

#64 PreK-2nd: The Brave Queen, Part 2; 3rd and up: Queen Esther, Part 2*Find recorded lessons at – MonteVista.org / VistaStream**Also find our online worship services at the same site.*

Dear Parents: I just noticed that I forgot to write a note on our last lesson. Life gets so busy for us all! I wanted to teach these 2 lessons on Queen Esther mostly for the girls. There are so many stories about men and boys in the Bible. It was written in a patriarchal time when only men were in charge and women were largely ignored. If we look more closely we will see that many women were just as important to the story. Ruth is another story where females are the center of the story. The beginning of the Moses stories were dependent on women, Moses' mom, sister and an Egyptian princess for his very life. I want girls to know that they matter just as much as boys to God. In the second testament, Galatians 3:27-28, it says “. . . have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female. For all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” I want girls to know that God loves them just as much as God loves boys. God Bless!

Bible Text: Esther 4:1-17; 5:1-14; 6:1-11; 7:1-10; 8:1- Abridged

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city wailing with a loud and bitter cry. He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, (but could not enter dressed as he was. Jews all over the kingdom were doing the same thing.) When Esther's (attendants) told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent clothes down to Mordecai, but he would not accept them, so she sent one of her male attendants down to talk to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. . . (He obeyed and Mordecai told him all that happened. Mordecai gave him a copy of the decree and asked Esther to go before the king and beg him not to do these things.) Esther sent the attendant back again with a message for Mordecai saying, “All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. . . Mordecai sent a message back, “Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. . . you will perish”. . . Esther sent another message, “Go gather all the Jews (from this area) to fast and pray for three days. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.” Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

. . . Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace. . . As soon as the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he held out to her the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther touched it. The king asked, “Queen Esther, what is your request?” “If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come to a banquet that I have prepared for the king.” . . . Haman went out that day happy, but then saw Mordecai in the king's gate, who neither rose nor trembled before him. Again, he was infuriated.

On that night the king could not sleep. He gave orders to bring the book of records, and they were read to the king. It was written how Mordecai had told him about the guards that wanted to kill him, and said, “What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?” His servants said, “Nothing.” The king said, “Who is in the court?” The servants answered, “Haman is there.” The king sent for him. Haman came in and said, “What shall be done for the man whom the king wishes to honor?” Haman, thinking it was himself of which the king spoke said, “Let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and a horse that the king has ridden, with a royal crown on his head!” The king said to Haman, “Quickly, take the robes and horse, as you have said, and do so to the Jew Mordecai!” Haman obeyed. . . Haman's family and friends told him, “Your downfall has begun.”

. . . The king's attendants arrived and hurried Esther off to the banquet. . . The king said, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. . . She answered (speaking of the decree), “Let my

life be given to me-and the lives of my people.” . . .The king said (fiercely), “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?!” (She pointed to Haman. It was done to Haman, what he planned to do to Mordecai.)

On that day the king gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, and Mordecai came before the king and told him that he was related to Esther. The king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. Then Esther spoke again to the king. She fell at his feet, weeping and pleading with him to avert the evil design of Haman, to revoke the letters devised by Haman in which he wrote giving order to destroy the Jews. “How can I bear to see the calamity that is coming on my people? She begged the king to take back the order to get rid of the Jews. He could not change the law, but he sent out new letters telling the Jews that they could fight back. The Jews were saved, because of a brave queen named Esther.

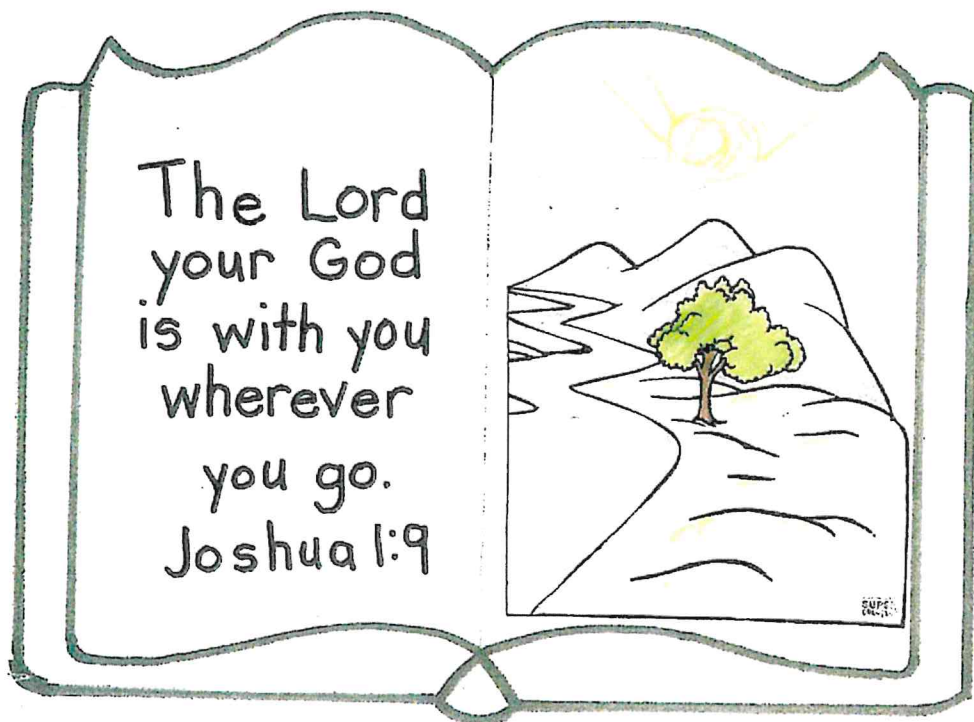
Bible Verse:

**The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.
Adapted from Joshua 1:9b**

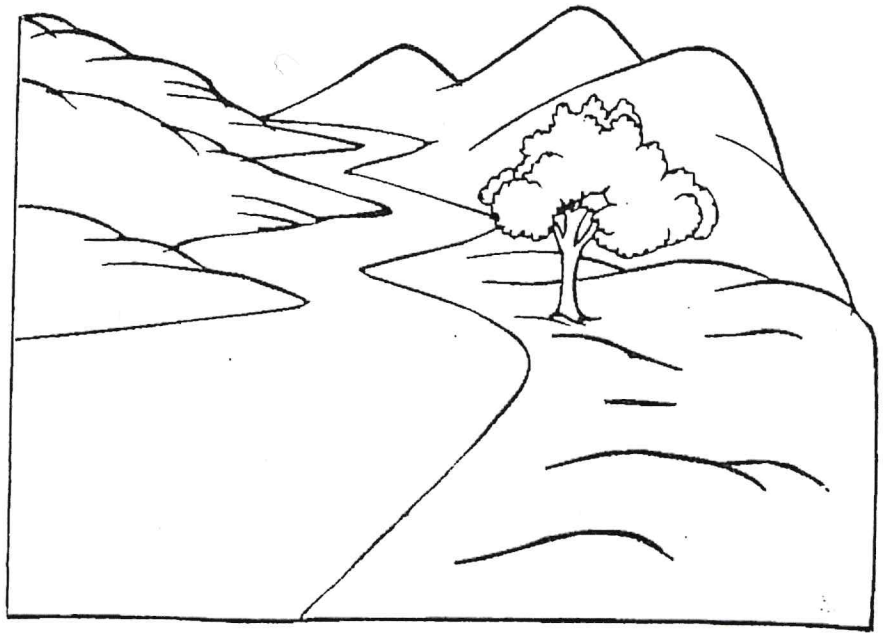
Activities:

PreK-2nd: *Verse activity-Use the picture provided or draw your own picture of walking with God.
*Easier Word Search *Esther Story Crown-After child colors pictures, read the story crown to them,
then ask child how they need help from God. *Easier Esther Anagram

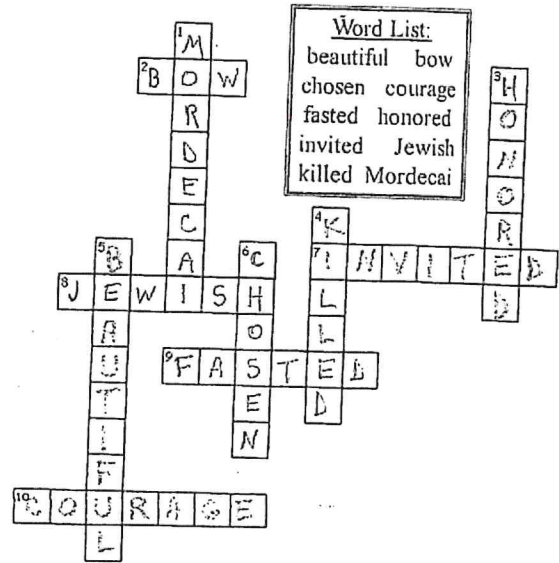
3rd & Up: *Verse activity-Use the picture provided or draw your own picture of walking with God. *More difficult word search *Crossword puzzle *More difficult Anagram



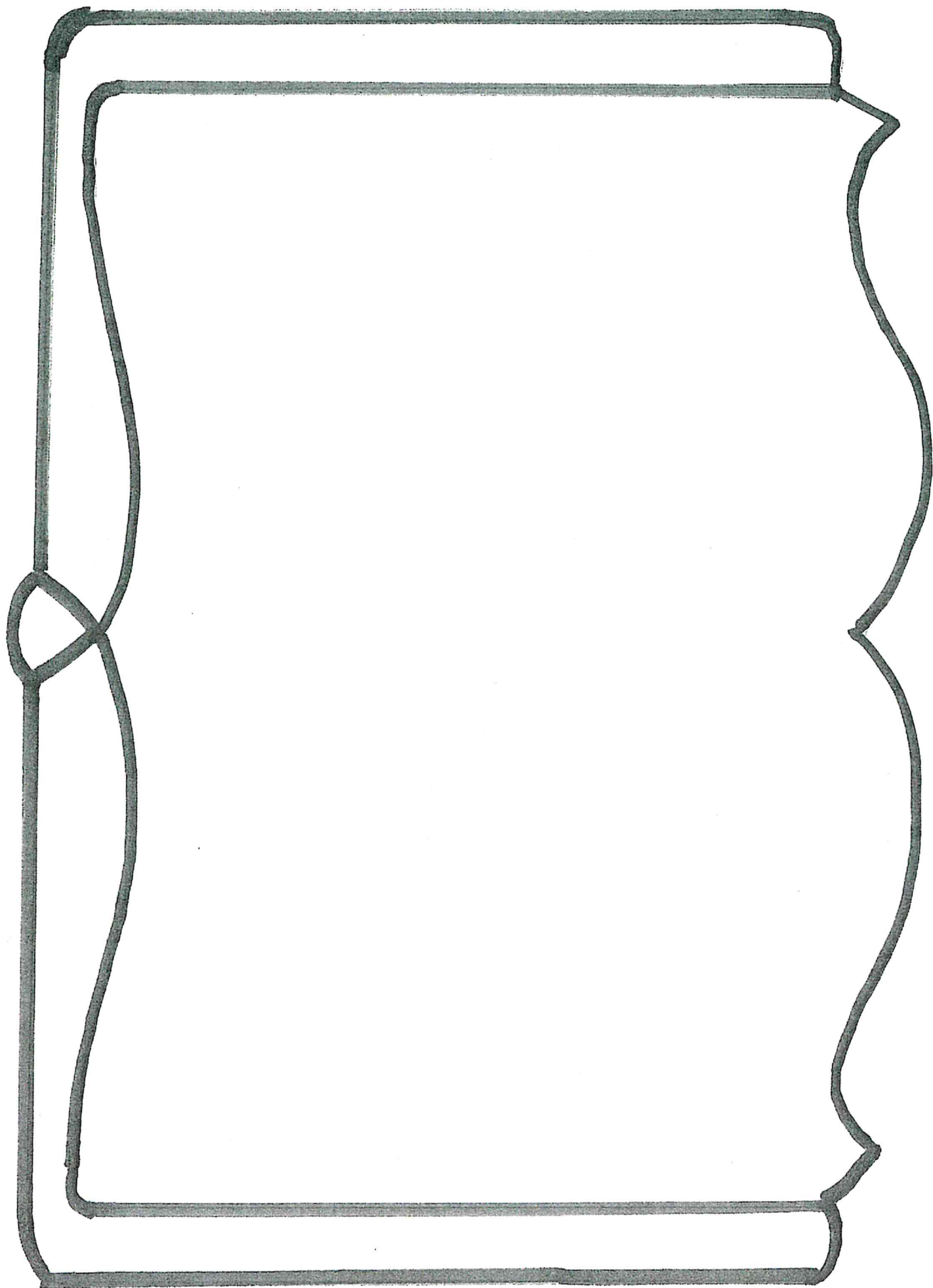
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Esther the Queen Word Search

A E V A S Y H T
T X B R A V E S
N W O R C Z O A
W Y B K I N G F

BRAVE
CROWN
FAST
KING
SAVE



Esther Story Crown



What you need

- white card stock
- scissors
- crayons or markers
- gem stickers

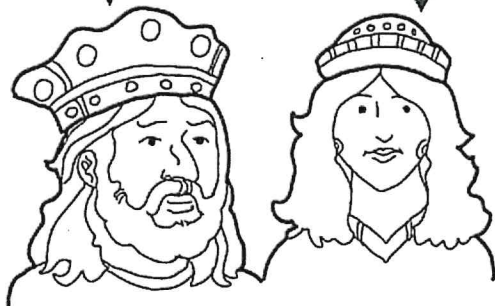


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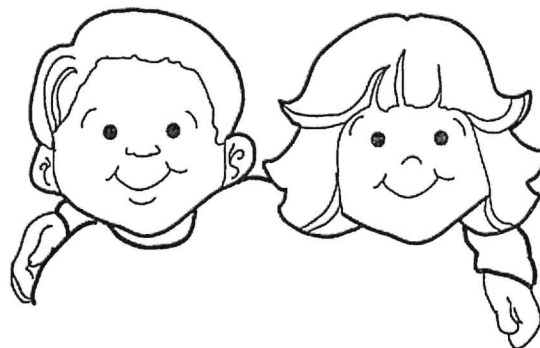
1. On card stock, photocopy this page and cut out crowns. Older children may be able to cut for themselves. Prefold on dashed line to make a book.
2. Children color both sides of their crowns and then place gem stickers on the crowns.
3. Children open books and follow along (or look at pictures) as you read the book to them.

What to Say

While Esther was queen, she heard there was a wicked plot against her people. Esther wanted to tell the king about this plot, but she wasn't supposed to go to the king if he didn't invite her. Esther prayed for God to help her. The king agreed to see Esther. When she told him about the evil plans, he stopped them. Esther had saved the Jews.



Esther prayed for God's great help.
She bravely told the king.



I can pray for God's help, too,
And then my heart will sing!

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Esther the Queen Anagram

Word List:

brave, courage, crown, fasting, jealousy,
Jewish, Mordecai, prayer, Queen, saved



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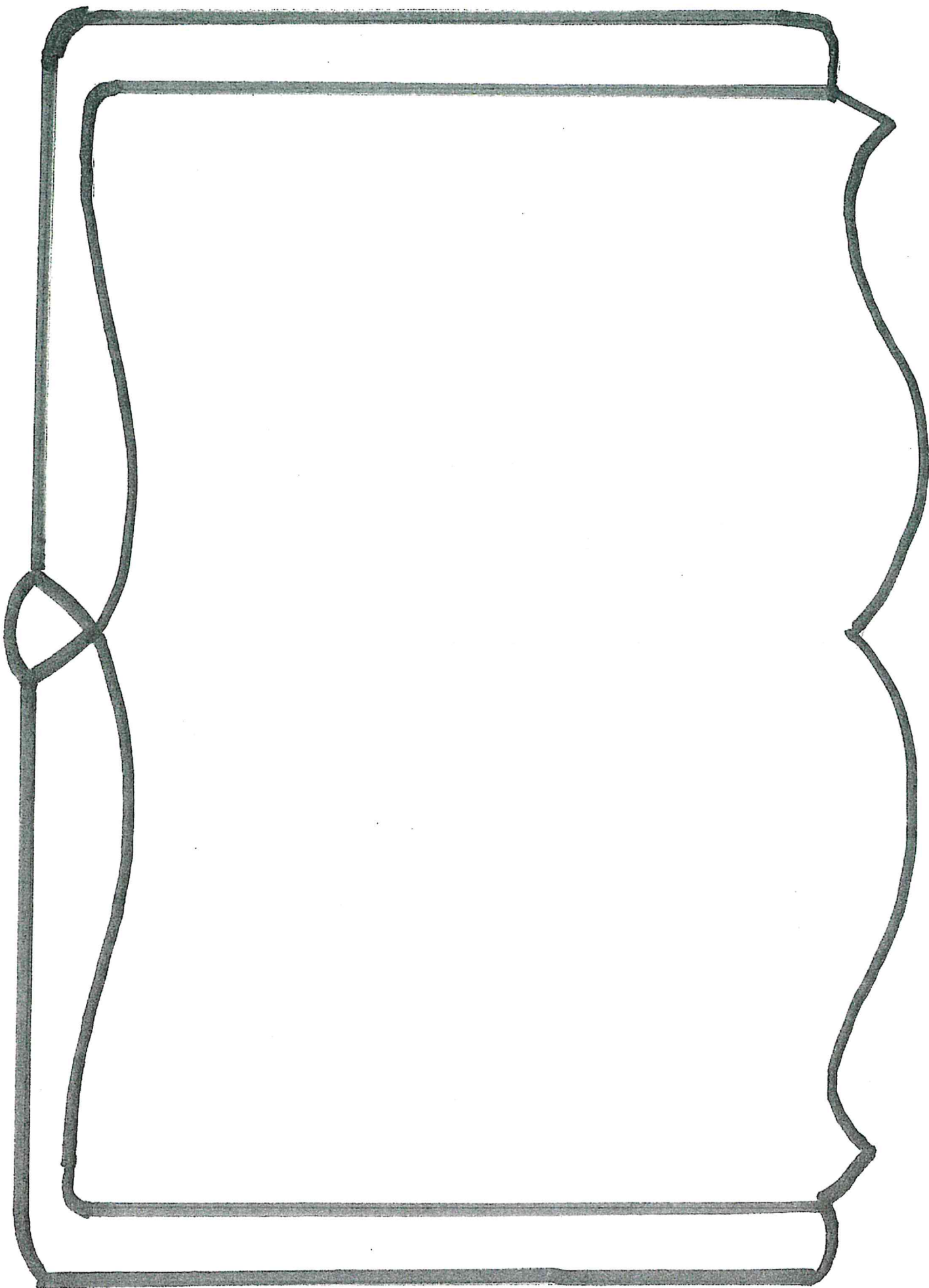
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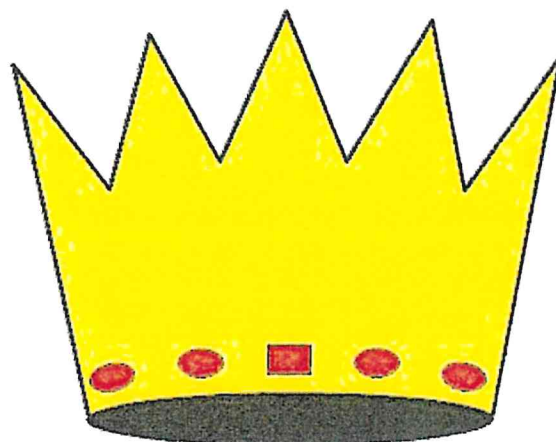
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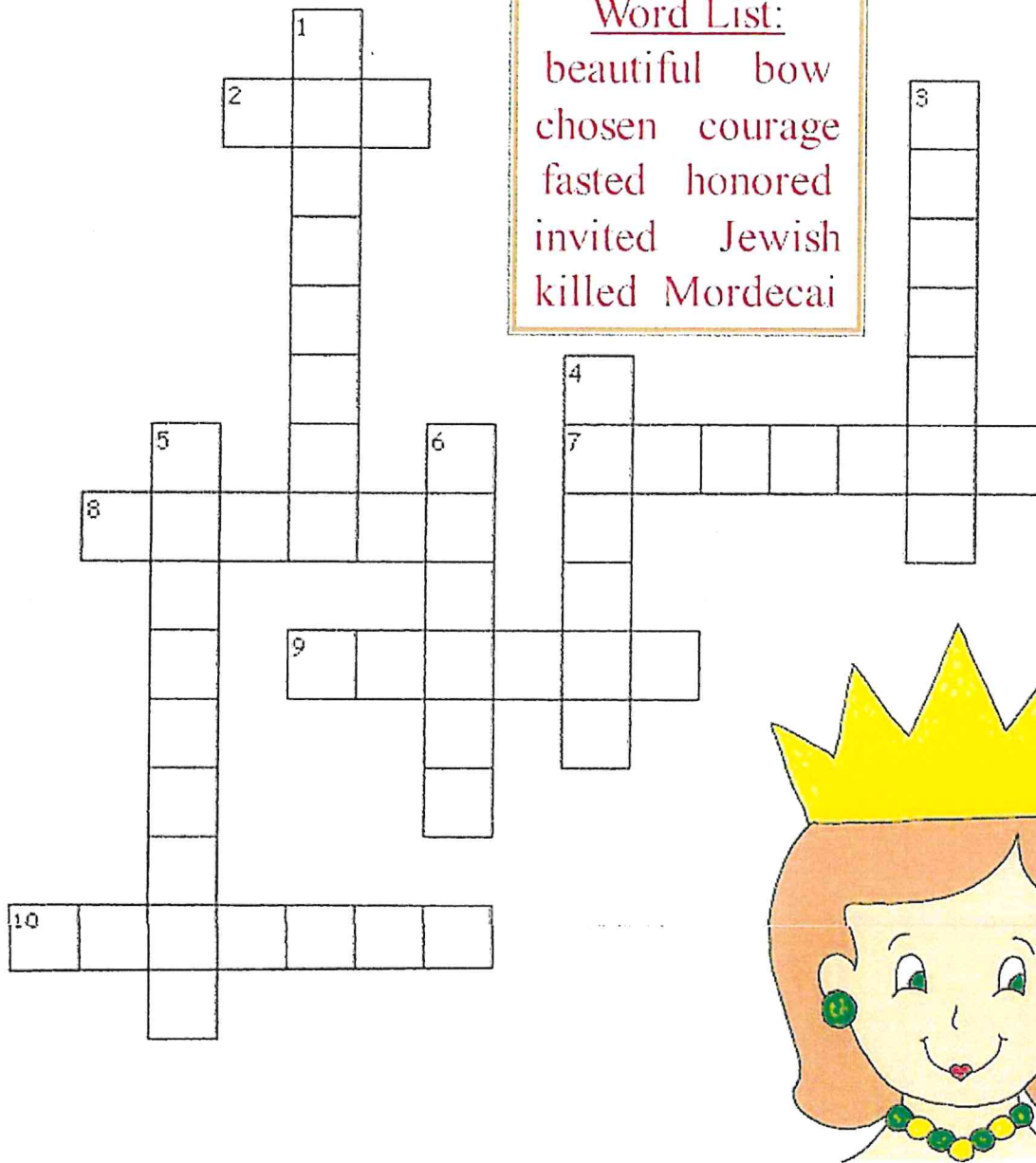
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BEAUTIFUL
BOW
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CHOSEN
COURAGE
CROWN
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HONORED
INVITED



JEALOUSY
JEWISH
KILLED
KING
MORDECAI
PERMISSION
PRAYER
QUEEN
SAVED
SUPPER

Esther Crossword



Across

2. Mordecai refused to do this to Haman, so Haman decided to get rid of all the Jews.
7. Esther could not approach the king unless he ____ her first.
8. Haman and the king didn't know that Esther was this.
9. Esther prayed and ____ for three days before she went to the king.
10. Esther was full of this as a young Queen who wanted to do the right thing.

Down

1. The name of Esther's cousin.
3. Mordecai was ____ by the king because he saved his life.
4. Esther could've been ____ for going to the king without permission.
5. Young Esther won the king's heart because she was so ____.
6. God made Esther queen because she was ____ to save the Jews.

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Esther the Queen Anagram



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