



Venture into Purim



FAST FACTS!

1. Purim is the most festive holiday of the Jewish calendar.
2. Purim is the story of **Queen Esther**, who courageously risked her life to save the Jews.
3. On Purim, we read the **megillah**, which is the **Book of Esther** and tells the Purim story.
4. At Purim, we give **mishloach manot** — gifts of food — to family and friends.
5. **Groggers** — noisemakers — are used to drown out the name of Haman.
6. A common Purim treat is **Hamantaschen**, a filled triangular cookie said to represent the shape of Haman's tri-cornered hat.
7. One of the mitzvot of Purim is to give support to those who need help through **tzedakah**.
8. Purim is celebrated similarly by Jews all over the world, but each culture has its own special spin on the celebrating.
9. **Shushan** is the name of the Persian city where the Book of Esther takes place.
10. The main players in the Purim story are named King **Achashverosh**, Queen **Vashti**, Mordechai, Queen **Esther**, and **Haman**.

