

Class: 3-4 yr olds

Date: Summer 2010

Lesson #8, Section 8

Text: Esther 1&2

Teacher: Khandra Faulkner

Memory Verse: Prov 30:5-6

Supplies: laminated story book

Intro to class:

Songs-Attendance Charts-Bringing Bible to Class

Story of Lesson:

Review:

Map on the back- The Jews were living in Babylon. Because they had disobeyed the Lord, God had allowed them to be brought as captives in the land of Babylon. The Babylonian Empire was taken over by the Medes and the Persians. The great land of Persia was ruled by king Ahasuerus.

Card EC 1-1

King Ahasuerus had a big supper or a big long party. He asked his wife Queen Vashti to join him at the party and she refused. This made the King very mad, so he decided to choose another queen.

EC 1-2

The King's men went to find women that the King might want to make his new wife. One of the woman's name was Esther. Esther was a beautiful young Jewish girl. She had to leave her home and her cousin Mordecai. Mordecai told her not to tell anyone that she was Jewish

EC 1-4

Esther went to live in the palace with other young ladies who were also chosen as maybe being the next Queen. They spent a long time preparing themselves to be even more beautiful for the King when he asked to see them.

EC1-5

Later, Esther went before the King and he liked her very much, so he wanted her to be the next Queen. He placed the royal crown upon her head and now she was queen of Persian with King Ahasuerus

Activity-Lap book with folded cover

Wednesday night:

Review story, have children raise hands and answer questions.

Show laminated story book and read story again. Have children color their books and put books together in class. Either staples or pipe cleaners to put books together.

Coloring page if needed.

Memory work.

Concept development

Faith – Knowing the importance of commitment

Lesson

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Body:

The King's Feast

King Ahasuerus had a feast for his princes, nobles and his servants

To show the riches of his glorious Kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty

The feast lasted 180 days

Maybe a different province each day

He made a second feast that lasted for 7 days for all that were present in the palace at Shushan

The drinking was according to Law

None were compelled to drink but each man made his own decision

No women

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He did not protect the modesty of his wife

He put Vashti in a position of going against the customs of the Persians or disobeying his orders

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Bad example to other women

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What did the King ask her to do?

Something sinful or just against the custom

How did she refuse to obey the King?

Because of wisdom and modesty

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Esther chosen as Queen

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Find Abeka flash cards

have coloring page

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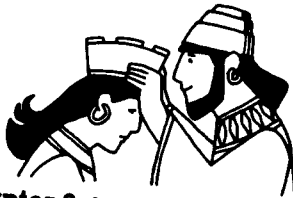
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...and the king wanted Queen Vashti to be part of a great celebration.

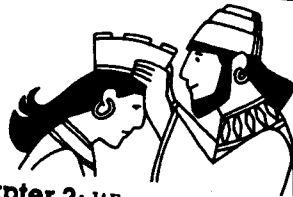
...and she was punished. She was sent away from the palace.



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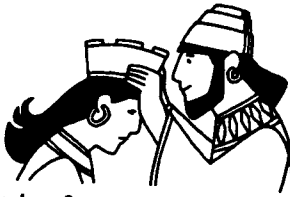
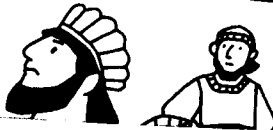
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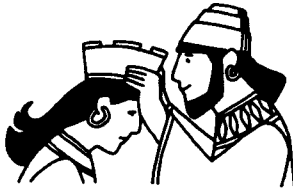
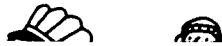
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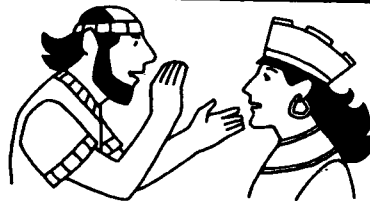
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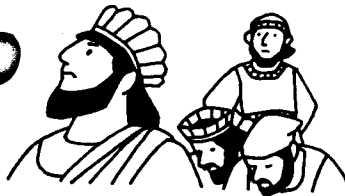
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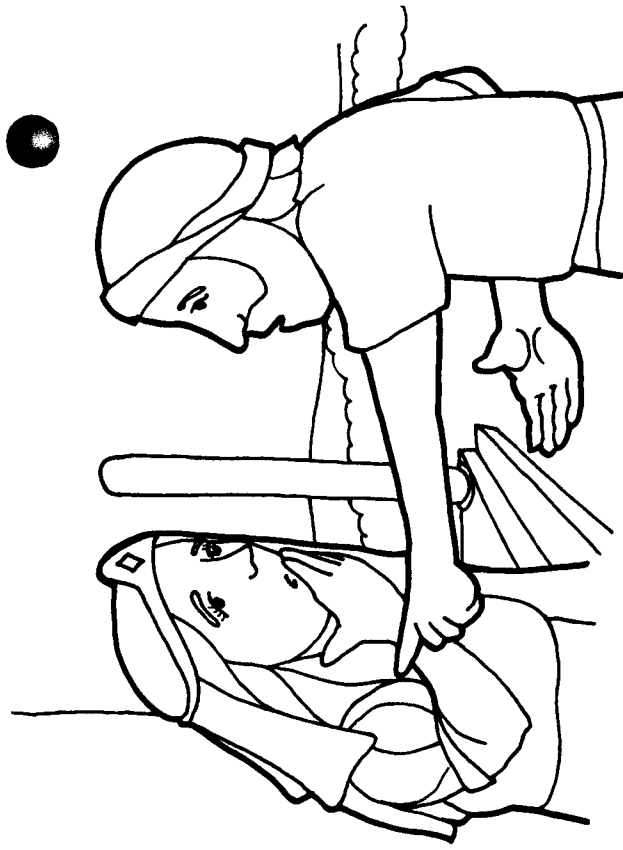


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Brave Queen Esther



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Haman and the king planned to kill the Jewish people.
Mordecai told his cousin, Queen Esther, about the plot.

1



The king didn't know that Esther was Jewish.
If she asked him for help, he might kill her.

2



But Esther wanted to help her people.
She prayed about what to do.

3



Esther fasted and prayed and then told the king about the plot to kill the Jews.

4



God used Queen Esther to save many lives.

6



The king admired Esther's bravery and stopped the plot against the Jewish people.

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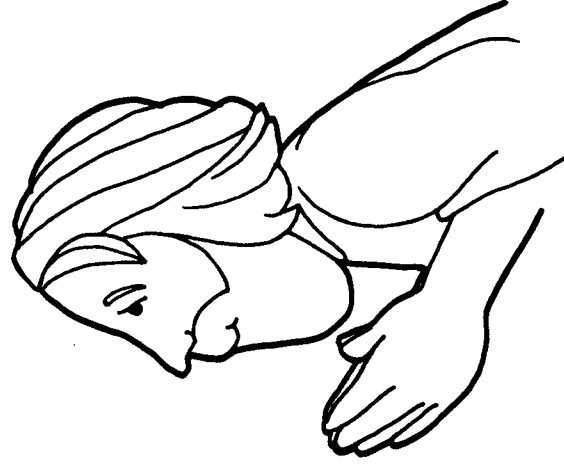
Have you ever done anything that was brave?

**Find this story in your Bible.
Esther 4, 5**

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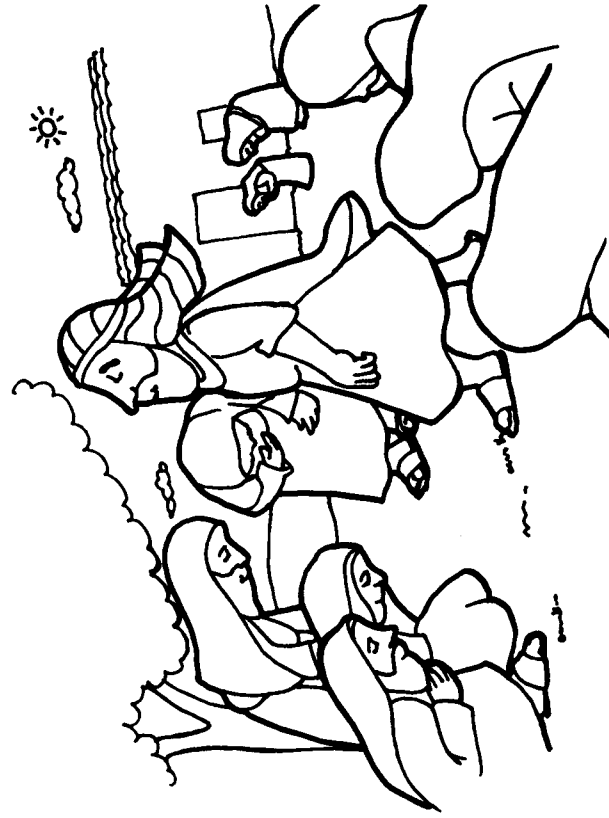
Taking a Stand for God

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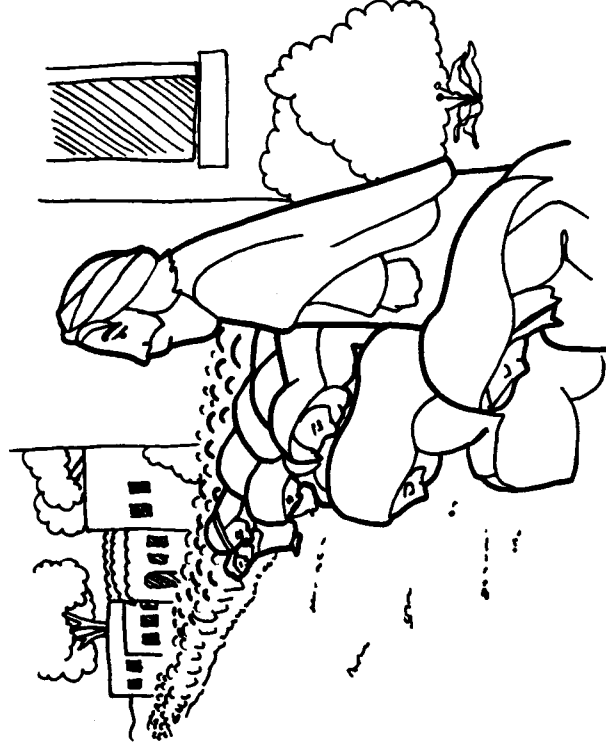
Mordecai was a good man who knew
that he should worship only God.

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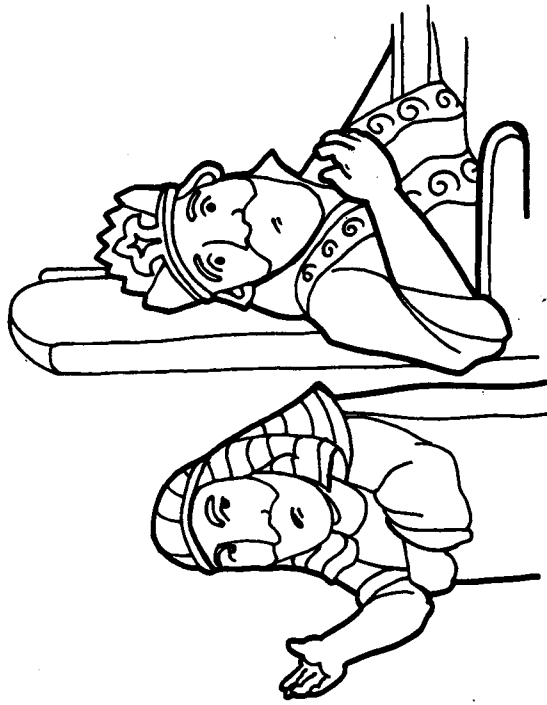
The Persian king made a law that everyone
should bow to Haman, one of his officials.

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But Mordecai would not bow. Haman was shocked
and very angry. He plotted to hurt Mordecai.

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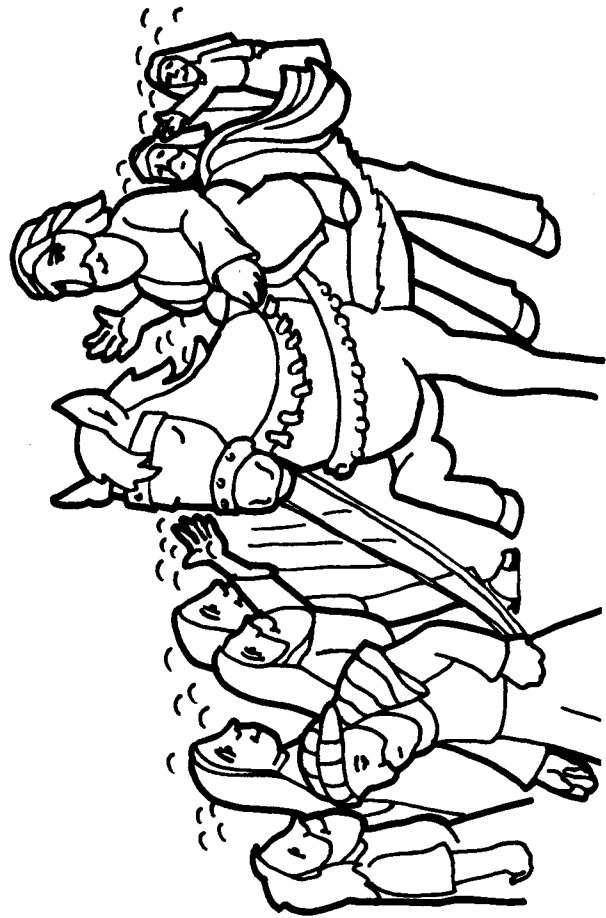
Haman went to the king to ask that Mordecai be hanged.

4



Before Haman could speak, the king said he wanted to honor Mordecai. He had just found out that Mordecai had saved his life and had never been rewarded for it.

5



The king made Haman lead Mordecai around the city on the king's own horse.

6

Why wouldn't Mordecai bow to Haman?

Find this story in your Bible.

Esther 3:1

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