

Nov 16, 2025 - Esther

Esther

Story:

★ Introduction & Story:

The last few weeks we have talked about God protected some of His faithful followers – even when Israel was being punished for being unfaithful. Israelites were removed from their homes and spread out. However, when the three men refused to worship the king, they were protected from the fire. When Daniel prayed to God even after the law told him he had to stop, God shut the lion's mouths. Today, we see how God used a faithful girl to save all of the Jews/Israelites during this time.

Esther was an orphan girl (she had no mother or father) who was being raised by her cousin Mordecai. Mordecai worked at the king's palace. He and Esther lived in a place called Suza.

One day the king decided that he needed a queen. He sent commands throughout the kingdom that the most beautiful young women should be brought to the palace. He would choose which one he wanted to be his queen. Mordecai thought that Esther was very beautiful. He sent Esther to the palace to be with the other young women. But he told Esther not to tell anyone that she was related to him or that she was a Jew.

At the palace the young women were taught how to behave as a queen. They learned the manners that they would need to have if they were picked to be the queen.

The king took his time deciding who would be his queen. When Esther was brought to him, he knew right away that she would be the right choice. He placed the royal crown on her head. He gave her rooms in the palace and servants to wait on her. The king gave a great feast, and all the kingdom learned that Esther had been chosen to be the queen.

Among the princes at the palace was a man named Haman. He was very proud and clever. He knew just how to please the king. Haman asked the king to have all the servants at the palace bow down to him when he passed. The king agreed to allow this to happen. Mordecai, being a Jew, would not bow down to him because he believed such honor only belonged to God.

Haman was very angry that Mordecai would not bow down to him. He wanted a way to punish him for not bowing down. He knew that Mordecai was a

Jew and decided to kill all the Jews throughout the land. He sent royal messengers to every area saying that the Jews were all to be killed on a certain day.

When Mordecai heard about this plan, he was very upset. He asked Esther to go to the king and plead for her people. He knew that Esther would not escape this terrible thing. Esther was afraid, because she was not supposed to go to the king unless he asked for her. She knew that he could choose to have her killed if he was not pleased that she had come to him.

Esther sent word to Mordecai and asked that all the Jews fast (pray instead of eat certain meals) and pray for three days. Then she would go to the king.

Three days later, when Esther went to the king, he was pleased to see her and held out his scepter to her (which meant that she was allowed to go to him.)

She invited the king and Haman to a special banquet. At the banquet, Esther told the king that there was a plan to kill all her people including herself. The king was astonished. He asked who would dare do such a thing. She revealed that it was Haman.

Now Haman was afraid! He did not know that the queen was a Jew. The king ordered that Haman be killed. After his death, Mordecai was made a man of great honor in the kingdom and the Jews were saved.

To celebrate, the Jews had a great feast. Even to this day, the Jews celebrate and call it the feast of Purim.

★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** God takes care of and protects us. He promised to keep the Israelites alive and bring a Savior for the world from that people group. Even though Haman wanted to kill them all, God heard the prayers of His people and saved them. He used Esther to lead the Israelites to safety. God wants to protect us, show His mighty hand, and He wants to use us for His good!

Follow Up:

★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.

Questions:

1. Do you think that Ester was afraid when she heard about Haman's plan?
2. Do you think Esther was afraid when she went to the king?
3. What do you think made Esther brave enough to go to the king?

4. Did you know that the word “God” does not appear once in this book of the Bible? How do we know that this is about God and how can we see God working? He saves the Israelites.

★ **Examine:**

- Ask, “What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?”
 - He protects and saves the Israelites. Even though they didn’t live at home anymore because they were being disciplined for disobedience, God loves the Israelites and loves us.
- Ask, “What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?”
 - We can pray and ask God for help. We can talk to God when we have problems.

★ **Application:** Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”

- Jesus is showing us the power of prayer. Together we can approach God and ask Him for help and He can answer prayers in amazing ways.

★ **Prayer**

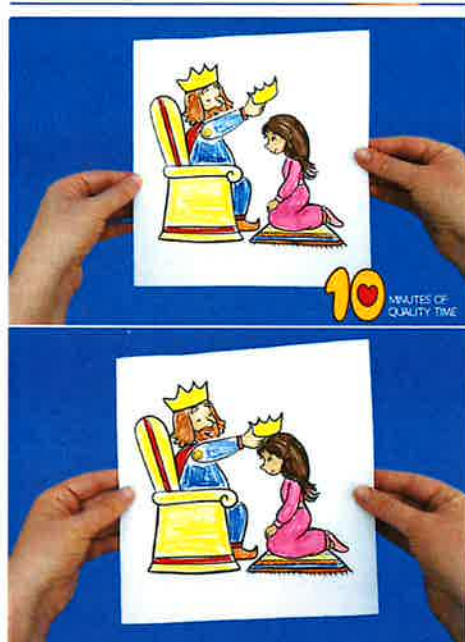
Memory Verse Practice:

- ★ **Verse:** Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Sticky Activities:

- ★ Activity pages
- ★ Coloring pages
- ★ Crafts:

- Have the kids make **crowns** and decorate – put “For such a time as this” on the crowns



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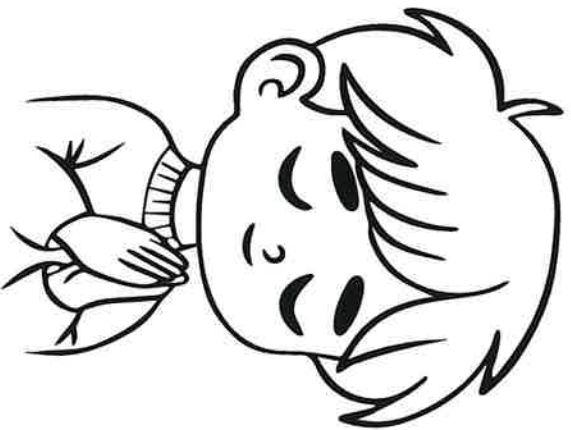
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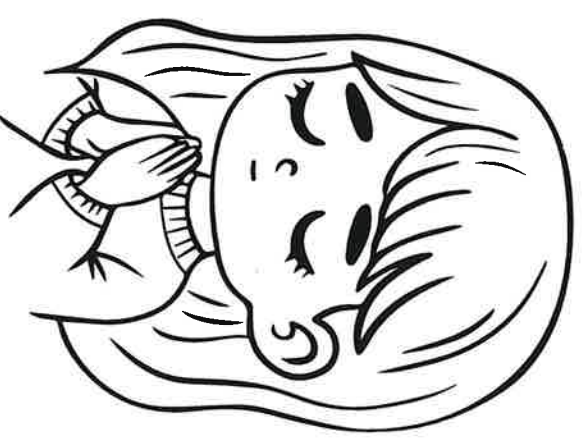
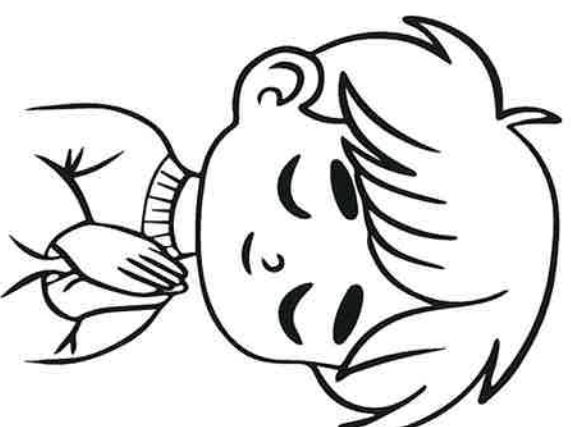
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Esther 4-7

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But it was against the law for anyone to go to the king unless he wanted to see that person. Queen Esther was afraid the king would be angry with her, so she asked all her people to pray and stop eating for three days. After three days, Esther went to see the king. The king was happy to see her!

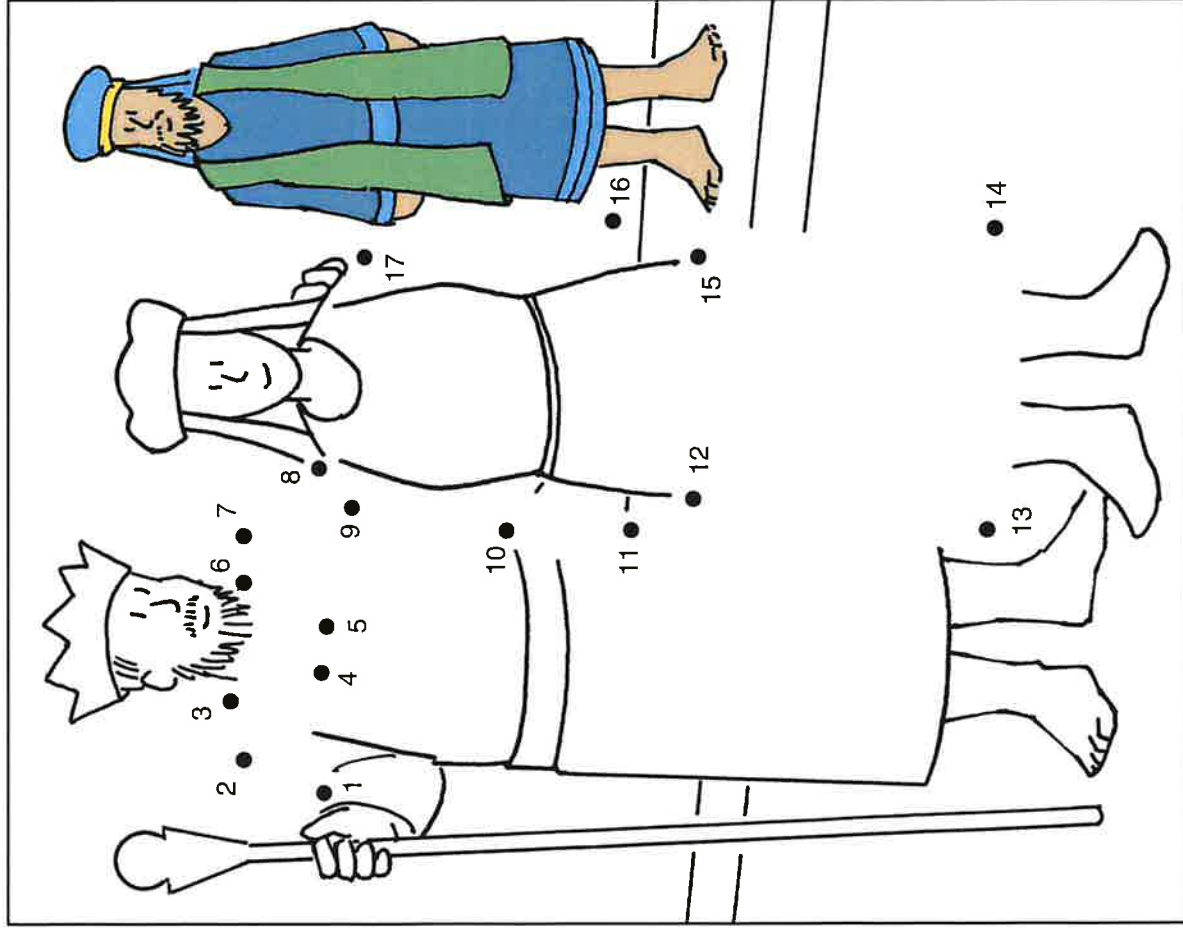
Queen Esther invited the king to a banquet. She also invited Haman. After two banquets, Esther asked the king to save her people. The king was angry. He asked, "Who wanted to hurt my queen?"

"It's Haman," Esther answered. The king let Esther write a new law to protect Jewish people. The king gave everything Haman owned to Esther, and the king had Haman put to death. The Jews were saved!

The King loved Esther.
He helped the Jews.

Connect the dots.

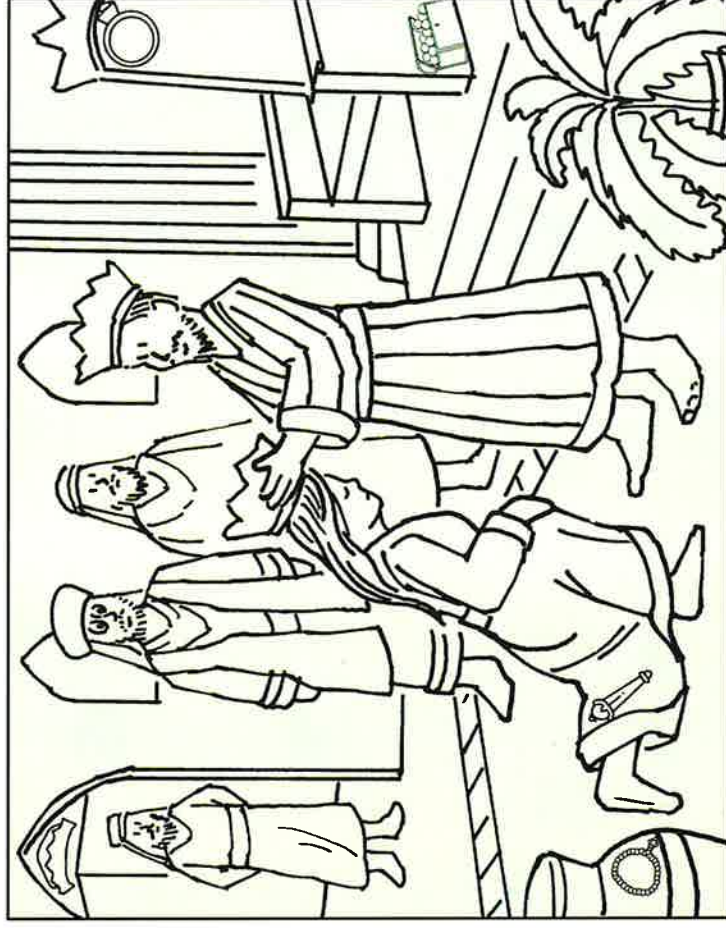
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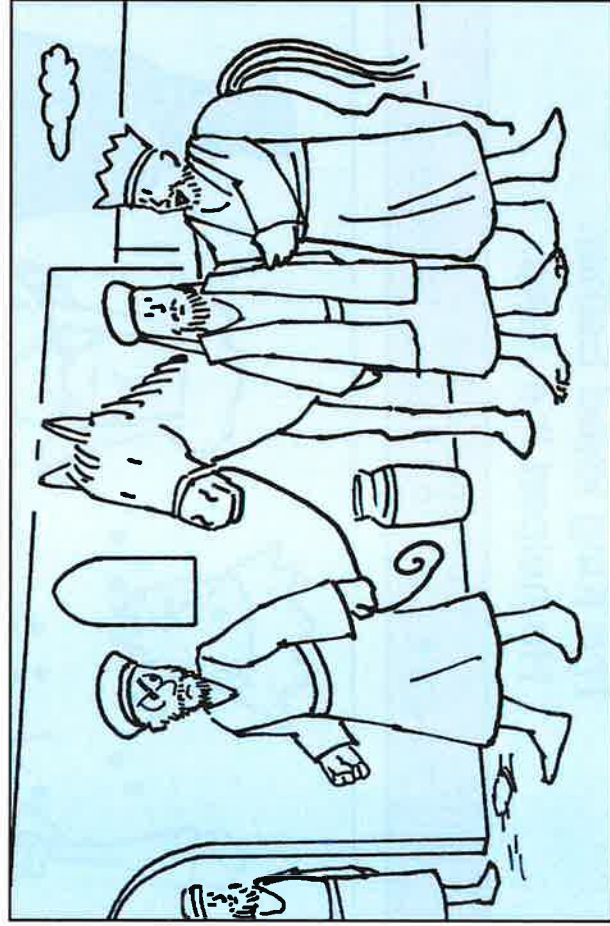
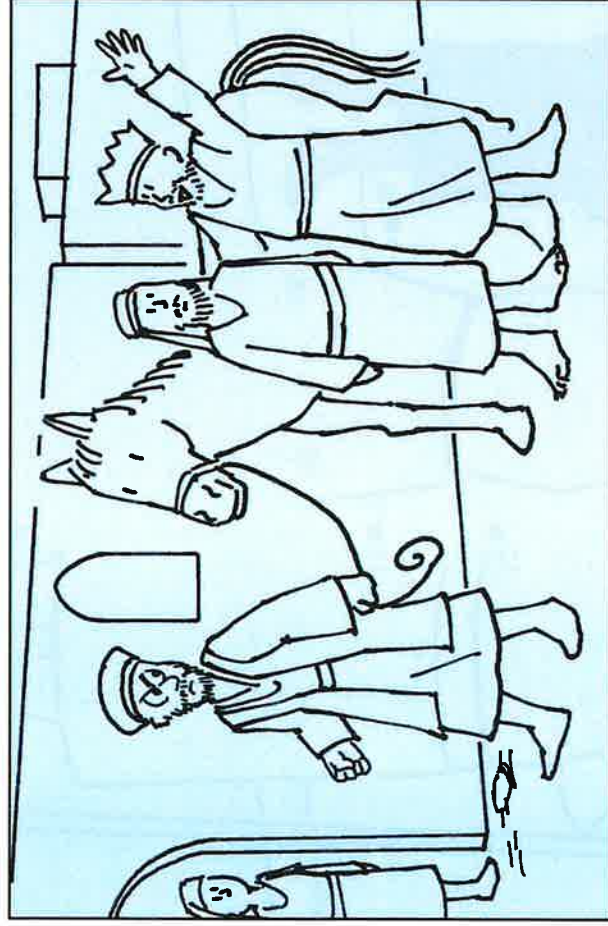
Esther, a Jewish woman,
was crowned queen of Persia.

Circle the hidden objects in the picture below.



Haman was a wicked man.
He plotted to destroy all of the Jews.

Circle 8 differences in the 2nd picture.

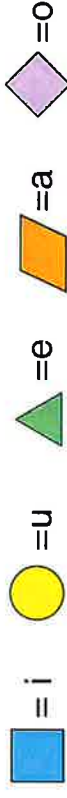


Esther did all she could to save
her people from Haman.



What did Esther do?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.



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Sh _ w _ nt t _

th _ k _ ng.

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The king said Mordecai should be honored in the streets. What was proclaimed about Mordecai?

Use the code to fill in the blanks.



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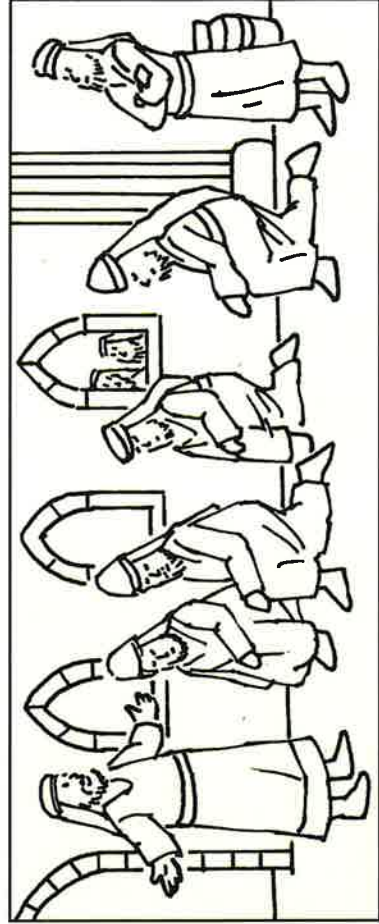
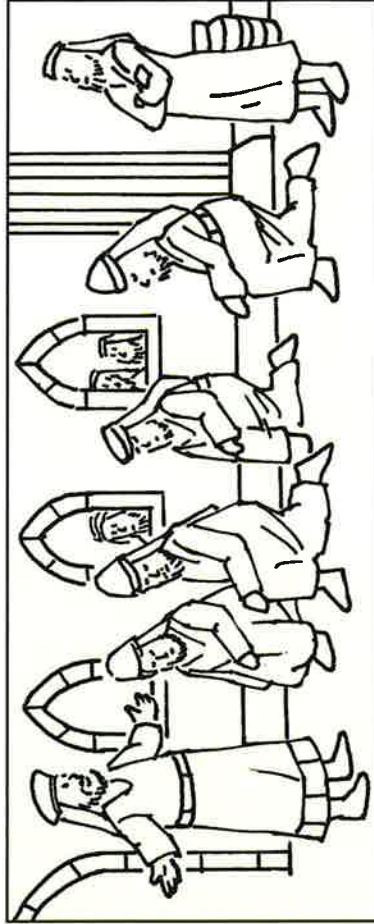
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King Xerxes honored Haman.

All the royal officials knelt down and paid honor to him.
But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor.

Find 12 differences between these 2 pictures.



What happened next?

Fit the words in the box on the blanks and read the story.
Match each picture with its description.

pay	king	horse	notice	enraged
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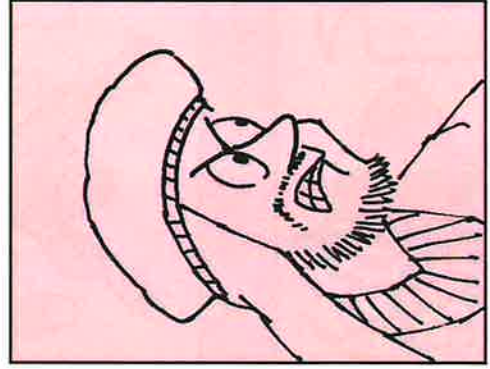
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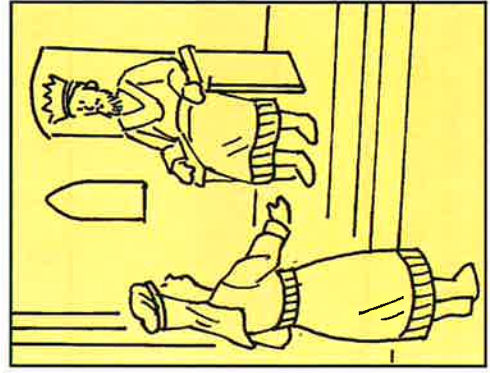
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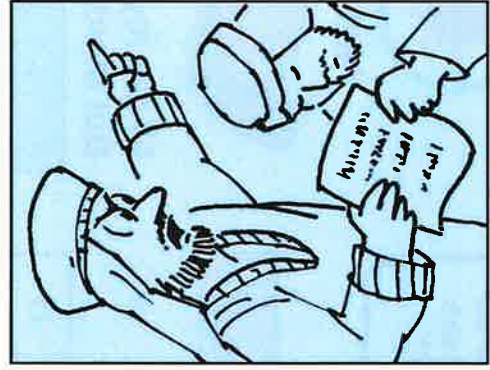
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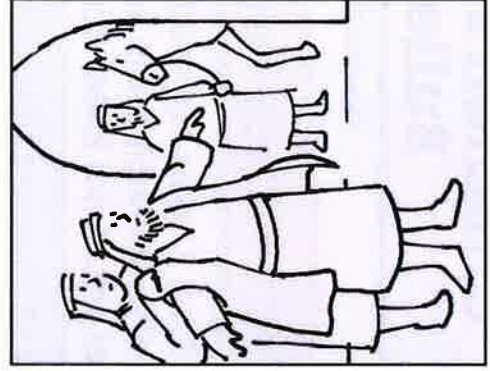
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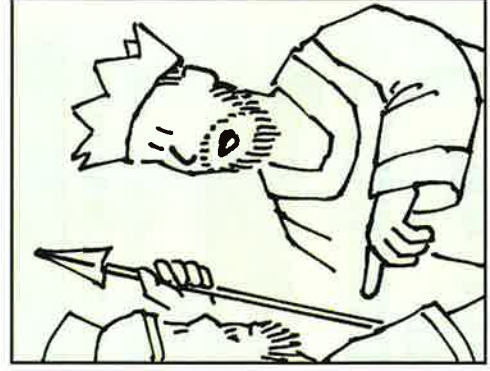
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- When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down and pay him honor, he was enraged. He wanted to punish Mordecai and his people.
- Haman sent out a notice to everyone to kill Mordecai and his people.

- Queen Esther and Mordecai were relatives. When she heard of this trouble, she went to the king for help.
- The king remembered that Mordecai had helped him in the past and decided to help and honor Mordecai.
- Mordecai's people were not hurt and Mordecai was dressed in royal robes and given a horse to honor him.



#1



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#5



#4

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he book of Esther tells about Esther, Mordecai, King Xerxes and Haman.

Xerxes was the _____ of Persia. His queen, Esther,

was a _____ f _____,

y _____

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she was a _____.

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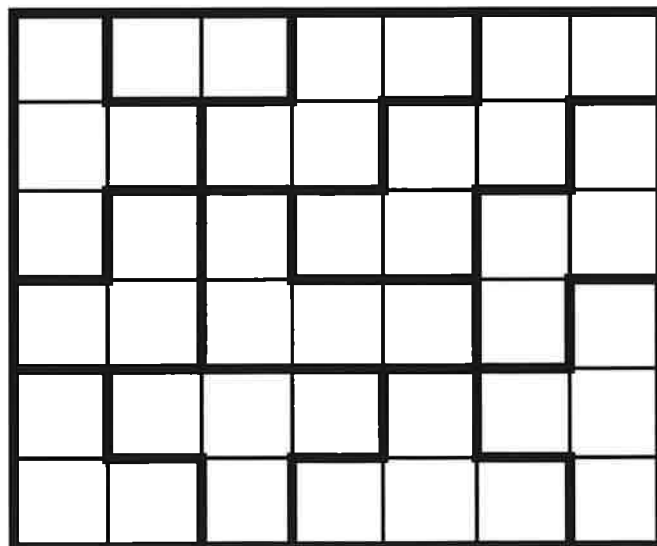
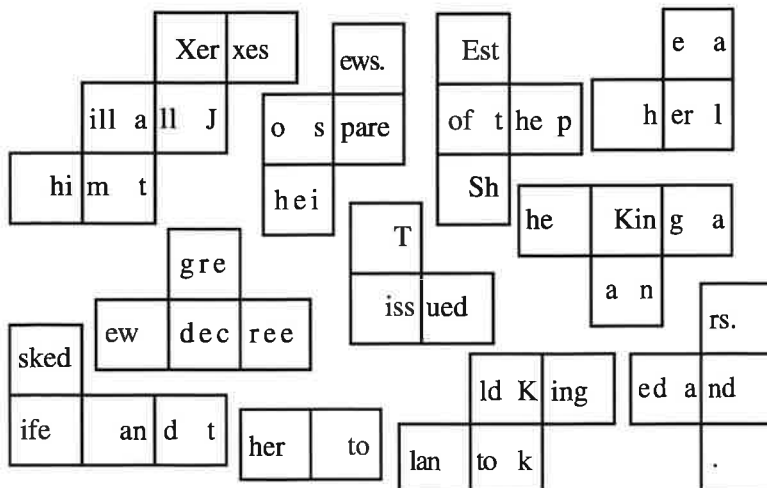
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Fit the blocks in the correct spaces.



Name _____

ESTHER'S STORY

Old Testament Lesson #153

Xerxes (ZURK-zes) was a Persian king who ruled over a vast area. His queen was Esther, a lovely young Jewish woman, who had been raised by her cousin Mordecai (MOR-de-ki). Mordecai told her not to tell anyone she was a Jew, and she obeyed him.

A man named Haman (HAY-man) had such an important position under King Xerxes that everyone was ordered to kneel and honor him. But the Jewish religion forbade Mordecai to honor any human above God. Thus, Mordecai did not obey this command. Haman was so angry at Mordecai's refusal to bow that he devised a plan to kill, not only Mordecai, but all the Jews. He even built a gallows for Mordecai's hanging and persuaded the king to sign a law that would appoint a day when all the Jews would be killed.

When Mordecai heard of this plot, he asked Queen Esther to approach the king on behalf of her people. She sent word to him explaining that she couldn't approach the king without being summoned or she might be killed. Mordecai sent back a message warning Esther that if she remained silent, the Jews would be delivered by another source, and she would surely perish then. Esther agreed to see the king, but only after the Jews fasted and prayed for her.

At a dinner with both Haman and the king, Esther asked the king if he would grant her life and spare her people because "I and my people have been sold for destruction and slaughter." The king was shocked that his wife was in danger and asked who would do such a thing. Esther said Haman was the enemy.

The king was furious, and he sentenced Haman to death. Afterward, at Esther's request, he made a law that allowed Jews to defend themselves. The king also appointed Mordecai second in command of the kingdom.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Like Daniel and his three friends, Mordecai would not worship idols or humans. He only worshiped the God of Israel.
- This account is the basis for the Jewish holiday, "Purim."
- An edict of the Medes and Persians, once issued, could not be changed. Because of this, Esther requested a new law so that the Jews could at least protect themselves. This, in effect, nullified the first edict.

Esther's Story

- I. Esther was married to King Xerxes.
 - A. She was a Jewess who had been raised by her cousin Mordecai.
 - B. She didn't tell the king she was Jewish.
- II. Haman had an important position under the king.
 - A. Everyone was to kneel and honor him.
 - B. Mordecai was Jewish and refused to kneel.
 - C. Haman was so angry he planned to kill Mordecai and all the Jews.
 - D. He got the king to sign a law that set a day for all Jews to be killed.
- III. Mordecai asked Esther to intercede with the king.
 - A. Esther said she had to wait for the king to summon her.
 - B. Mordecai said Esther could be killed if she kept silent.
 - C. Esther asked for prayers and fasting from the Jewish people before she would discuss this with the king.
- IV. Esther approached the king in the presence of Haman.
 - A. She told the king about the law that would kill her people and asked him to spare her life and theirs.
 - B. The king wondered who would have thought of such a law. Esther replied, "Haman."
 - C. The king spared Esther and the Jewish people, but had Haman killed.
 - D. Mordecai was given a new position.

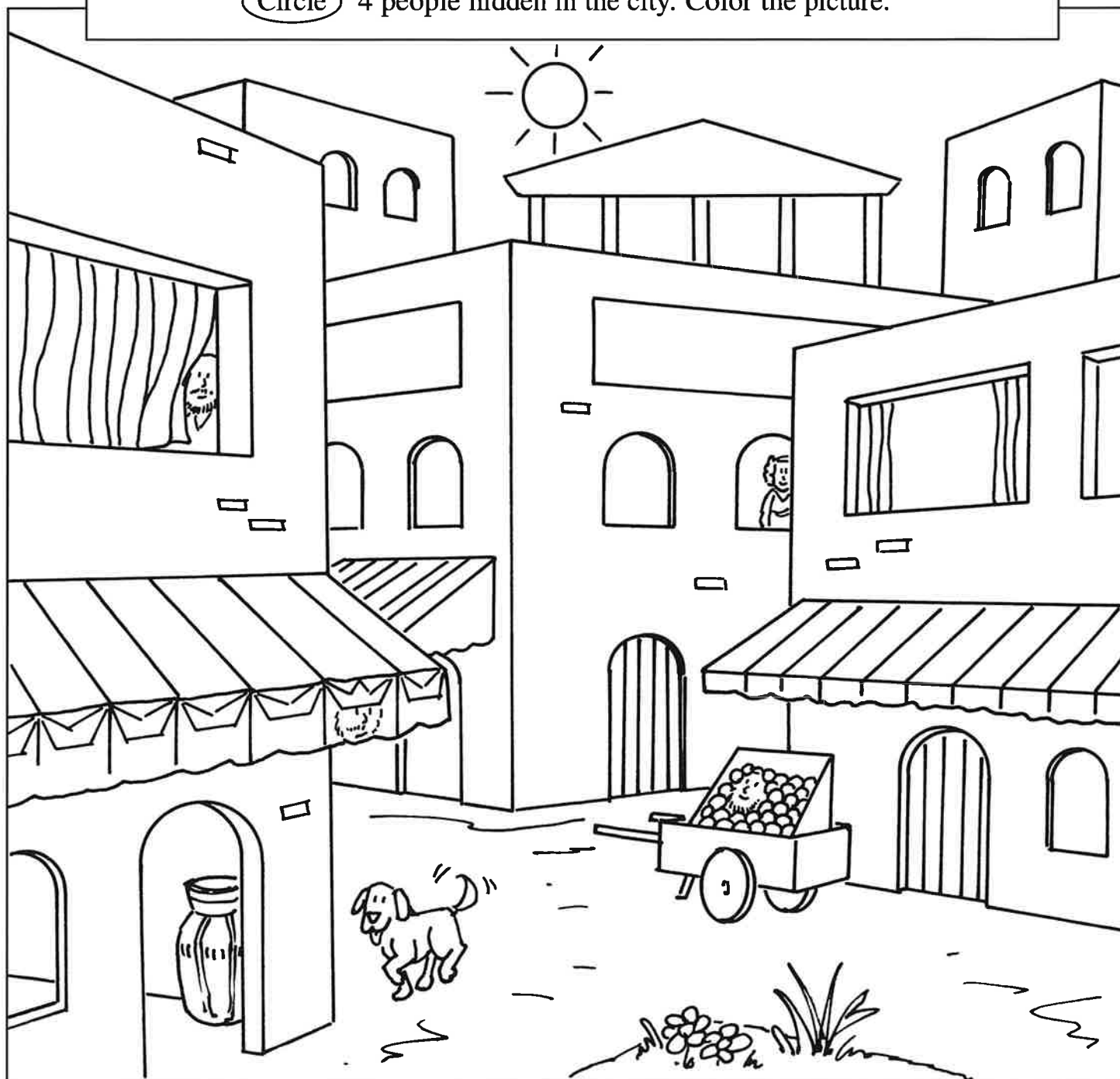
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Circle 4 people hidden in the city. Color the picture.



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Old Testament Lesson #153

Esther and the King

Coded Words

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
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13 15 18 4 5 3 1 9

2 1 14 17 21 5 20

Even though she was afraid, what did Esther do?

She 20 18 21 19 20 5 4 God.

Word Search for Esther and the King

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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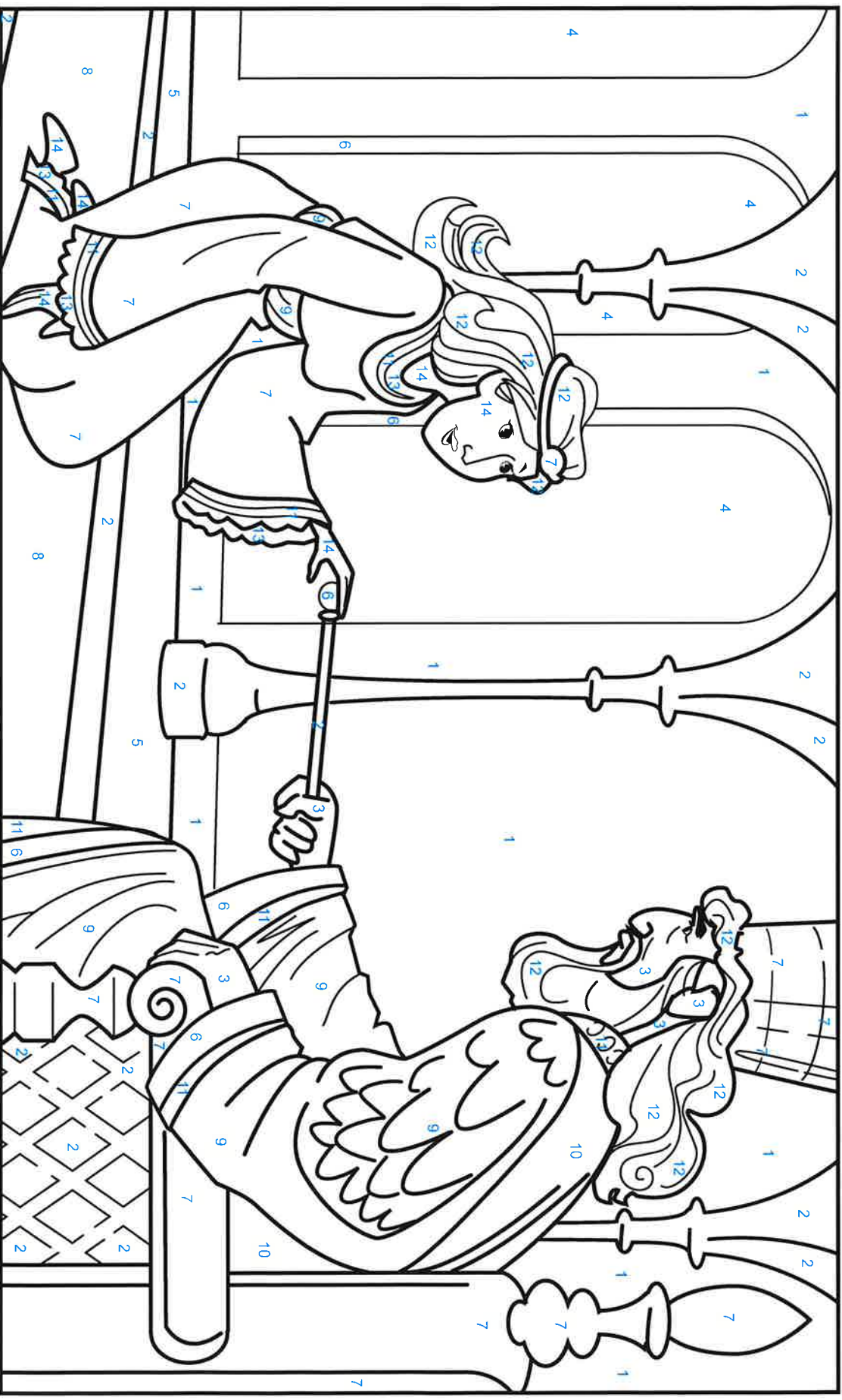
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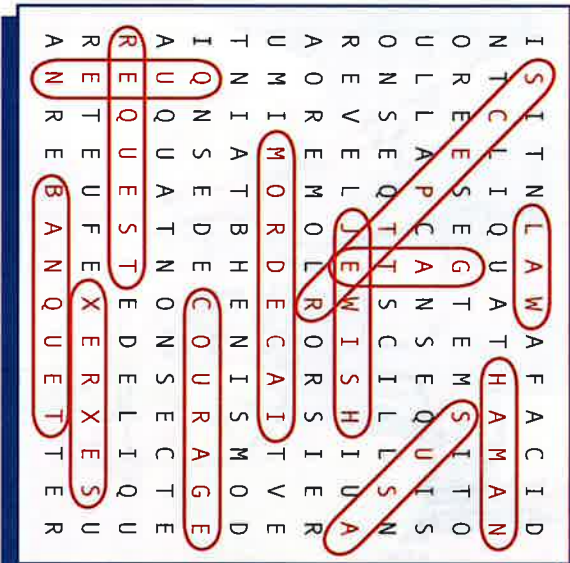
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10. Dark Green 11. Orange 12. Brown 13. Pink 14. Light Skin

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