

#63 – PreK-2nd: The Brave Queen, Part 1; 3rd and up: Queen Esther, Part 1

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Dear Families:

Bible Text: Esther 2:5-23; 3:1-15 Abridged

(Ahasuerus, (Xerxes I) a Persian (Modern Day Iran) king, needed a wife. The king's servants gathered many women from the kingdom from whom he could choose.) Now there was a Jew in the citadel of Susa whose name was Mordecai. . .Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his cousin, for she had neither father nor mother; the girl was fair and beautiful, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai adopted her as his own daughter. So when the king's order and his edict were proclaimed. . .Esther was taken into the palace. . .*Esther did not reveal her people or kindred, for Mordecai had charged her not to tell.* . .Every day Mordecai would walk around the front of the court. . .to learn how Esther was and how she fared. . .(After the preparation to be presented to the king). . .of all the women, she won his favor and devotion, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen. . .Then the king planned a great banquet, Esther's banquet. . .When the women were being gathered together, Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate. . .two of the guards became angry and conspired to assassinate King Ahasuerus. . .Mordecai told Queen Esther and Esther told the king. Both men were (dealt with).

After these things the king promoted (a man named) Haman over the officials who were with him. All the servants who were at the king's gate bowed down to Haman. But Mordecai did not bow down (because Jews followed the 10 commandments that said not to bow down to anyone but God). . .Haman was infuriated. . .and thinking it was beneath him to lay hands on Mordecai, found out who his people were. Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews. . .Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and separated among peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people. They do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasuries." . . .(The king sent out a decree to all his kingdom, to destroy and annihilate all Jews.)

Bible Verse:

**The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.**

Activities:

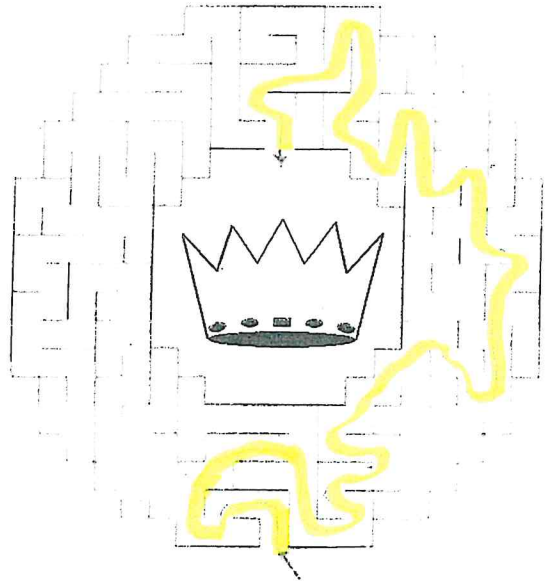
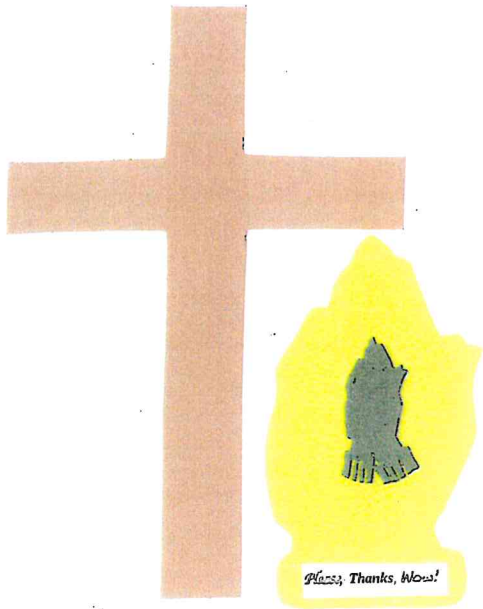
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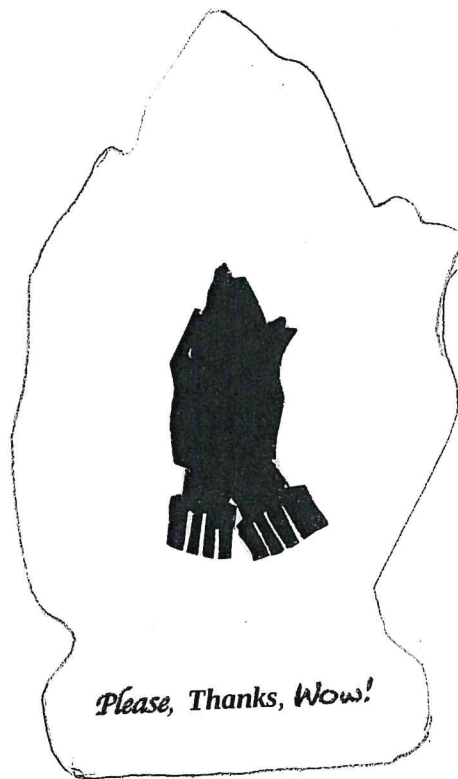
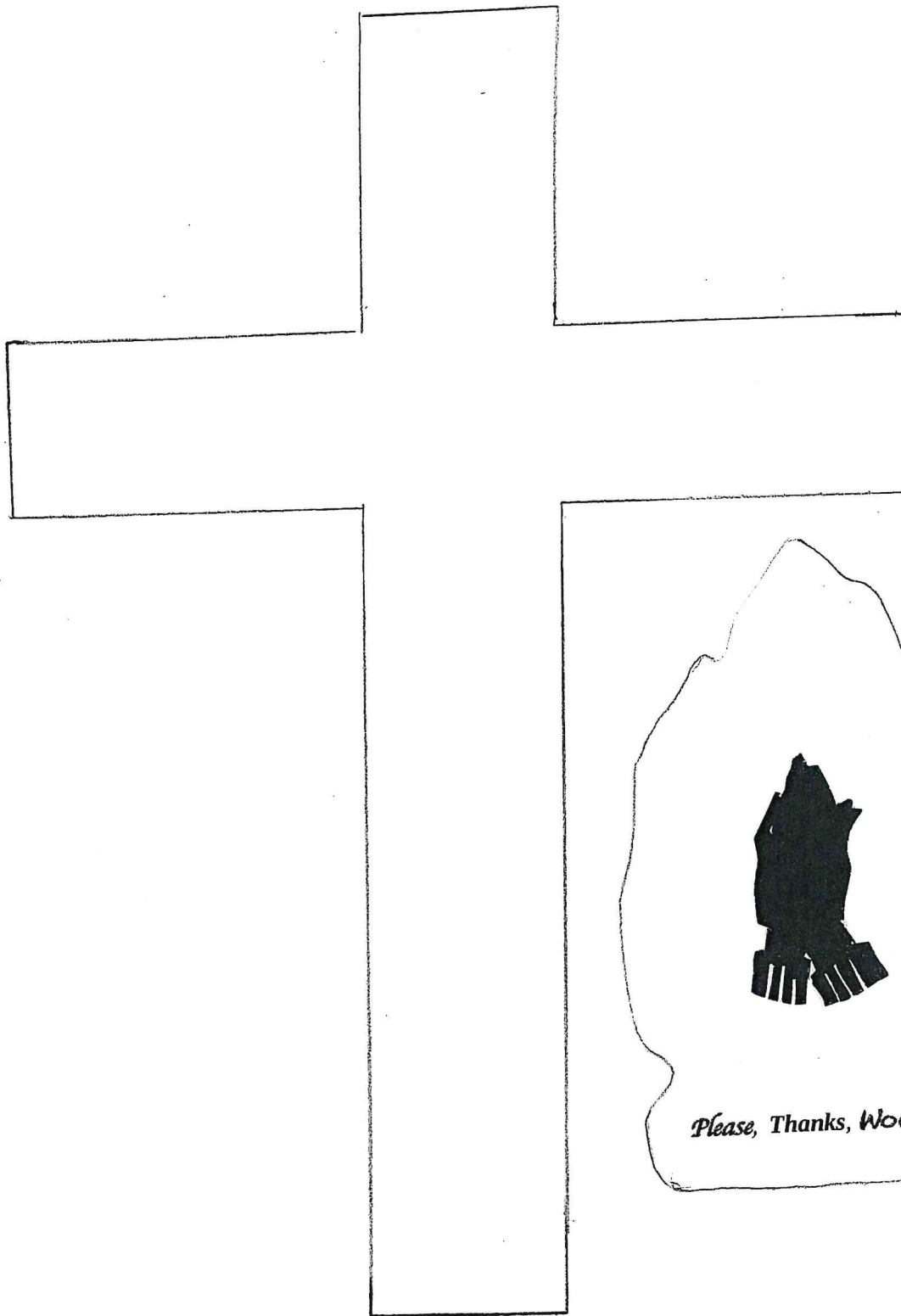
Adapted from Joshua 1:9b

*Prayer Helper-Have children color and use the 3 words as prayer starters. *Verse page *Make a crown activity-Use the crown outline to color (with a gold or silver crayon?) then either cut out paper "jewels" or buy pretend jewels at a hobby store and glue on. *Coloring/Labeling page

3rd and Up:

*Prayer Helper Hand-Have child start with the thumb and use the words on the fingers to start a line of their own prayer. *Verse card game-Cut out each card and have child place them in the correct order. *Maze page *Coloring/Labeling page





Verse page for PreK-2nd

∞ Write the Bible Phrase ∞

Write the Bible phrase below.

---The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.---

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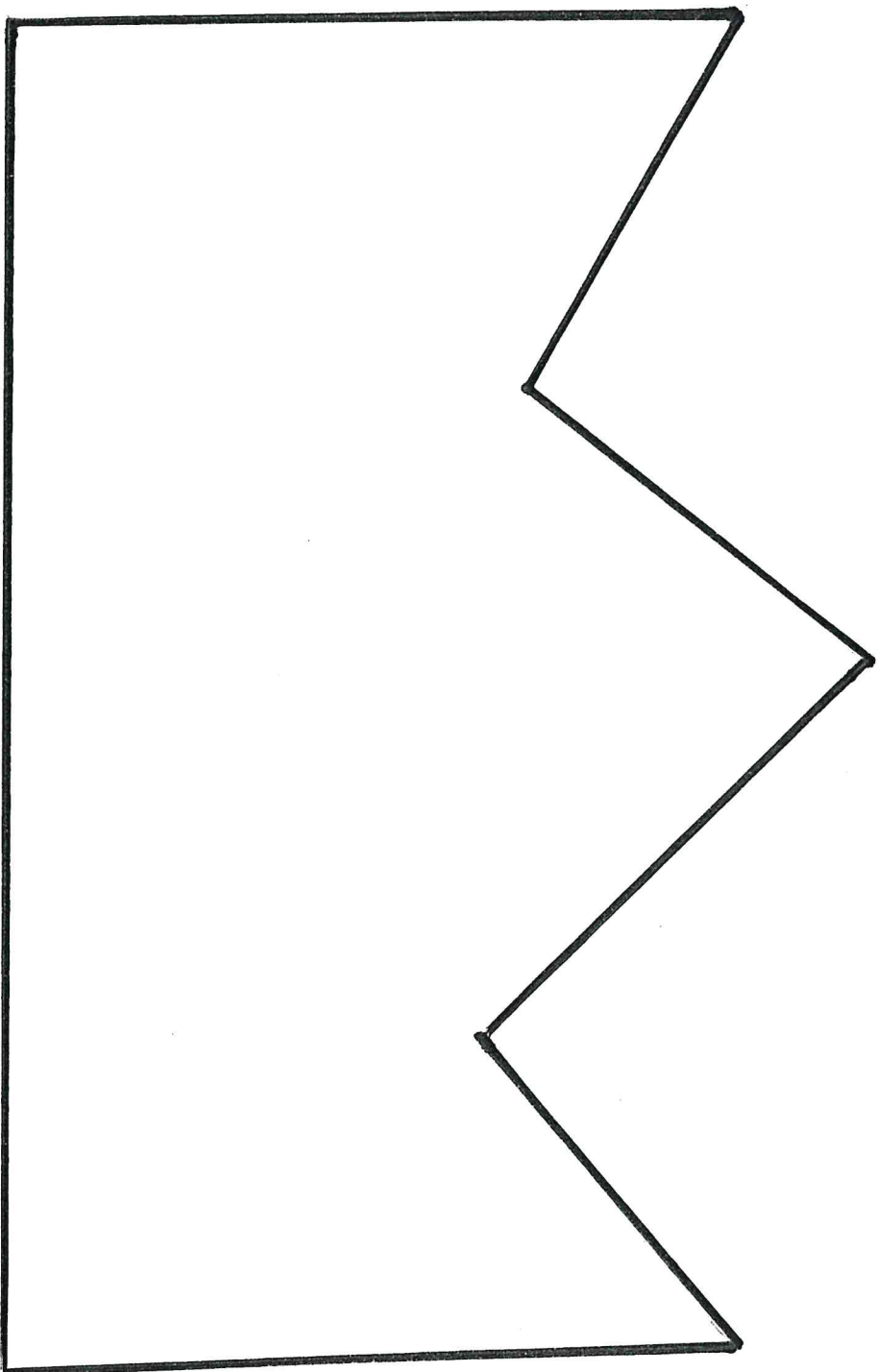
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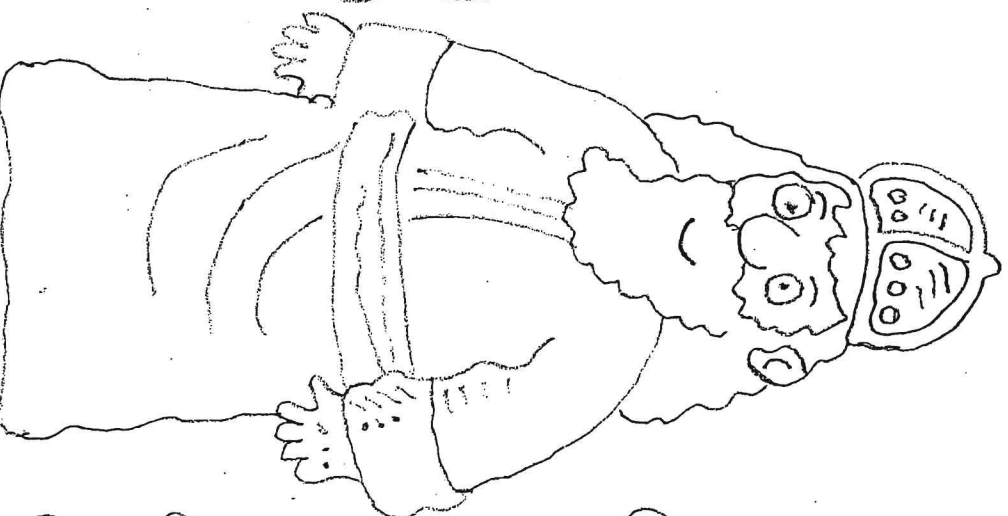
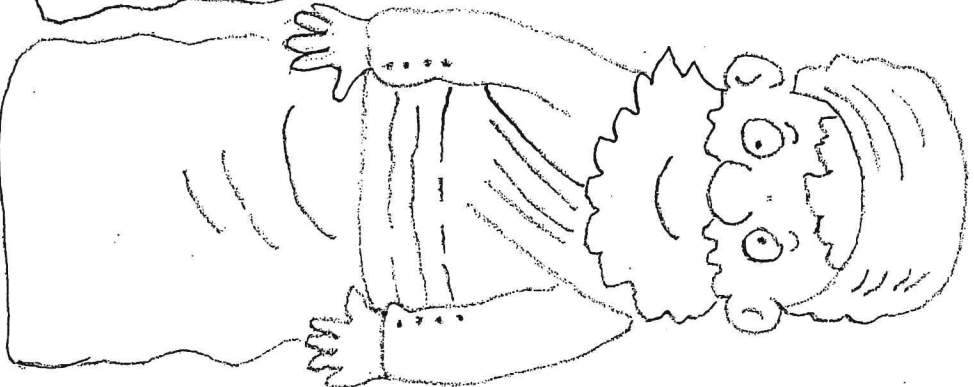
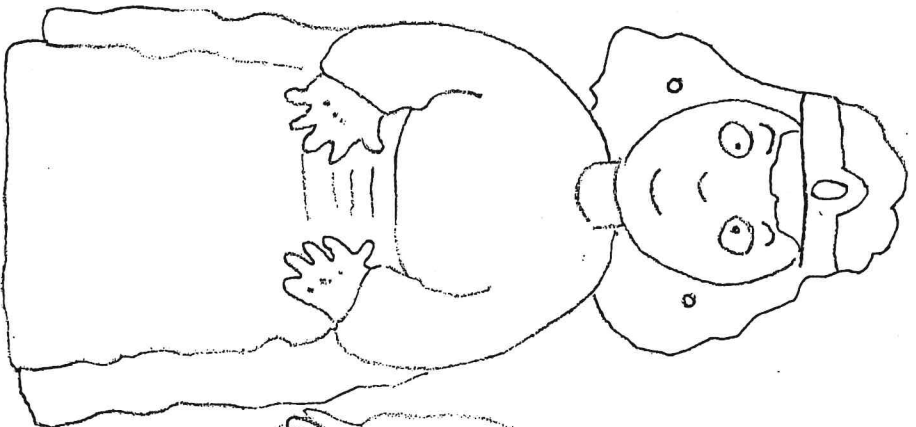
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Crown Pattern



Character Coloring/Labeling Page – Have children color the pictures of the main characters in the Queen Esther story. Then have them write the names of the characters under the pictures. If they wish, have them cut out the labeled pictures and tell the family the story.



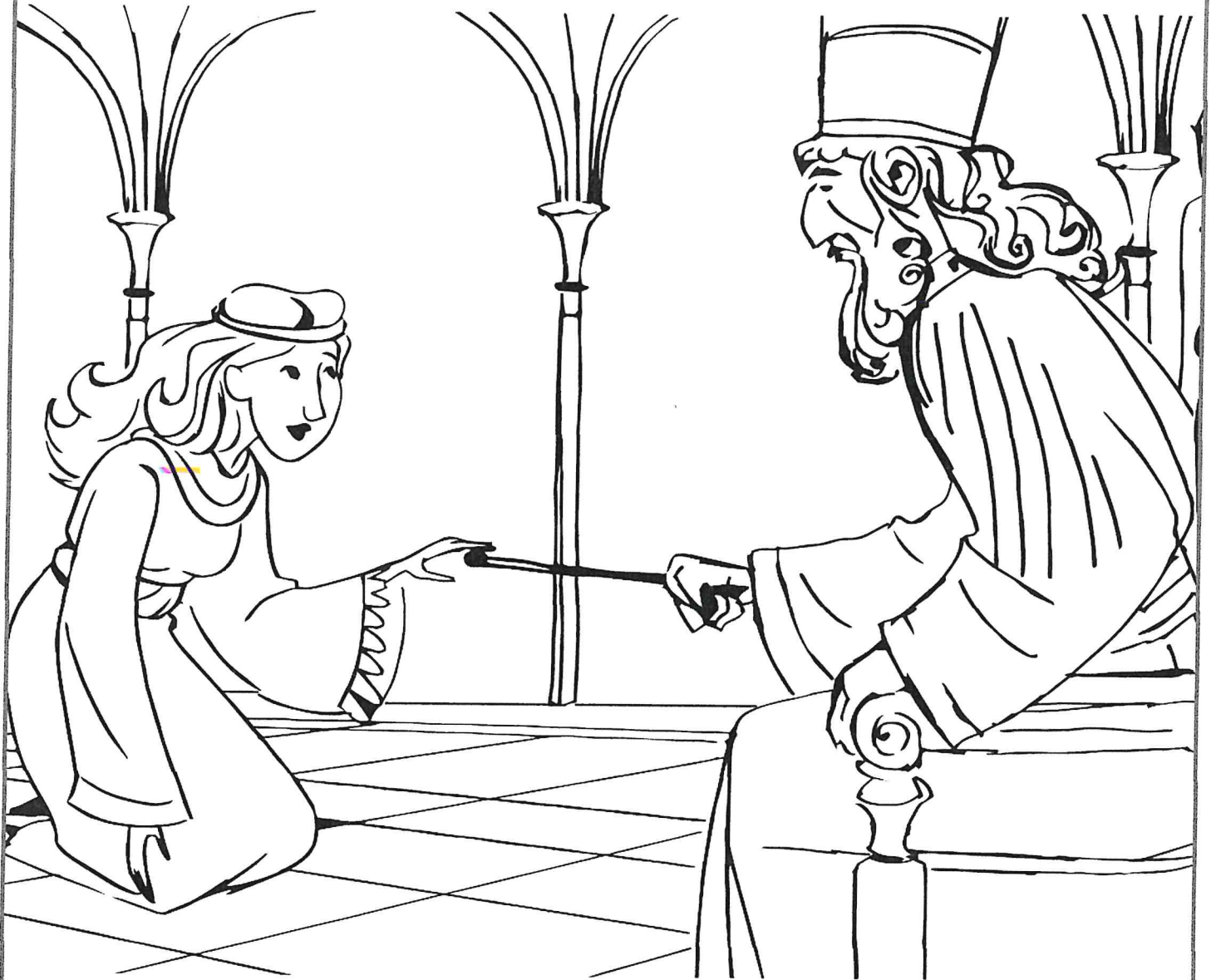
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Mordecai

Esther

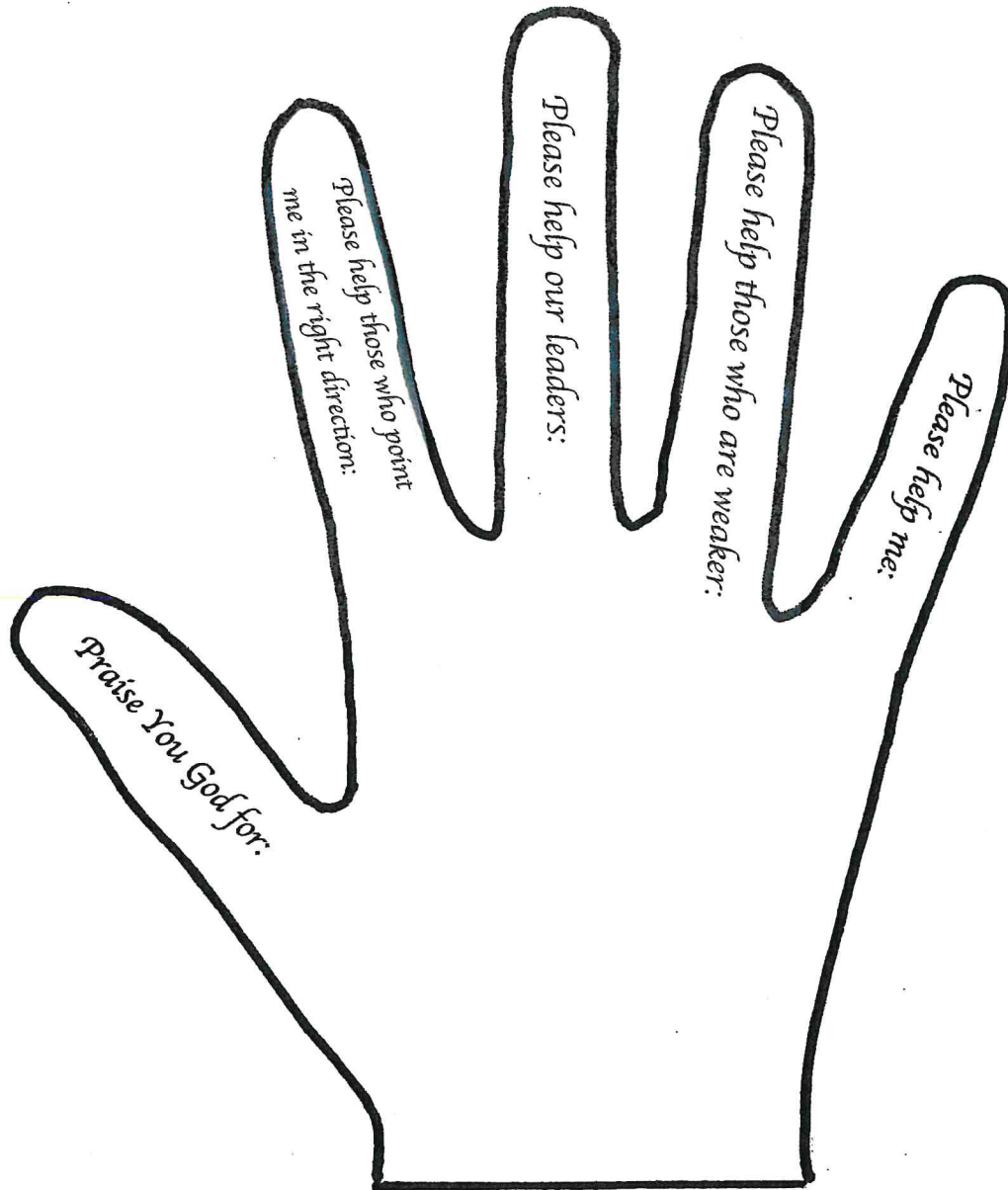
Haman



Esther and the King
Draw a crown on Esther. Color.

Lord, hear me when I call, have mercy and answer me.

Psalms 27:7



Verse Card Game-Cut out each card and mix up the words. Put the words in the correct order and read the verse 3 times out loud. Start turning over the cards one at a time and say the complete verse each time until all the cards are upside down and you can say the verse without any cards. If you want to make them last longer, cut out cards from construction paper and glue or tape the words on 8 different cards.

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Joshua 1:9b

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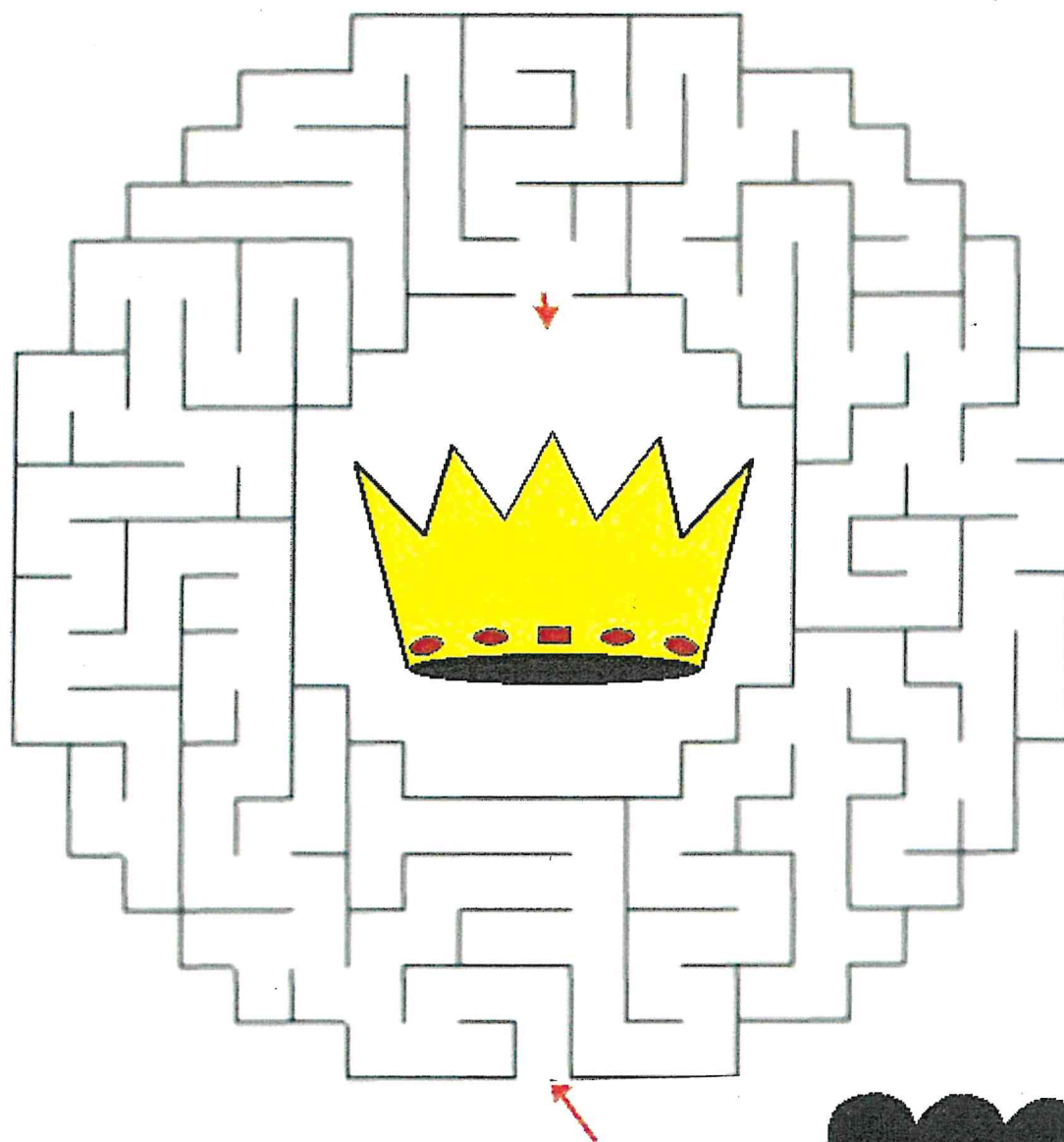
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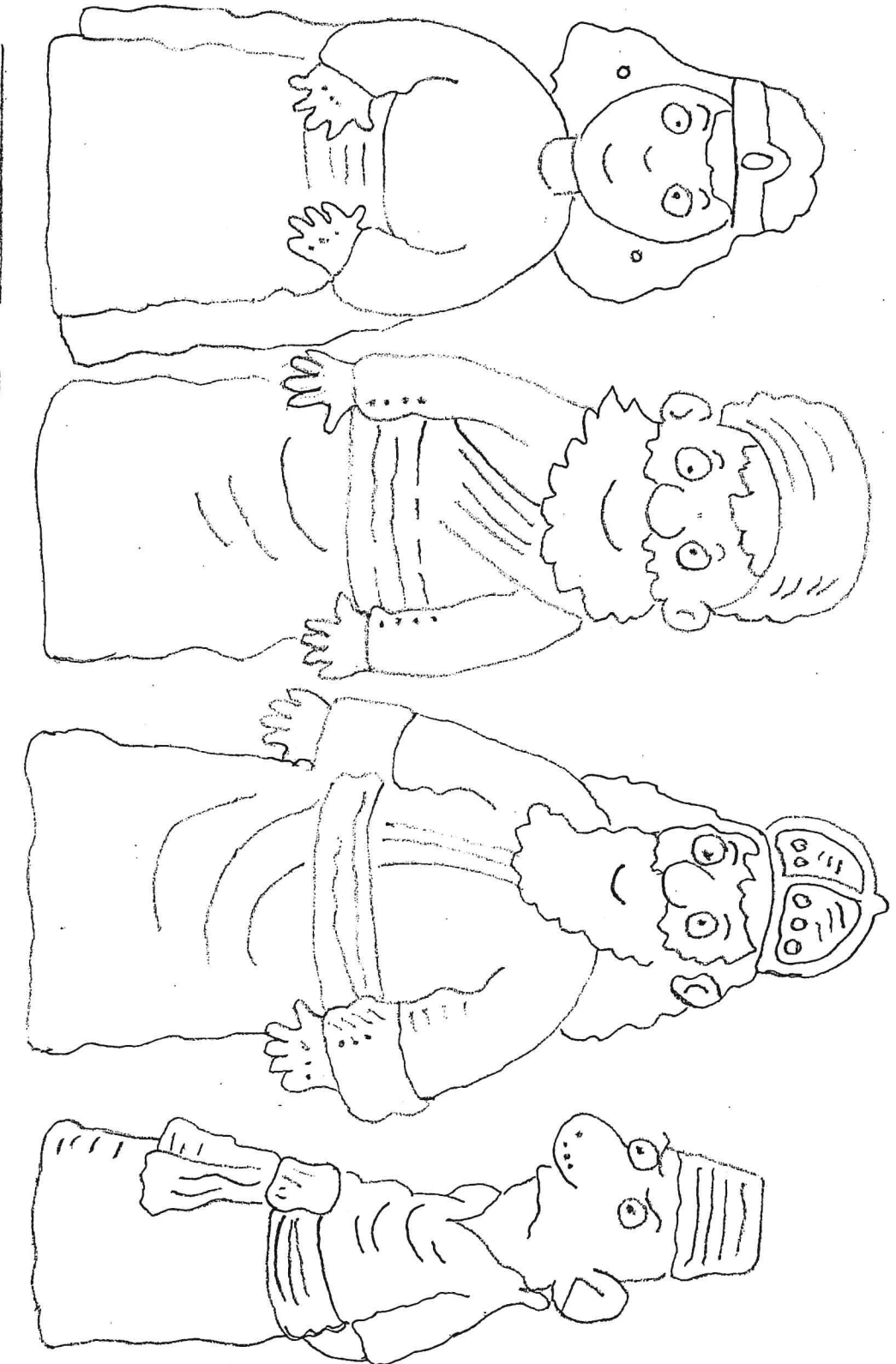
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Esther the Queen Maze

Help Esther find her crown so she can save the Jews.



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