

ESTHER SAVES HER PEOPLE

A story of courage and God's salvation



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “Esther saves her people: A story of courage and God’s salvation”. This is the retelling of the story of Esther. It summarises how God preserved the Jews from destruction through the courage and faith of Esther. While explaining this story to your students, it is important to emphasize the following:

- God is always with you, so, you can be bold and strong (Joshua 1:9).
- Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young. Don’t look down on yourself too. Be bold and courageous (1 Timothy 4:12).
- When you are afraid, you can trust in God to keep you calm and give you courage (Psalm 56: 3).
- The bible encourages us to speak for people who can’t speak for themselves. For example, those who are weak or bullied (Isaiah 1:17)

The bible reference for this story is Esther 2: 5 -10; 3:1-15; 4:1,10-16; 5:1-4; 7:1 -10; 9:14-16, 26-28.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This section has the retelling of the story of Esther. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the story of Esther using the questions in these cards.

Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards has a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the story of Esther in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity.

They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week.

You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle
Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.
7. Maze
Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.
8. Word search
Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.
9. Word scramble
Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the word list.
10. Learn and colour
Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators. You know your child/children best; so, feel free to use language that is right for the age group you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

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You can use this resource to:

- ❖ *Discuss the story of Esther and how she saved her people from destruction from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

This resource was designed for parents, Sunday School teachers, Kids club teachers, Christian educators, evangelists, missionaries, etc.

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A long time ago, in the Persian Empire, there was a young Jewish woman named Esther. She lived with her older cousin Mordecai, who raised her after her parents died.

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The king of Persia, King Xerxes, needed a new queen, so he chose Esther, even though she was not from the royal family.

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Before Esther became queen, Mordecai told her not to tell anyone that she was a Jew. But soon, a wicked man named Haman, who was a powerful advisor to the king, became angry with Mordecai.

This was because Mordecai refused to bow down to him.

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Haman decided not only to punish Mordecai but also to destroy all the Jews in the Persian empire.



When Mordecai learned of Haman's evil plan, he sent a message to Esther, urging her to speak to the king.

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But there was a problem – if anyone went to see the king without being invited, they could be put to death. But if the king held out his golden scepter to the person, they would not be put to death.

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Esther was afraid to meet with the king. She had not been invited for thirty days. Mordecai reminded her that perhaps she had become queen “for such a time as this”.

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Esther agreed to help.
She fasted and prayed for
three days, asking God for
courage to speak with the king
on behalf of the Jews.

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She then bravely went to the king,
and he welcomed her.
She invited the king and Haman to
a banquet, where she revealed
Haman's evil plan.

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The king was angry and ordered Haman to be punished.

The king allowed the Jews to defend themselves, and they were victorious.

God used Esther's courage to save the Jewish people.

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To remember this great deliverance, the Jewish people celebrate the feast of Purim. Esther became a hero for her people by trusting in God and having courage.

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Esther was bold and she had courage to speak to the king on behalf of the Jews. God gave her courage.

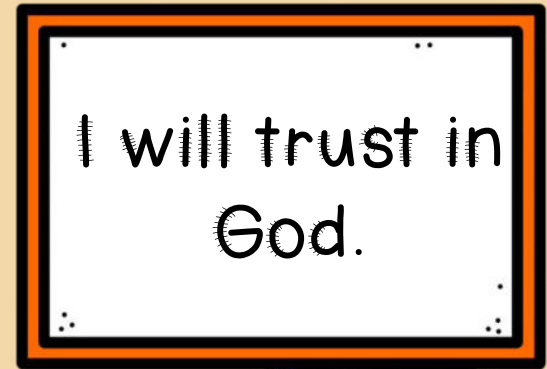


God heard the
prayer of Esther.
When we pray,
God hears and
answers us.



God gives victory to those who trust in Him.

There is nothing too difficult for God to do for us when we trust in Him.



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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will be happy to help as much as we can.

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What is the name of Esther's older cousin?

Why did Mordecai raise and take care of Esther?

What secret did Mordecai ask Esther to keep before she became a queen?

Why was Haman angry with Mordecai?

What was Haman's evil plan against the Jews?

What would happen to anyone who went to see the king without being invited?

Why was Esther initially afraid to see the king?

What did Esther do to overcome her fears?

How did the Jews remember their deliverance from destruction?

1

Esther ...



2

The king of Persia...



3

But Haman ...



4

When Mordecai ...



5

Then Esther...



6

Esther invited...



STORY STARTERS

How would you feel if you were asked to speak with the Leader of your country?

1

What does it mean to have courage?

2

Give examples of how you can speak for people who cannot speak for themselves?

3

What can you do when you feel afraid?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE

"Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!

Esther 4 : 16

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I CAN PRAY

Dear God, thank You because You hear me when I pray. Help me to trust You, to be bold and have courage in Jesus' name. Amen.

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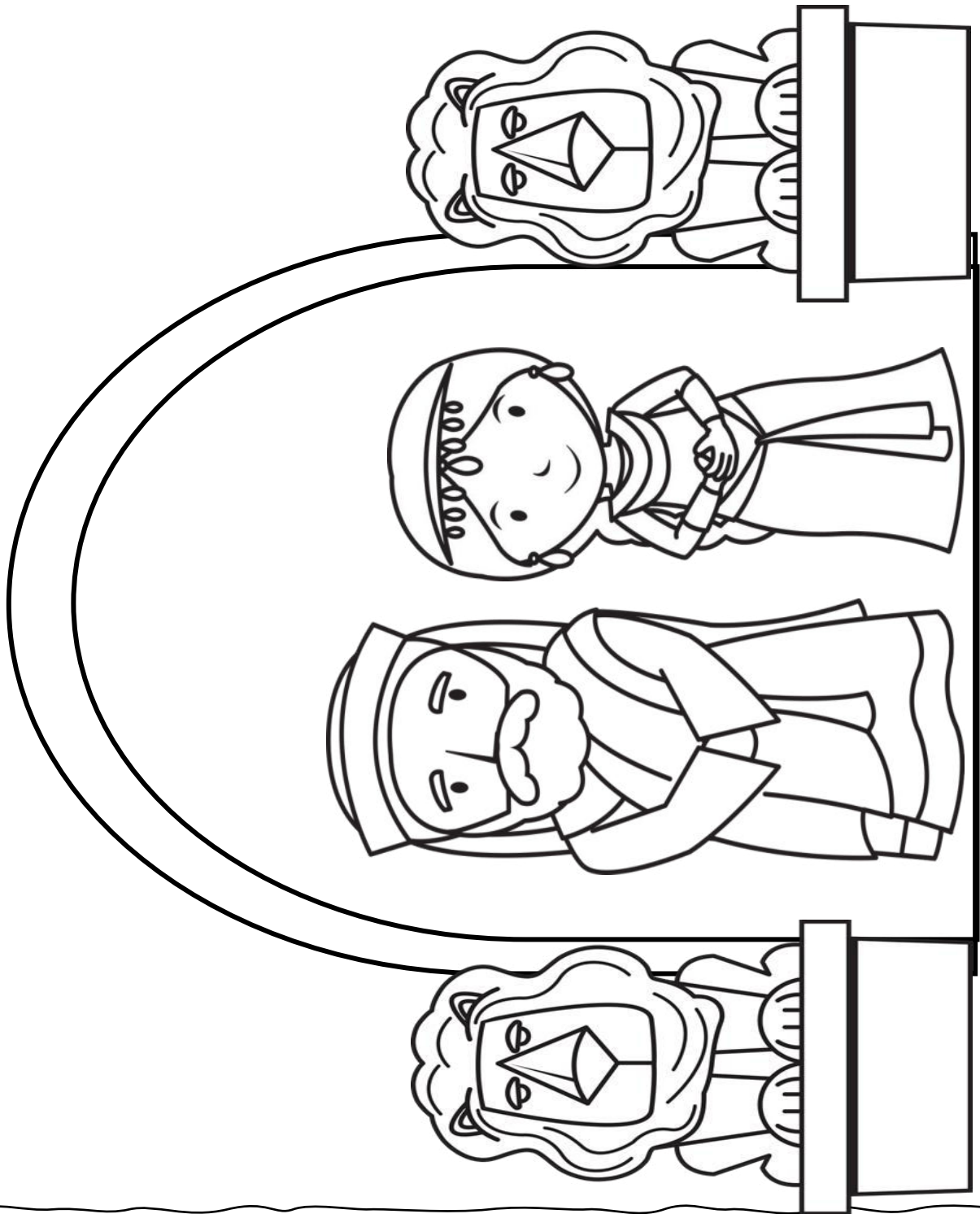


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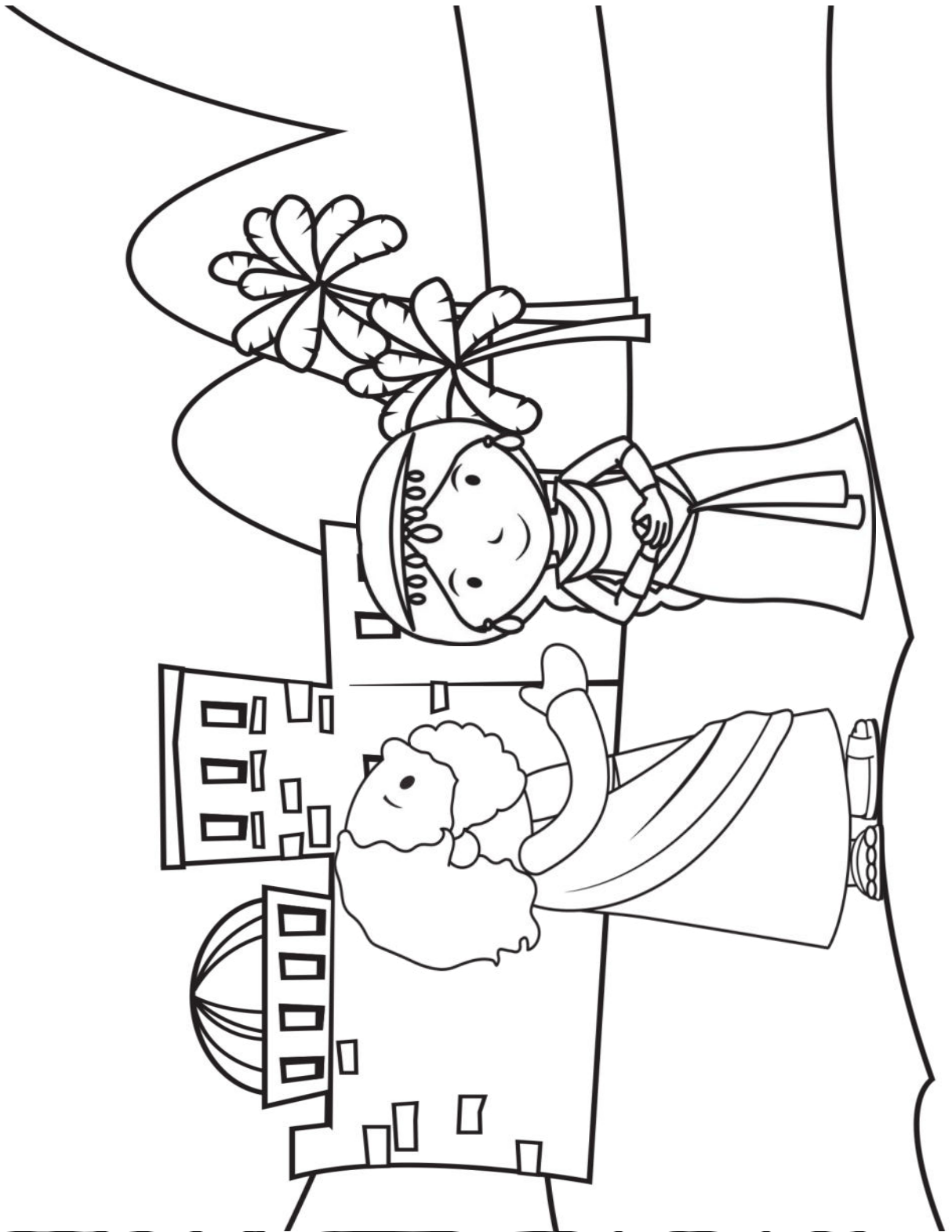
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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

q	o	m	m	z	n	v	b	e	v	s	d
d	p	a	o	o	j	k	k	u	i	b	o
v	x	u	M	d	n	x	e	q	c	n	z
l	p	j	o	b	g	t	a	e	q	a	o
t	y	y	r	e	z	n	l	p	i	i	t
m	a	x	d	c	g	e	i	f	p	s	e
c	x	s	e	e	b	a	b	k	l	r	u
m	p	n	c	r	f	u	r	t	n	e	q
y	j	s	a	q	a	l	k	u	e	P	n
u	w	t	i	x	n	e	d	l	o	g	a
z	e	c	p	s	d	f	e	k	f	c	b
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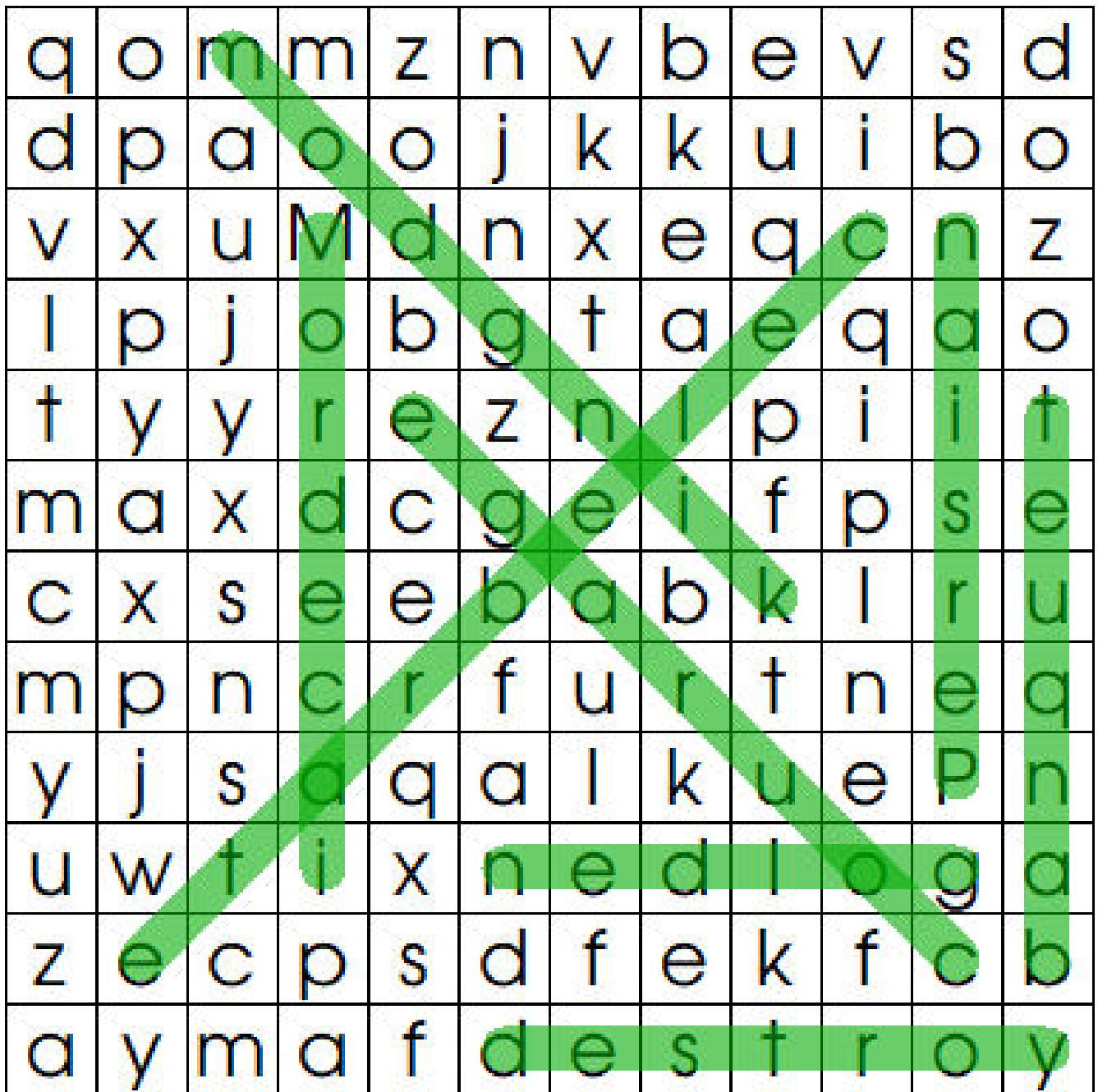
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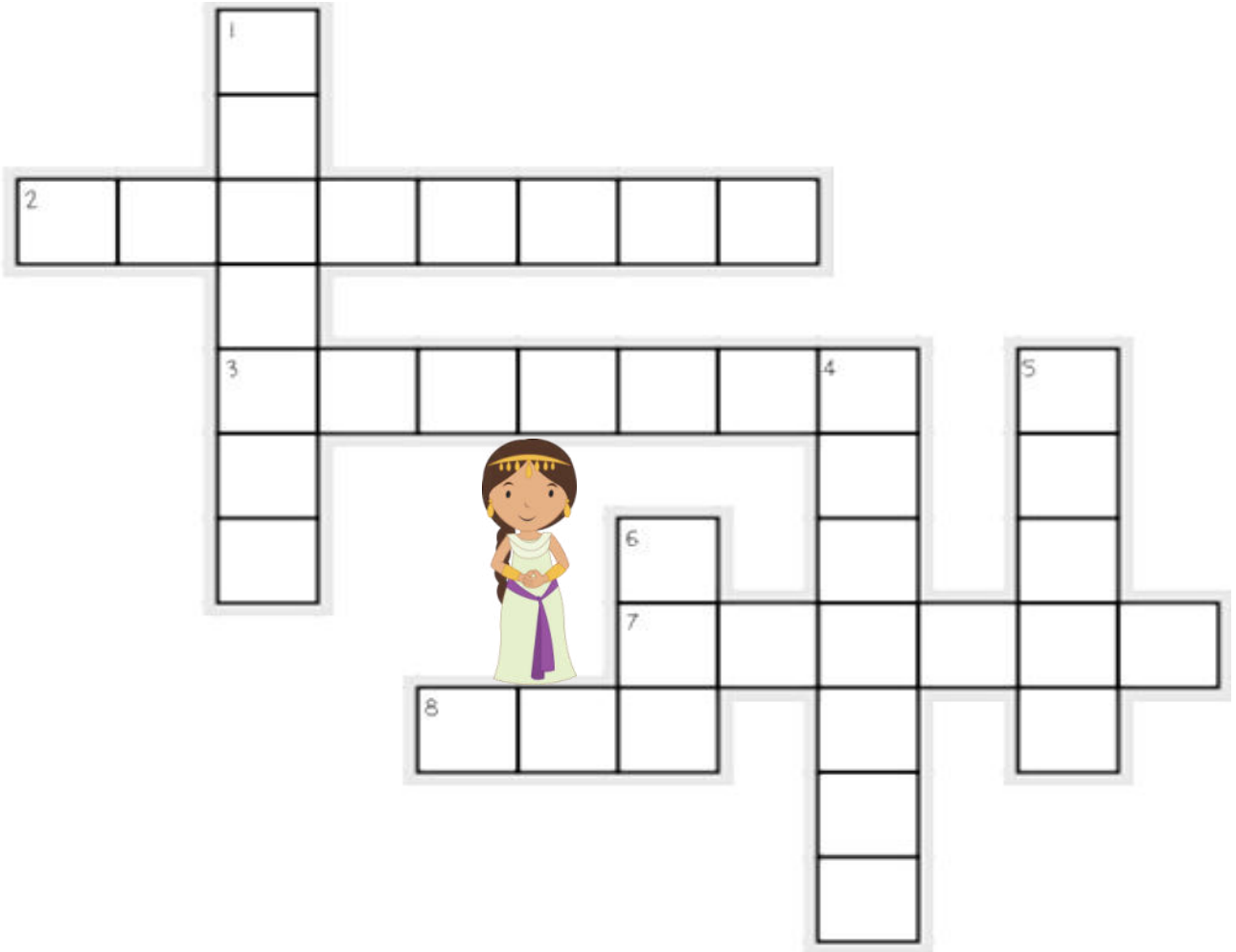
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

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- 3. If someone went to see the king without being, they could be put to death (7)
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Down

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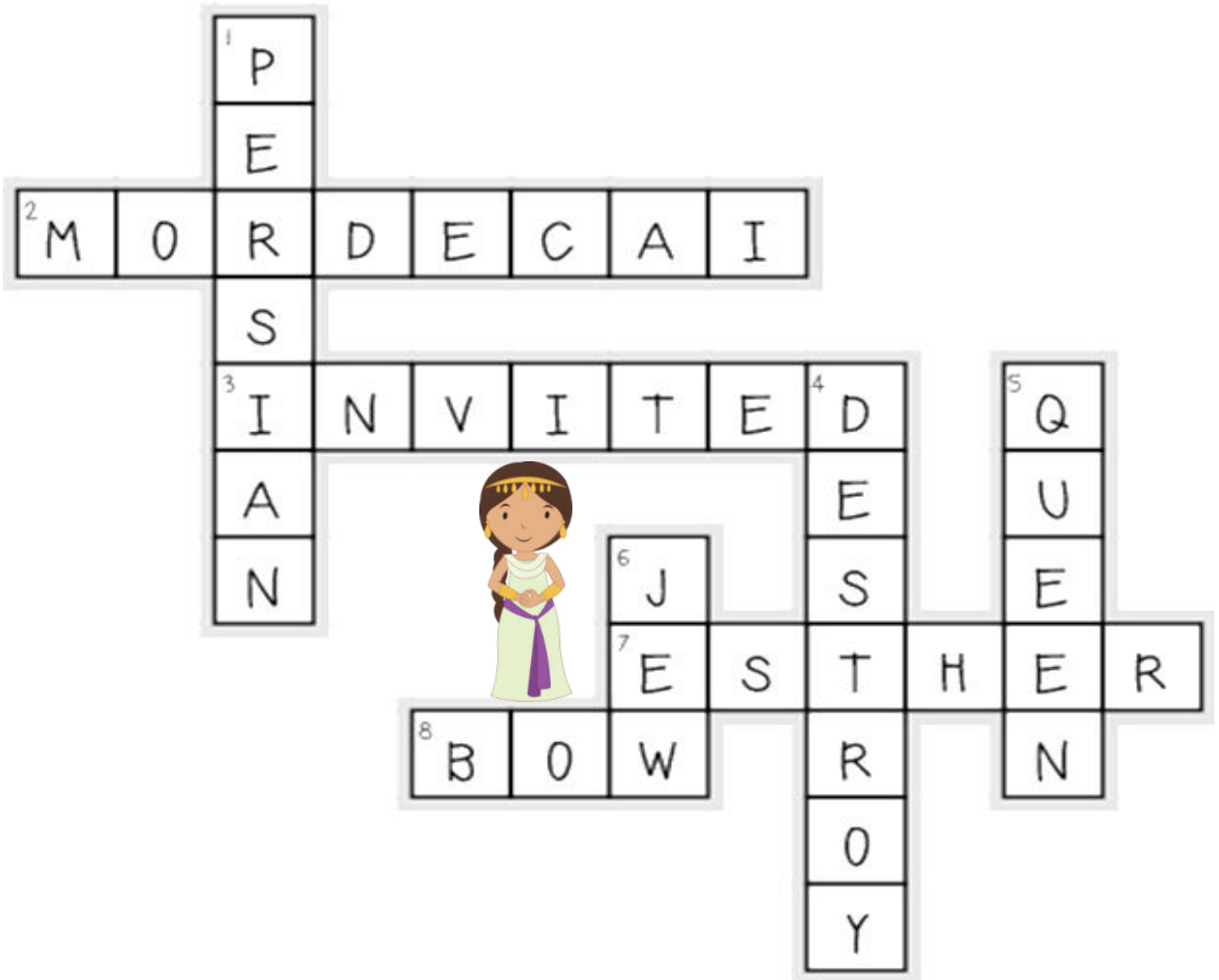


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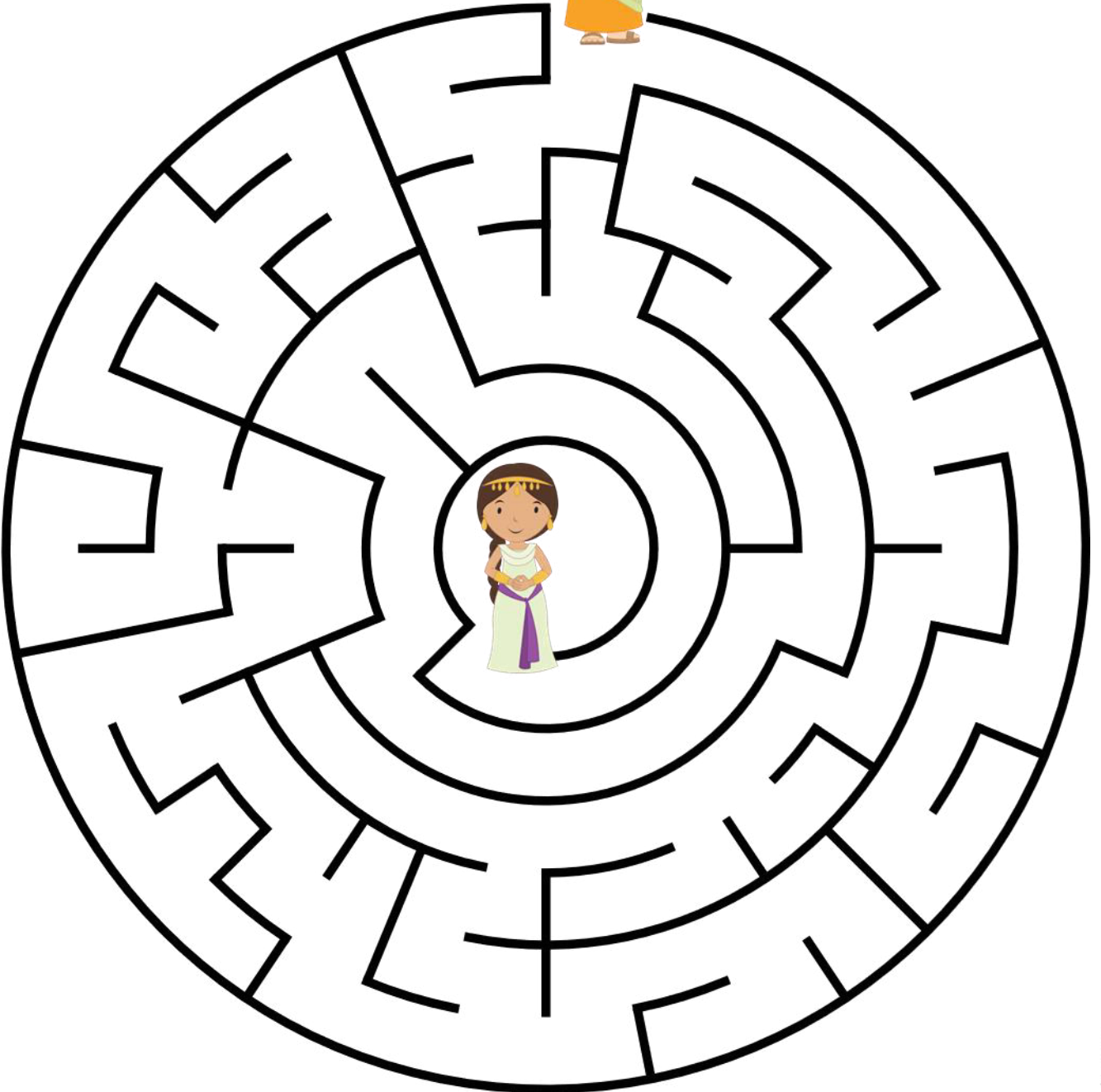
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Puzzle sheet

Quickly, help Mordecai get to Queen Esther. He has an urgent message for her.

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

ORYLA

EUENQ

IUHSNP

MNHAA

PDRYEA

RMIEPE

FETAS

CRETEPS

Word list

Feast
Haman
Royal
Punish



Scepter
Queen
Prayed
Empire