He's done a fine job... Another one, king me again!!

**ESTHER:** (Turns away and leaves the set.)

**DAVID:** (Throws up his hands and leaves.)

**TECHNICIAN:** Scene change song "Get a Job" by The Silhouettes

**SCENE 7: DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - AT THE TABLE, SARAH IS FIXING DINER WHEN ESTHER WALKS IN**

**ESTHER:** Mother, can I talk with you?

**SARAH:** Sure, Esther, what is on your mind?

**ESTHER:** Evidently, there is a man at the office who does not bow to Harold like everyone else does. His name is Mike. Harold is so upset with him he wants to get him fired. The worst part is Father told him to do what he thinks is right.

**SARAH:** Harold do what is right? I don't even think he knows what is right.

**ESTHER:** How can we help Father to see what Harold is really like because he thinks the world of him?

**SARAH:** You are right, Harold only thinks of himself. But I am glad you have such a tender heart. Be honest about what is on your heart.

**ESTHER:** I am afraid to say anything...I could lose everything here with both of you.

**SARAH:** But if you don't speak up, Harold will continue to mistreat people.

**ESTHER:** How about if we invite Harold and Mike over for dinner tomorrow night? If we put them in the same room, then Father will see how he treats people.

**SARAH:** That sounds like a wonderful idea. And let's give this to God in prayer and see what He does, okay?

**ESTHER:** I will! If I lose everything, then I lose everything. I am going to speak up, and trust in God. (Hugs Sarah)

**TECHNICIAN:** Scene change song "It's my Party" by Leslie Gore

#### **SCENE 8: HAROLD'S HOUSE**

**HAROLD:** David trusts me with his whole business. You should see how the people in the office respect me. David has handed over all the responsibility to me. He has given me this house. Look how great I am!

**KATRINA:** He should trust you! You're intelligent and very handsome!

**HAROLD:** Maybe that's why I am the only one invited to a dinner that Esther is giving tomorrow night.

**KATRINA:** I understand that Mike is also invited.

**HAROLD:** What!? I cannot stand that Mike! He refuses to show me the respect that I deserve!! Wait until tomorrow morning, David has given me permission to fire him. This will give me great pleasure!!

**KATRINA:** I know! You should wait until tomorrow night for dinner; then fire him.

**HAROLD:** Hey, great idea — I am glad I thought of it! I'll make an announcement so that David will see what a low life fool Mike really is.

**TECHNICIAN:** Scene change song: "Splish Splash" by Rock Prinsen

#### **SCENE 9: SPLIT SCENE : HAROLD'S HOUSE/DAVID'S HOUSE (Same setting as scene 8, adding a scene for David's house on the other side.)**

**NARRATOR:** At David's house in the evening. He is in bed, but he cannot sleep. David is tossing and turning, so he calls for one of his servants.

**DAVID:** Servant!

**SERVANT:** Yes, Sir, what troubles you at this hour?

**DAVID:** I am having trouble sleeping. Can you bring me some books to read, please?

**SERVANT:** Sure, David.

**DAVID:** Thank you. (Opens the book and a piece of paper falls out.) What is this? This is the plan of our house. It shows here the weapons the men were going to use the evening of Esther's party. Hm. What recognition has Mike received for revealing these men to me?

**SERVANT:** He was hired (Pause) to clean your floors and bathrooms in the office. Other than that, I don't know.

**DAVID:** Can you get Harold on the phone for me?

**SERVANT:** Sure. (Dials, and hands David the phone.)

**HAROLD:** (Phone rings. Harold picks up the phone) Hello.

**DAVID:** Hello, Harold, this is David. I need to ask for your advice on something.

**HAROLD:** (Harold holds the phone away from him and says to Katrina) It's David. He wants to ask for my advice on something.... (Talking into the phone) Uhm sure, David, what do you need to know?

**DAVID:** What should I do for someone I would like to honor? This person got little recognition for something he did very bravely.

**HAROLD:** (Harold holds the phone away from him again) He wants to know what to give ME for being so brave? (Talking into the phone) Uhm, well, David, for this person you would like to honor, I would have a plaque made from gold with My, or I mean this person's name written on it. I would display it so everyone can see what a wonderful person I... or I mean HE really is.

**DAVID:** That sounds like a wonderful idea! Please go and do this for Mike. He has saved me and my family from great harm. Make sure the plaque is exactly as you described.

**HAROLD:** (Harold is shocked) WHAT? Are you sure you got the right person?

**DAVID:** Yes! If Mike had not revealed those thieves...I might not be here today. Thanks, Harold. (David hangs up)

**KATRINA:** Now, what does he want you to do? Make a gold plaque with your name on it?

**HAROLD:** (Harold has a blank look on his face) No, he wants me to do this for MIKE.

**KATRINA:** Mike! He is just a low life fool, what has he ever done for David?

**HAROLD:** I don't know. I caught those thieves. You should have seen the way I single-handedly fought them both to the ground.

**KATRINA:** Well, I guess you can't fire him now!

**HAROLD:** Wait 'til I show up tomorrow night! David will see how sharp I am, and what a fool Mike really is!

**TECHNICIAN:** Scene change song: "Tossin and Turnin" by Bobby Lewis (original 1961)

#### **SCENE 10:**

**NARRATOR:** At David's house eating dinner. David stands to make an announcement.

**DAVID:** I am grateful that you could all be here tonight. Esther and Sarah have made a delicious meal. (David looks at Esther, she seems very troubled.) Esther, is there something wrong?

**ESTHER:** Actually, there is something bothering me. A very kind and hardworking man is going to be fired from your company for no good reason.

**DAVID:** Who are you talking about, Esther?

**ESTHER:** Mike is going to be fired! (Esther turns and looks at Harold.) Just because he does not bow down to you like you have trained everyone else in the office to do, that is not a good reason to fire someone, Harold.

**MIKE:** What!?

**HAROLD:** But I...

**DAVID:** (David interrupts) What? You're planning to fire Mike?

**HAROLD:** Wait a minute. Do you know that this man does not do as I say? He has time to go and pray but does not have time to bring me my breakfast!! Figure that one out!

**DAVID:** This time, Harold...you have gone too far!!

(David leaves the room very upset. Leaving Harold sitting next to Esther.)

**HAROLD:** (Harold is falling all over Esther begging her to talk with her father.) Please Esther, forgive me, talk to your father, and don't let him get rid of me.

**SARAH:** (Gets up and begins to pull Harold away from Esther.) That is enough, Harold!

**DAVID:** (Walks back in.) Now you are harassing my daughter?! That's it! You are fired from this company. Get out...right now.

**Everyone start singing the chorus** "Na Na Na Na Na...hey hey hey Goodbye" 2X (from the song "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye" by Steam)

**ESTHER:** (Leans to talk to David and Sarah)

**DAVID:** Mike, Esther has told us all that you have done for her. You have proved yourself to be a very honest and hardworking man. I would like you to take Harold's job. The home he is living in belongs to me and I would like you to live there. You are welcome here anytime.

**MIKE:** What? Thank you so very much!

**DAVID:** Esther, you were very brave to stand up for what is right.

**ESTHER:** (Esther gives Mike a hug.) I trust in God. He say's to "Trust in Him with all your heart; and do not depend on your own understanding."

**MIKE:** "Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." And look how God worked things out for us!

**ALL:** (Stand, taking a bow) TO THE GOD WHO LOVES US!

# ESTHER Character Detail

Esther in the Bible was used as a "special utensil" to help save her people from destruction.

*"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts." 2 Timothy 2: 21-22 NLT*

**ESTHER • Short description of character:** Orphan girl • **Scenes present:** All

- **Importance of the character:** Trusts in God through the difficult times
- **Background of the character:** Grew up with loving parents. Her parents passed away when she was seven years old. Her Uncle Mike gladly took her in. He loved and cared for her. Esther learned a lot about God because Uncle Mike would read the bible and teach her about God's faithfulness in her Mom and Dad's life.
- **Qualities of the character:** Kind, loyal and courageous. A great amount of care and respect for her Uncle Mike.
- **Costume suggestions for character:** 50s dress, poodle skirt, shirt, and scarf around neck.
- **Stage presence suggestions for character:** Loving, but bold. Stands up for what she believes in.
- **Key line:** "I will. If I lose everything then I lose everything. I am going to speak up and trust in God."
- **Key scripture reference:** "Do not eat or drink for three days night and day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." Esther 4:15 NLT

## UNCLE MIKE

- **Short description of character:** Strong believer in God. Loves his niece and would do anything for her.
- **Scenes present:** 1, 2, 4, 5, 10
- **Importance of the character:** Willing to sacrifice having Esther near so she can have more opportunity.
- **Background of the character:** He was Esther's father's brother. They grew up together and were very close. He never married or had children. He loved to visit Esther and bring her treats before his brother passed away.

- **Qualities of the character:** He loves Jesus! Cares more about pleasing God than trying to please others. He does not mind being different.

- **Costume suggestions for character:** Torn Jacket, Old Pants and TShirt

- **Stage presence suggestions for character:** Kind and gentle.

Willing to take the back seat as long as others are taken care of. • **Key**

**line:** "Well because we're going to ask God. He has a plan for you, Esther, and if this is it, you WILL be chosen...Pray to Him and trust Him."

- **Bible name:** Mordecai

- **Key scripture reference:** "If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if you were made queen for such a time as this." Esther 4:14 NLT

**HAROLD • Short description of character:** Prideful and arrogant

- **Scenes present:** Scene 2, 4, 5, 6 ,8, 9, 10

- **Importance of the character:** Exposes all the traits of a selfish, unkind person.

- **Background of the character:** Self-seeking businessman that desires wealth and power.

- **Qualities of the character:** He enjoys putting people down if it makes him look good.

- **Costume suggestions for character:** Dress pants and shirt with tie. Hat.

- **Stage presence suggestions for character:** Loud, obnoxious, and rude. Thinks he is better than anyone else.

- **Key line:** "He wants to know what to give ME for being so brave?

(Talking into the phone) Uhm, well, David, for this person you would like to honor, I would have a plaque made of gold with My, or I mean this person's name written on it. I would display it so everyone can see what a wonderful person I... or I mean HE really is."

- **Bible name:** Haman

- **Key scripture reference:** "Haman thought to himself, "Whom would the king wish to honor more than me?" So, he replied, "If the king wishes to honor someone, he should bring out one of the king's own royal robes, as well as a horse that the king himself has ridden—one with a royal emblem on his head. Let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. And let him see that the man whom the king wishes to honor is dressed in the king's robes and led through the city square on the king's horse. "This is what the king does for someone he wishes to honor!" Esther 6:6-9 NLT

**DAVID • Short description of character:** Owner of a large business

- **Scenes present:** Scenes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10
- **Importance of the character:** Loves his wife. Enjoys helping others.
- **Background of the character:** Even though he was well off, he knew that there was more to life than money. He found more pleasure in helping people than making money. Desired to have children and share what God has given him.
- **Qualities of the character:** Generous, gentle, and kind. Loves to help people.
- **Costume suggestions for character:** Dress pants and shirt with tie. Hat.
- **Stage presence suggestions for character:** Friendly, Comfortable, Approachable, Warm, Safe
- **Key line:** That sounds like a wonderful idea! Please go and do this for Mike. He has saved me and my family from great harm. Make sure the plaque is exactly as you described.
- **Bible name:** The king

- **Key bible verse:** "Excellent!" the king said to Haman. "Quick! Take the robes and my horse and do just what you said for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the gate of the palace. Leave out nothing you have suggested!" Esther 6:10 NLT

**SARAH • Short description of character:** Loving wife • **Scenes present:**

Scenes 2, 3, 7, 10 • **Importance of the character:** Wife of David

- **Background of the character:** Respectful wife. Always desired to have children but I was not able to.
- **Qualities of the character:** Desires to mentor young ones. Seeks to help those in need.
- **Costume suggestions for character:** 50s poodle skirt, and shirt. Fancy hat.
- **Stage presence suggestions for character:** Sweet and kind • **Key line:** That sounds like a wonderful idea. And let's give this to God in prayer and see what He does, okay?

# ESTHER Prop List

## CHANGE BACKDROPS IN BETWEEN SCENES

Choose a box for each scene to put your props and backdrops in. This keeps them well organized so your actors can find them when they need them.

### SCENE 1: UNCLE MIKE'S HOUSE

1. Pair of old pants
2. Blanket
3. Bill Envelopes
4. Newspaper
5. Old Watch
6. Small Table and two Chair

### SCENE 2: COURTYARD

1. Scarf for Esther
2. Large stuffed dog Or Pet dog. (Pets will need pre-approval and show vaccination papers)

### SCENE 3: AT DAVID AND SARAH'S HOME (LIVING ROOM)

1. None

### SCENE 4: COURTYARD PARTY

1. None

### SCENE 5: OFFICE

1. Small table
2. One Chair
3. File Papers
4. Coffee cup
5. Plate with Lid (For breakfast)
6. Broom

### SCENE 6: AT DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE

1. Small table
2. Two Chairs
3. Game of Checkers

**SCENE 7: AT DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE (KITCHEN)**

1. Small table
2. Two Chair
3. Mixing bowl
4. Two wooden spoons

**SCENE 8: HAROLD'S HOUSE**

1. Two Chairs

**SCENE 9: SPLIT SCENE**

David and Sarah's House (On One side)

1. Two chairs pushed together to make a bed.
2. Phone
3. Blanket
4. Books with paper (plan) sticking out

Harold's House (On the Other Side)

1. Two chairs
2. Phone

**SCENE 10: DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE (DINING ROOM)**

1. No Props

# ESTHER Song Cue Sheet

## INTRODUCTION NARRATOR:

Set in the 1950s, an orphan girl finds herself in the middle of a bad situation. God uses her to bring resolution and works all things out for good. (Inspired by the story of Esther in the bible)

## OPEN CURTAINS

**1. SCENE ONE: UNCLE MIKE'S HOM - OPENS WITH MIKE SINGING.** Opens with Mike Singing: "Sixteen Tons" by Ernie Ford (1st verse and chorus)

**MIKE:** It's okay Esther. Let's go buy you a dress.

Play song after line above.

Mike singing "Sixteen Tons" by Ernie Ford (2nd part)

## 2. SCENE TWO: COURTYARD

**ESTHER:** Really! I would very much like to stay!

• Play song after line above.

"Stay" by Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs

**3. SCENE THREE: DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE (LIVING ROOM) ESTHER:** (Facing the audience) Uncle Mike was right, God hears every prayer, and all things REALLY DO work out for the good for those who trust in Him.

• Play song after line above.

"At the Hop" by Danny and The Juniors

## 4. SCENE FOUR: COURTYARD PARTY

**ESTHER:** I really am Uncle Mike! I'm glad you're doing well too!  
(Esther leaves the set)

• Play song after line above.

Mike sings song "The Great Pretender" by The Platters

**DAVID:** How about tomorrow?

**MIKE:** I'll be there. (They shake hands)

• Play song after line above.

"Rock Around the Clock Tonight" by Bill Haley & His Comets

## 5. SCENE FIVE: OFFICE

**HAROLD:** Oh, he respects God but not me! I will teach him to fear me!!

- Play song after line above.

"Yakety Yak" by The Coasters

## **6. SCENE SIX: DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE (LIVING ROOM)**

**DAVID:** Esther, I trusted Harold with my business when I am not there. So far, he has not let me down. He has done a fine job... Another one, King me again!!

(Esther leaves the room. David throws up his hands and leaves )

- Play song after line above.

"Get a Job" by The Silhouettes

## **7. SCENE SEVEN: DAVID AND SARAH'S HOUSE (KITCHEN)**

**ESTHER:** I will! If I lose everything, then I lose everything. I am going to speak up, and trust in God. (Hugs Sarah)

- Play song after line above.

Esther sings "It's My Party" by Leslie Gore

## **8. SCENE EIGHT: HAROLD'S HOUSE**

**HAROLD:** Hey, great idea- I am glad I thought of it! I will make an announcement so that David will see what a low life fool Mike really is.

- Play song after line above.

"Splish Splash" by Rock Prinsen

## **9. SCENE NINE: DAVID'S HOUSE/HAROLD'S HOUSE (SPLIT SCENE)**

**KATRINA:** Well, I guess you can't fire him now!

**HAROLD:** Wait till I show up tomorrow night! David will see how sharp I am, and what a fool Mike really is!

- Play song after line above.

"Tossin and Turnin" by Bobby Lewis (original 1961)