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1.9 Why Did the Queen Quit? (wh, qu) (Esther 1-10)

Directions: 1. Read the Bible story aloud from your Bible in your own native language or a children's Bible. 2. **Ask:** Esther was a young Jewish girl who was given an important job by God. What was her job? 3. Students **pre-read** words in the boxes below. 4. The **student reads** the bolded lines in the *I Read, You Read Bible Story* (page 2). Stronger readers read the unbolded lines. 5. **Ask:** What special gift did God give Esther so that she became queen? What gifts has God given you? How can you use them for the kingdom of God? 6. **Color** code or **label** words/illustrations in the drawing below. Fill in the **word bubble** with words the characters might say. **Write a sentence** about the story.

Words to Read

queen, quit, quest

quiet, quick, request

banquet (dinner party)

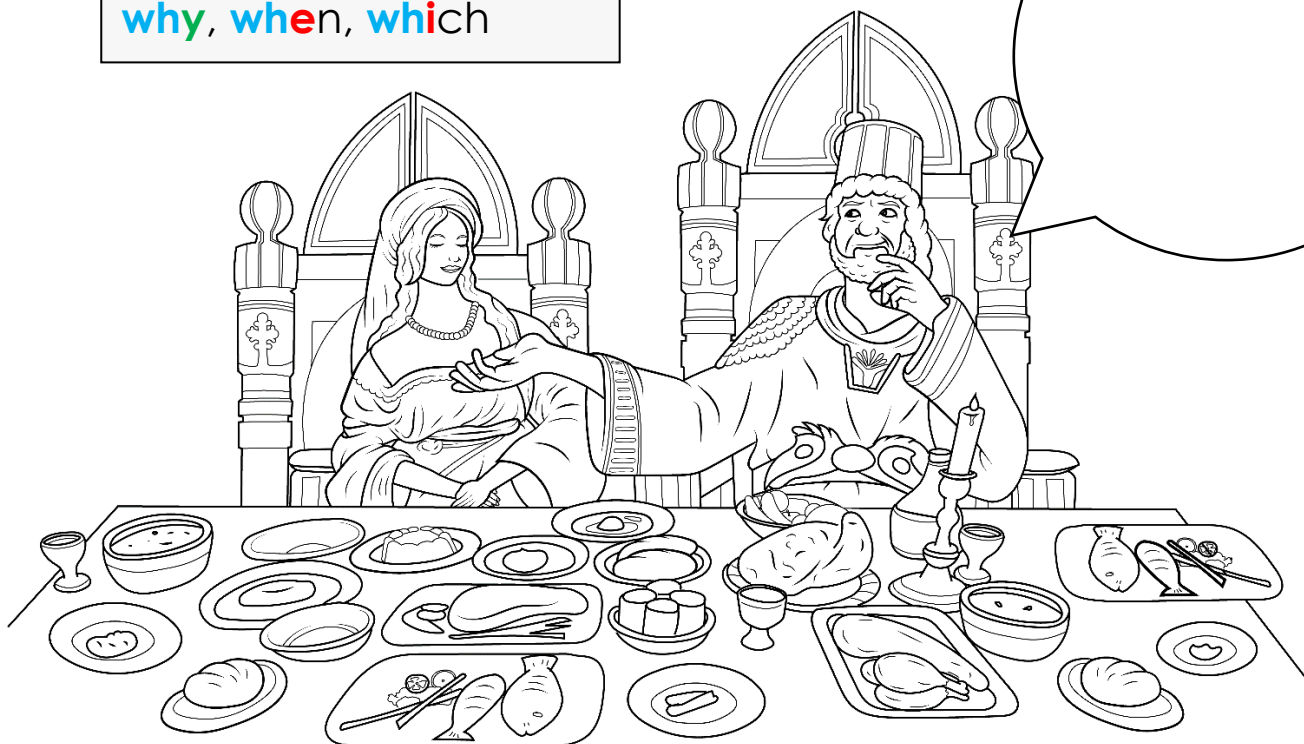
why, when, which

Rule Breakers

the, come, said, who, was, do
you, what, want, where, one

Sight Words

Esther, for, she, he



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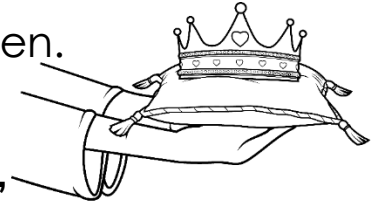
I Read, You Read Bible Story (wh, qu) Esther 1-10

The king gave a banquet, which is a big meal with friends.

The king wanted to show off his beautiful queen.

But the queen did not want to come.

He got mad and said, "That queen must quit!"



The king had a contest for a new queen.

Who will be the next queen? Which one? That was the quest.

A quest is a search. The king found beautiful, quiet Esther.

Who did he pick? Esther! Why? She was a quiet queen.

The king gave another banquet. It was for Esther.

But one day, the king got mad again and yelled,

"I will kill them!" What??? Who? Who will he kill?

The Jews, Queen Esther's people, the ones who loved God.

The queen had a big banquet. Why? For who?

For the king. He was pleased and asked Queen Esther,

"What do you want? When? Where? What is your request?"

The queen was quiet but then said, "Come to a banquet."

Then she said, "Do not kill them. Quick! Stop that bad plan!"

The king agreed that the Jews should live. Now the Jews

had a big banquet. Why?

They were safe and they still have banquets today. **The End**

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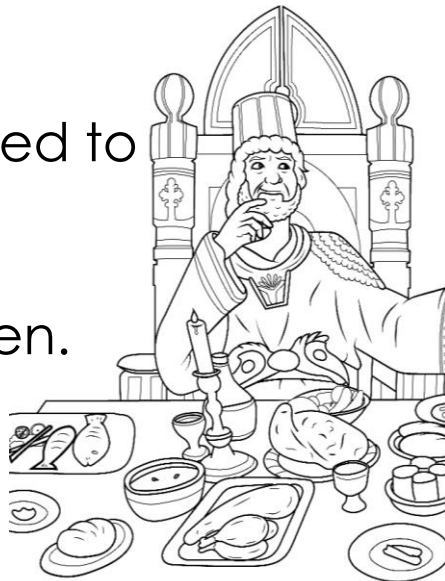
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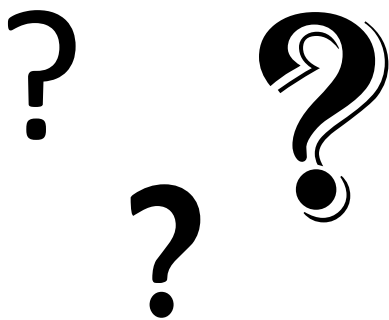
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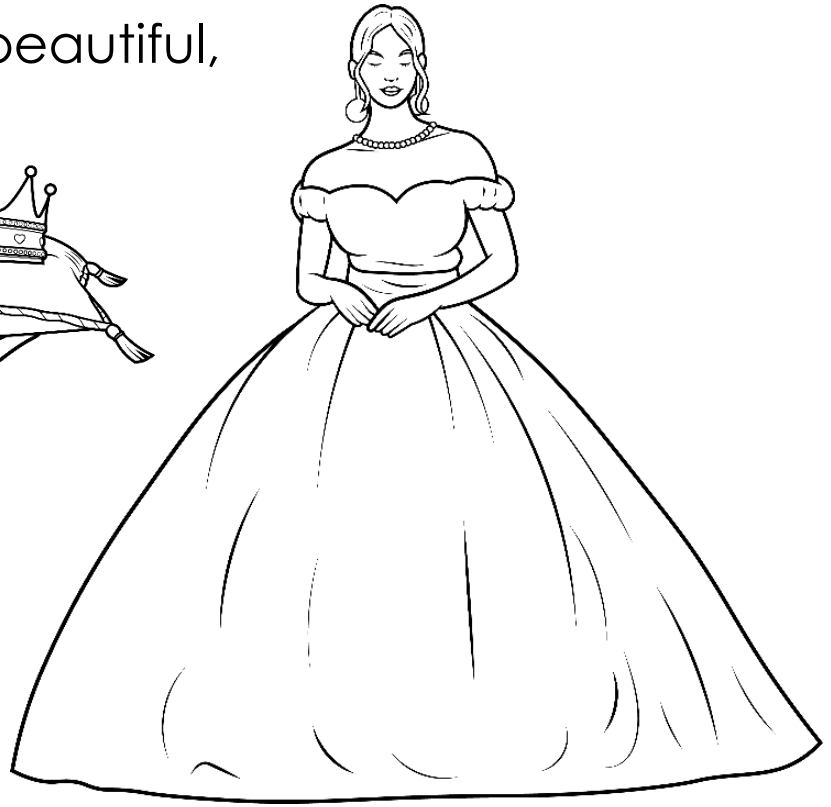
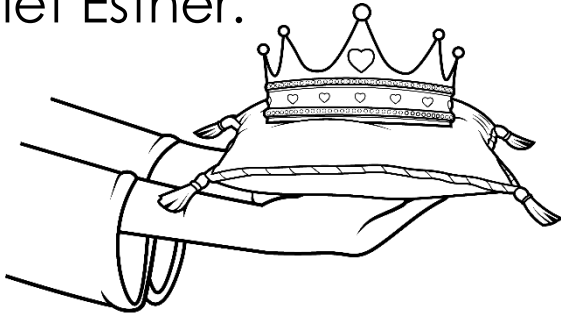
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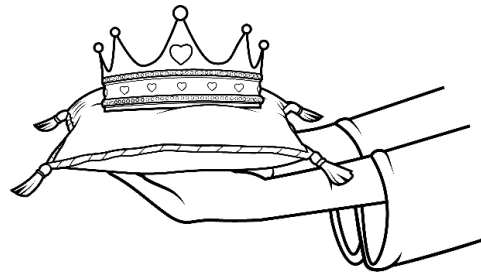
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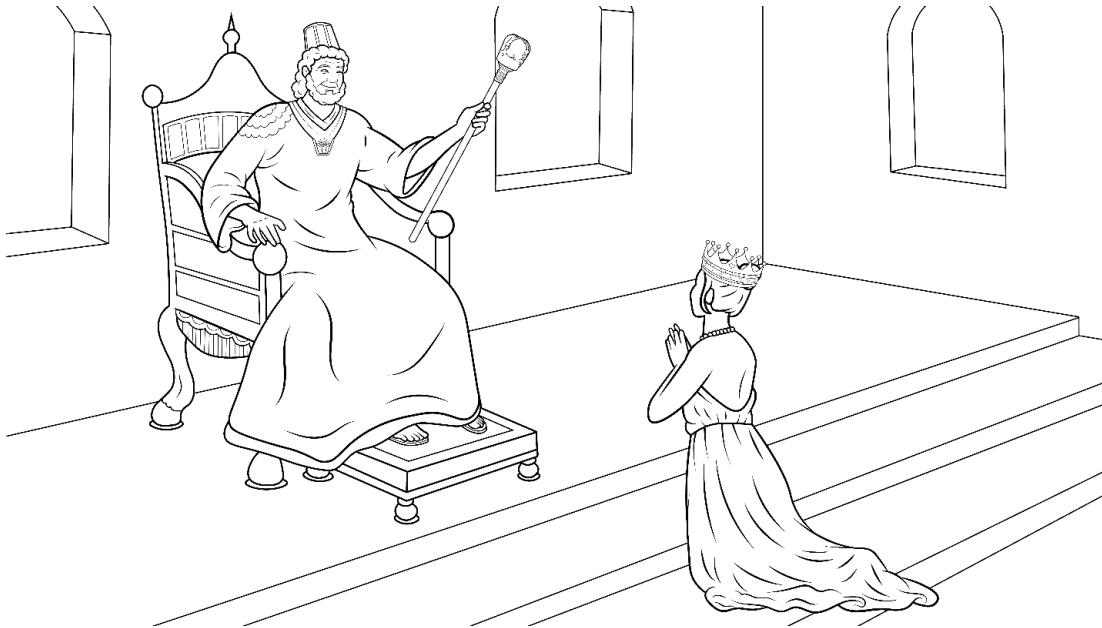
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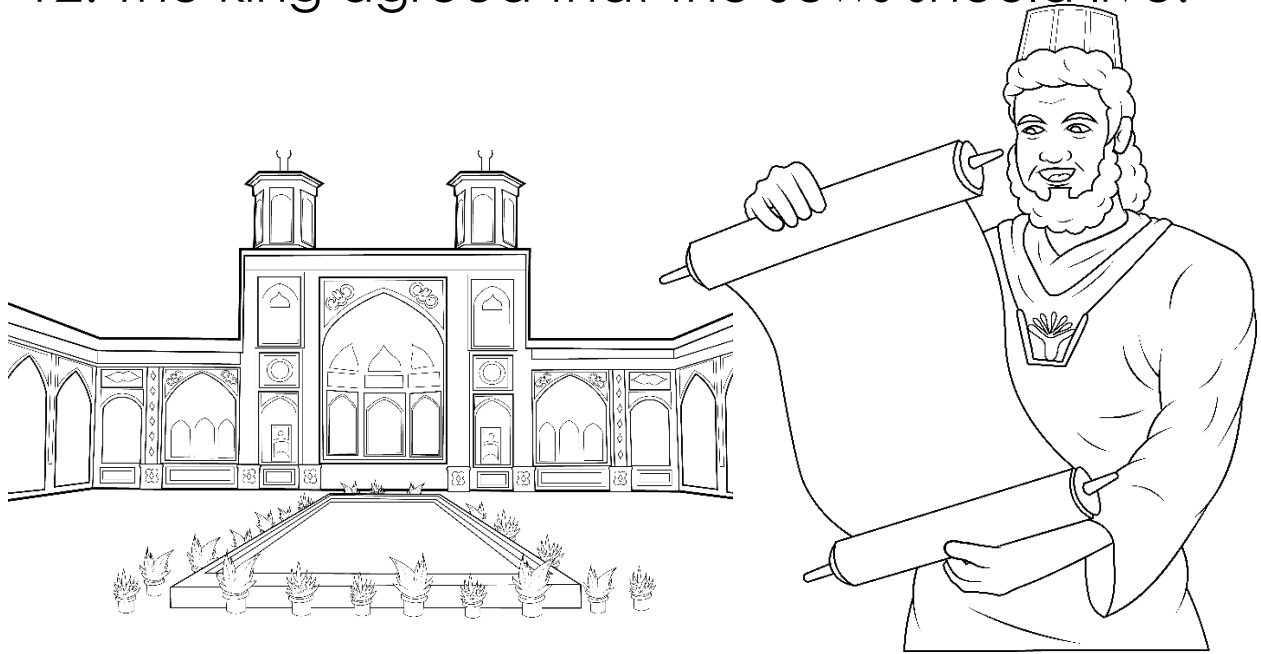
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The End

1.9 SONG: Why Did the Queen Quit?

Song with Pre-Read Words

Why did the queen quit?

Why did the queen quit?

The king said, "She must quit!"

That's why the queen quit.

That's why the queen quit.

Who will be the next queen?

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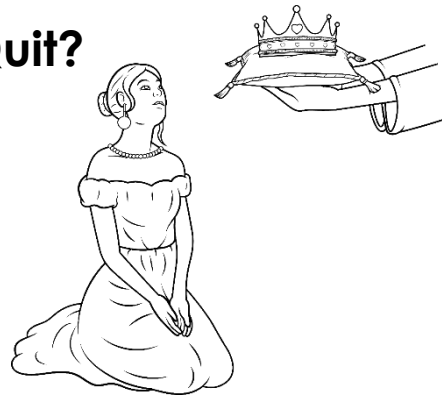
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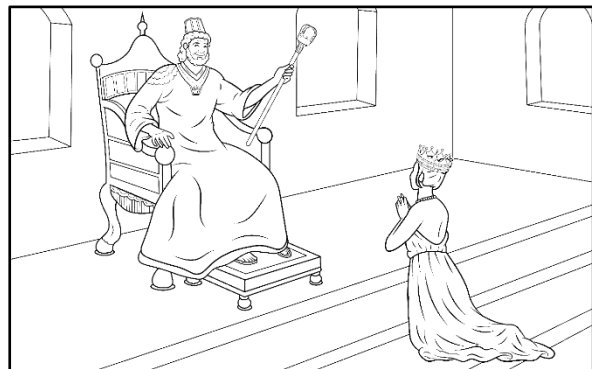


New Words

quit, request, queen

quiet, quick, banquet

question, which, when, why



Rule Breakers

what, want, you, your, have
where, there, was, who, put
does, one, are

Sight Words

king, good, came, save
Esther, all, people, Jews
my, she, be, he, her, now

The queen had a request. The queen had a request.

"What do you want, Esther? What is your request?"

The queen had a request. The queen had a request.

What do you want, Esther? What is your request?

"Quick, stop that bad plan."

"Quick, stop that bad plan."

"Oh, King, save my people!"

"Quick, stop that bad plan."

"Quick, stop that bad plan."



The king stopped that plan. The king stopped that plan.

Now, the Jews had a banquet when the king stopped that plan. When the king stopped that plan.

Why was the queen there?

Why was the queen there?

To save all her people.

That's why God put her there.



Why was the queen there? Why was the queen there?

To save all her people. That's why God put her there?

Why are you where you are? Why are you where you are?

God does have a good plan when he put you there.

Why are you where you are? Why are you where you are?

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Who will be the next queen? Which one?

That's the question? Who will be the next queen?

The quiet queen came. The quiet queen came.

The king had a banquet when the quiet queen came.

When the quiet queen came.

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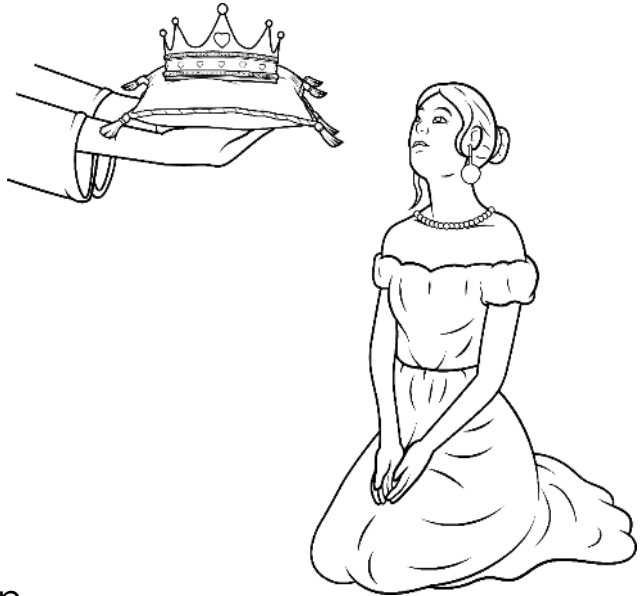
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To save all her people.

That's why God put her there.

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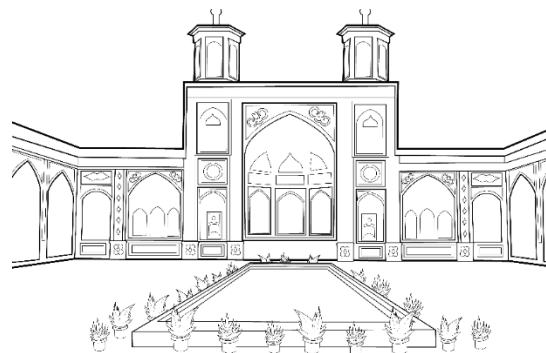
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1.9 Song: Why Did the Queen Quit

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Why did the queen quit?



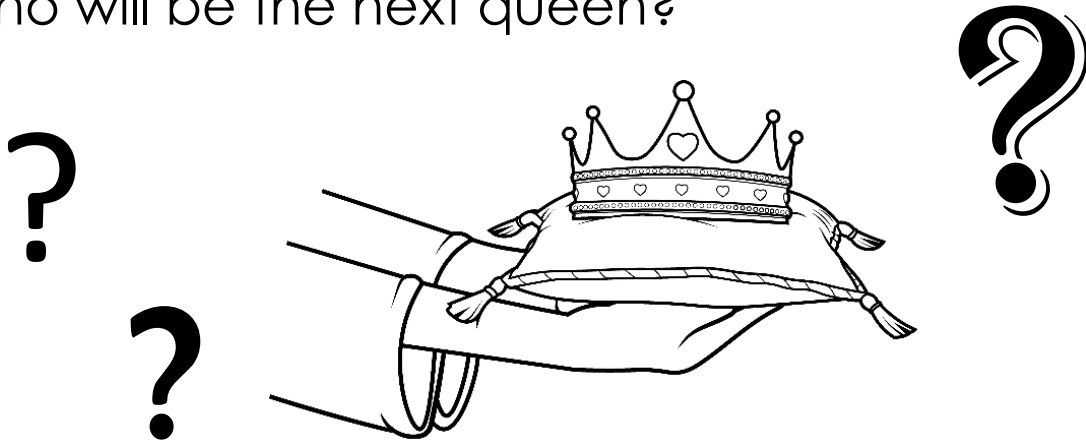
2.The king said, “She must quit!” That’s why the queen quit. That’s why the queen quit?



3.Who will be the next queen?
Who will be the next queen?



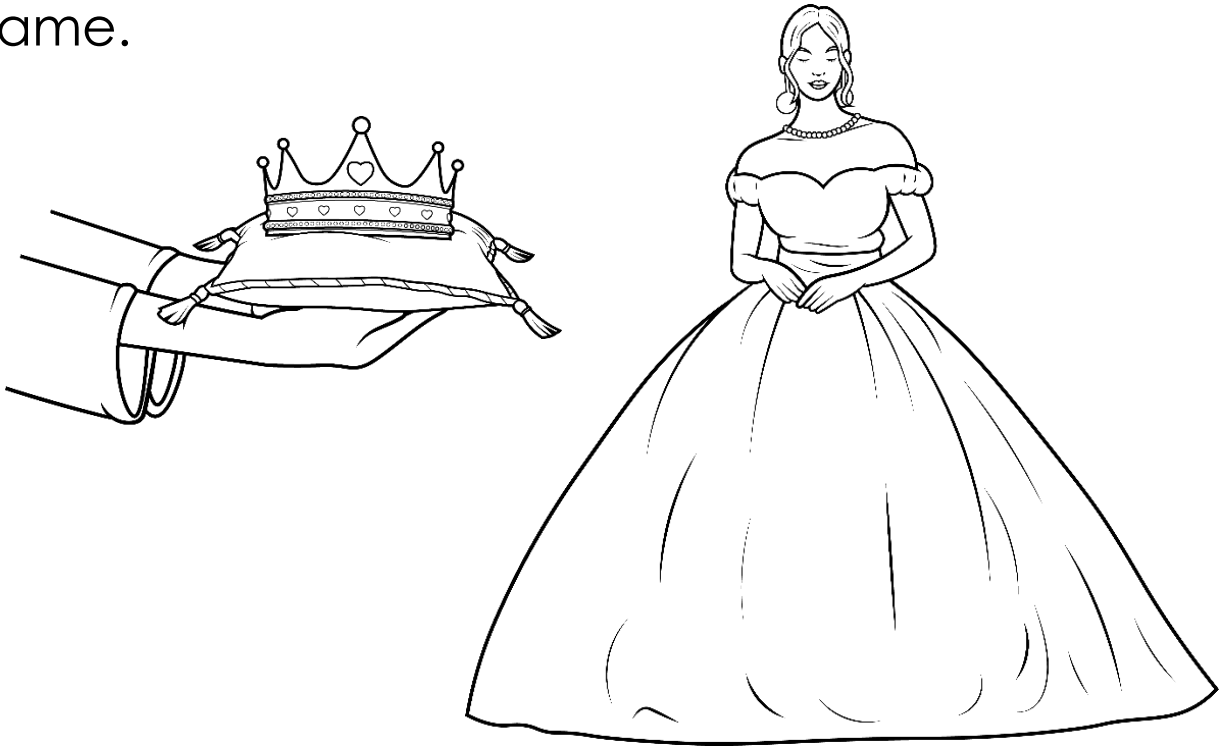
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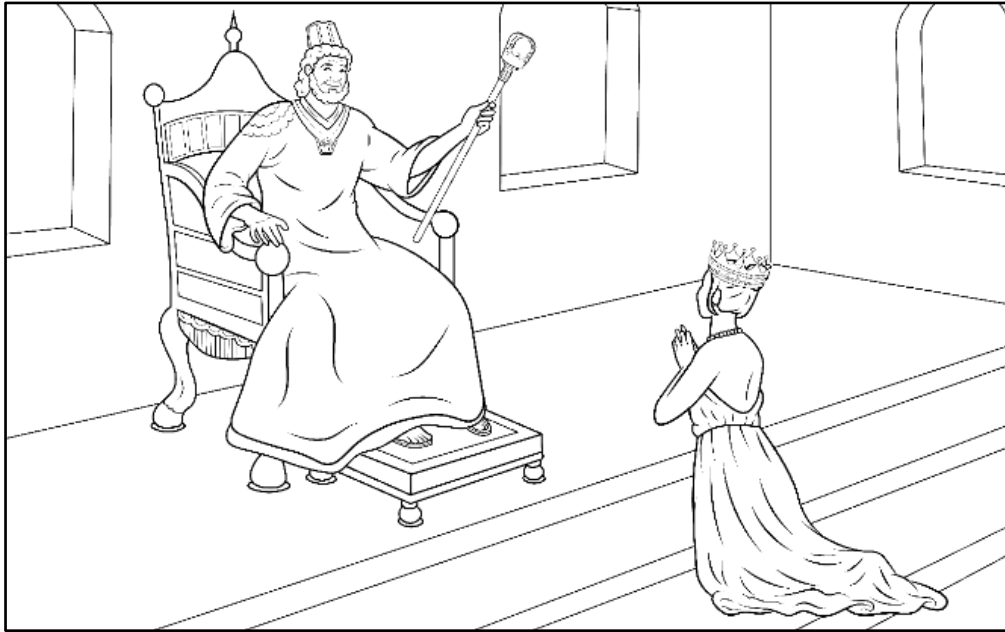
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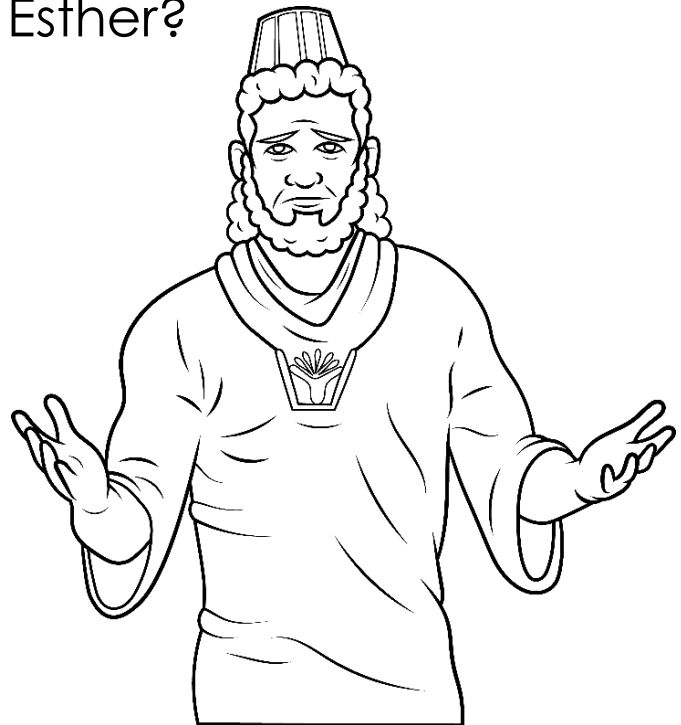
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8. The queen had a request.
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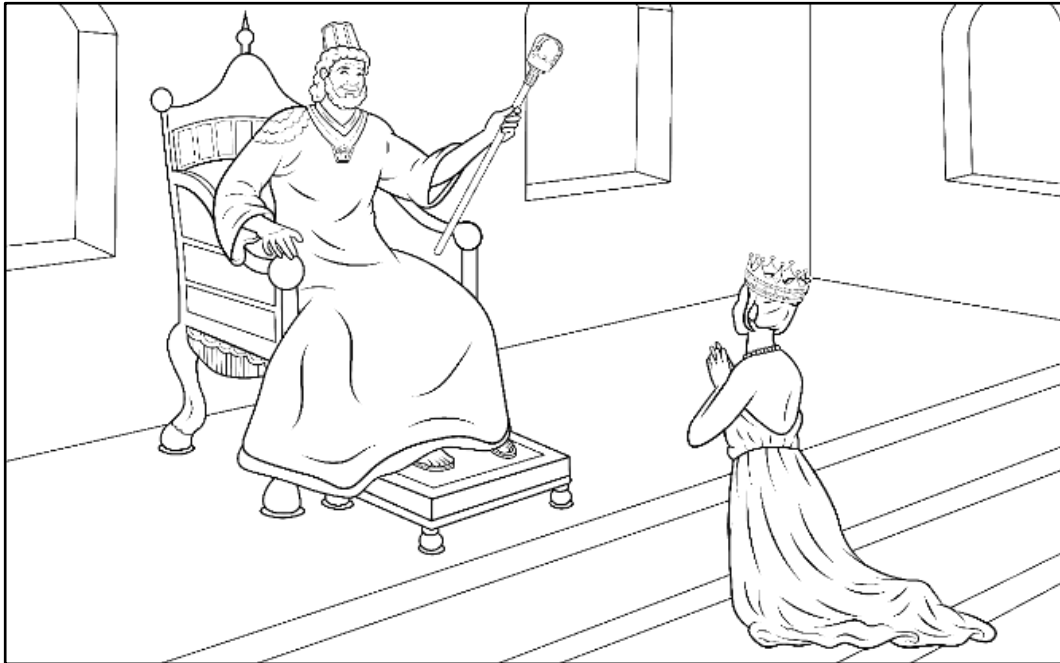


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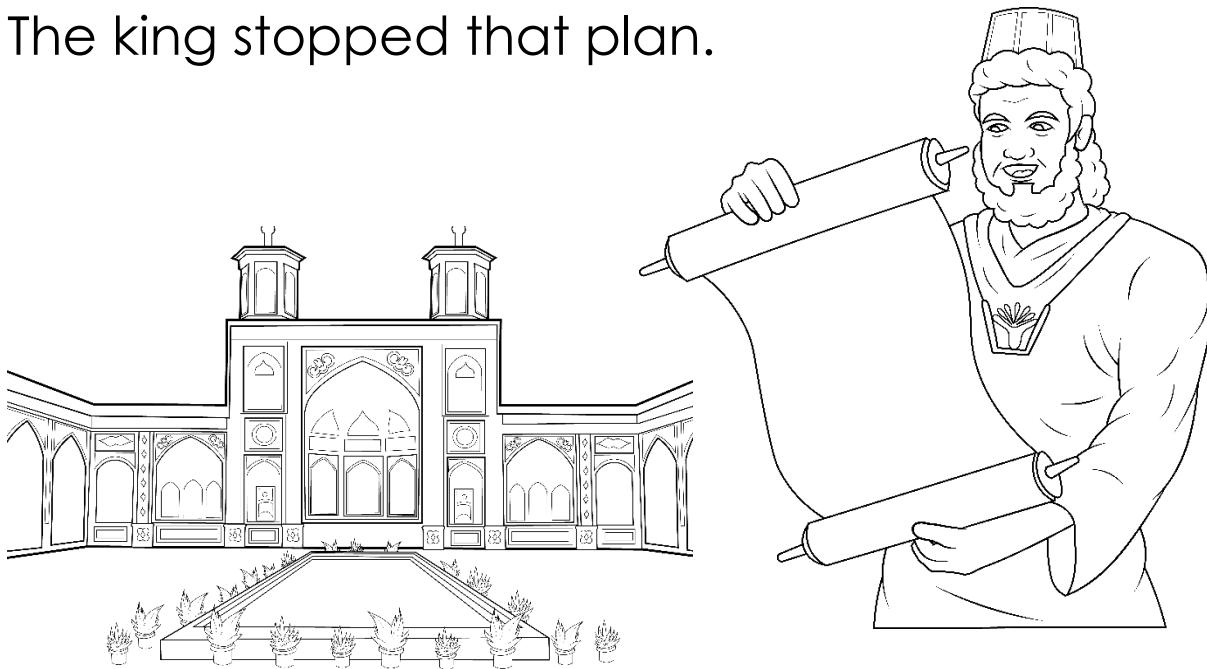
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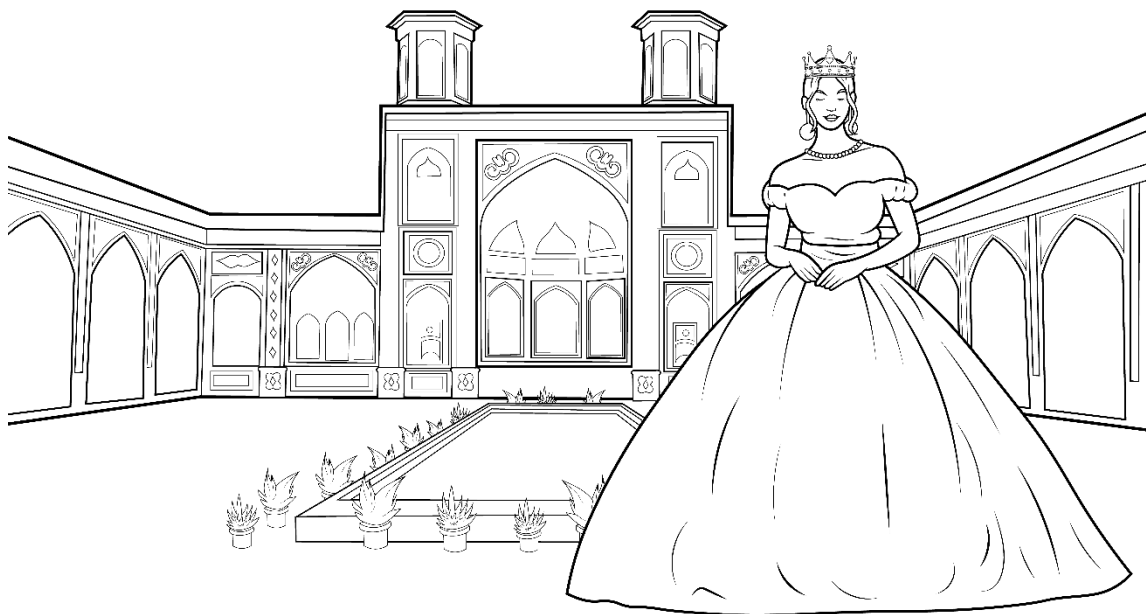
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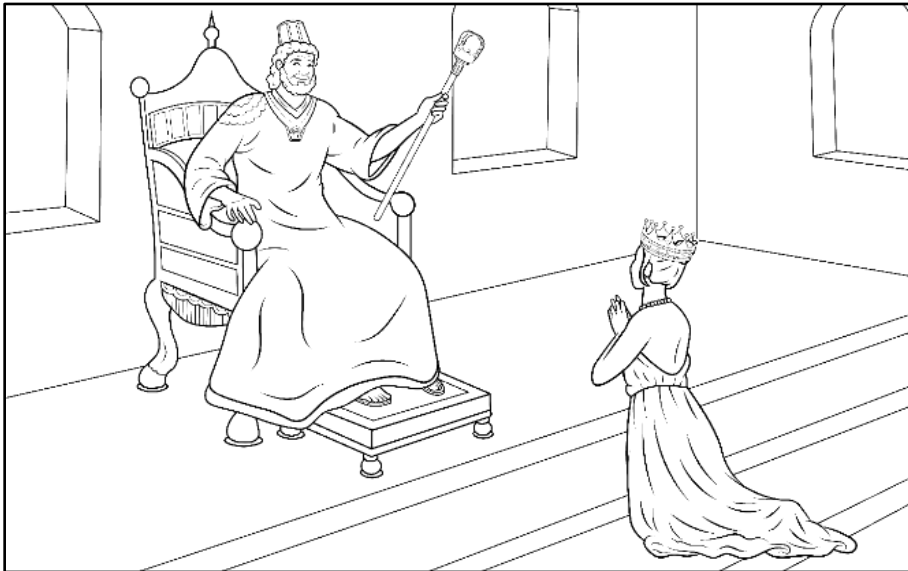
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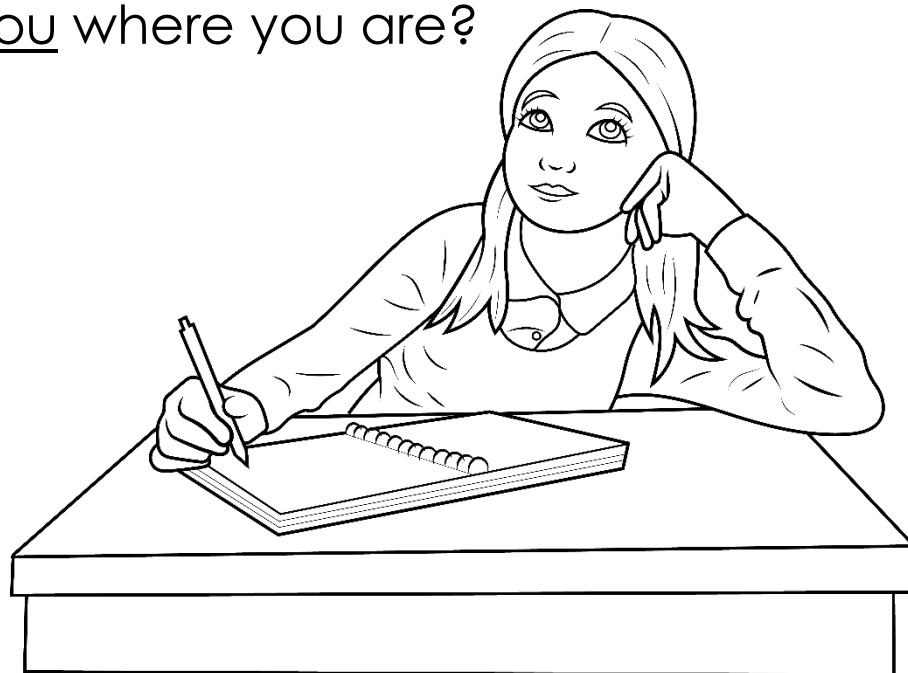
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1.9 Why the Queen Quit Song

Fill in the missing letters and words.

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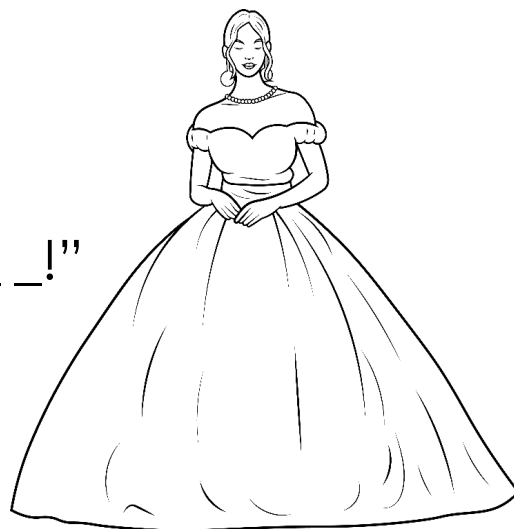
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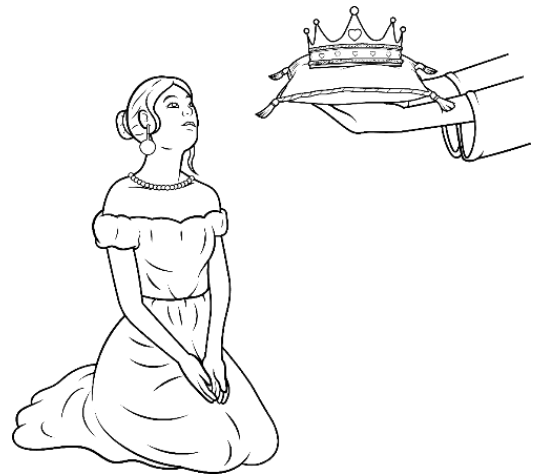
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there? Why are you where ___ are? Why are

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where ___ are? Why are you where you are?

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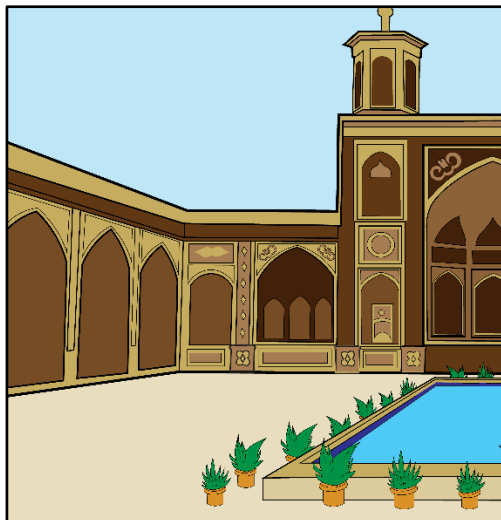
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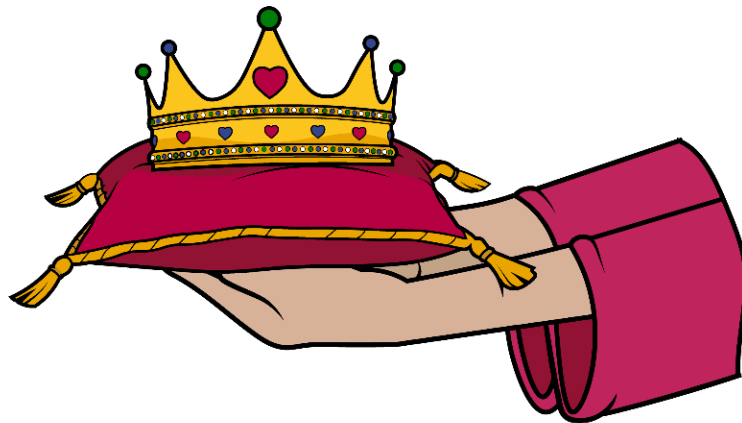
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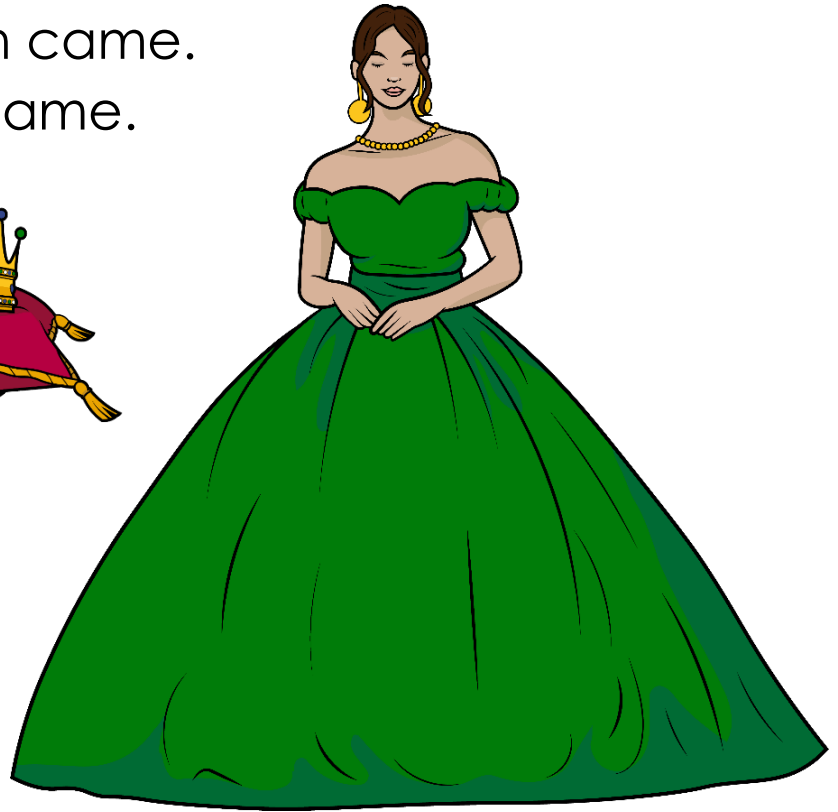
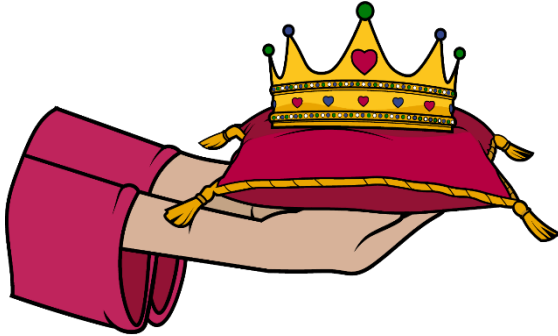
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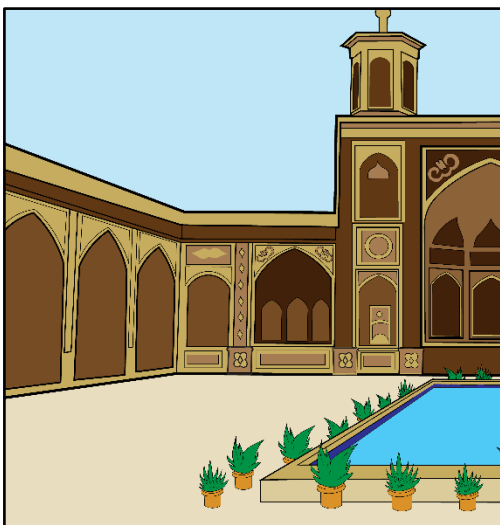
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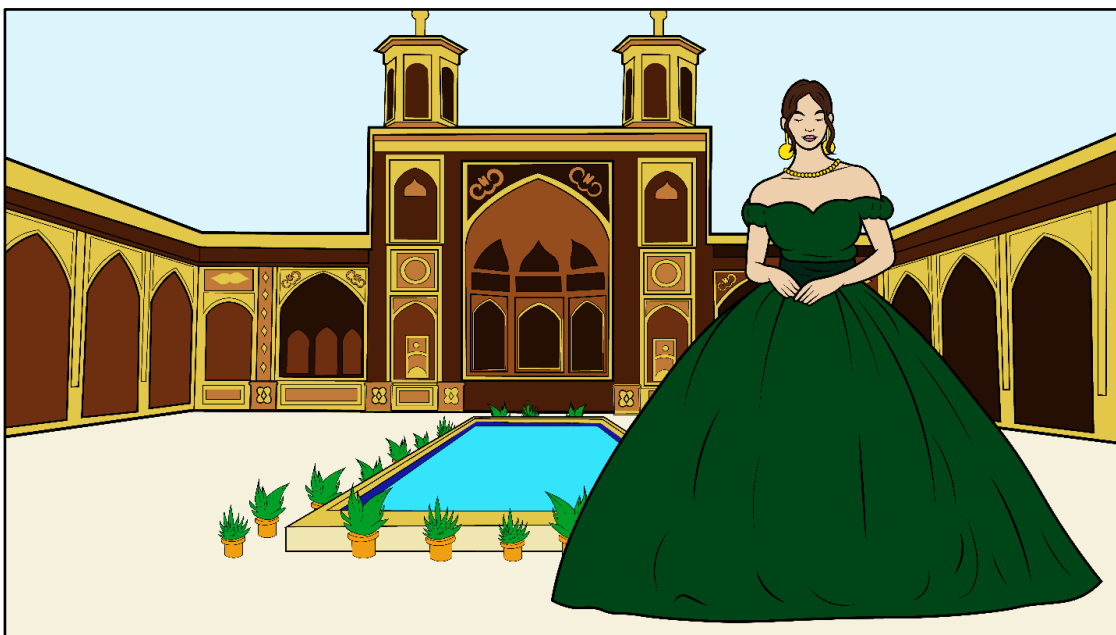
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Bible Extension Activities: **Why are YOU Where you Are?**

In this activity, kids will create a map of their own spheres of influence.

Prepare: Give the students a piece of paper and pens.

Say: There are dozens of wonderful lessons tucked inside this amazing book! Queen Esther was a sad, little, Jewish, orphan girl living in a foreign land and among foreign people. Yet God took her from her cousin's house into the highest place of honor ...into the palace of the king and even made her the wife of the king! **Ask:** What was the most important thing that Esther did in the castle? **Read:** Esther 4:13-14 focus on 14: "Who knows but the you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Say: Esther saved her entire race of people, the Jews. God put her in the right place at the right time to do the right thing. **Ask:** Why are YOU where you are? If you love God and are following Christ, the Bible says that nothing about our lives is a mistake... where we are or what happens TO us. It all happens FOR us. **Read together** Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." And Romans 8:31 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Say: God put you here and in all the places in your life. Think about why you are there. Esther was in the castle to save her people. Is there someone in your world who needs to be saved or helped? **Think** about people in your home, neighborhood, class, teams, friends, and family. Is there anyone in your world to whom you can show God's love? Maybe an older neighbor needs his trash can taken to the street. Maybe a friend at school has never been to church? **Draw** a map of your world and write down the names of people to whom you can show the love of God. Keep it and keep your eyes open for ways to help and pray for these people.



Bible Extension Activities: God-Given Gifts

In this activity, kids will open a present to talk about the talents God gives.

Prepare: Wrap the bottom of a box and the top separately in gift wrap. Write a gift tag that says: From God to you.

Ask: What gifts did God give to Esther that allowed her to be in the palace to save her people? **Read:** Esther 2:7,17. **Say:** God gave Esther beauty and a gentle, humble, quiet spirit, which is what the king was looking for.

Say: God gives us talents, skills, brainpower, etc., not just to help us get through life successfully but also so we can help build the kingdom of God. **Ask:** What gifts did God give you? How can you use them for God's glory and to help grow the kingdom of God?

Have each student **write down** on individual cards what God has gifted them with. If they can't think of anything, mention these: speed, piano playing, ability to understand math, knowing what someone needs, bringing joy to my family, making babies smile, remembering what I read, cleaning and organizing, being friendly with dogs, self-discipline to do my homework, kindness to the lonely, etc.

Put their cards into the box and put the lid on it. Pass around the box and let kids take a turn opening it. Each child can **take out a card** and **read it**. **Talk** together about how God can use those gifts to help others. **Say:** You might not feel like you have many special talents now. You will discover more as you grow. God HAS given you gifts and he expects you to use them to serve others.



Extra! God not only gives us natural gifts and abilities, but he gives us spiritual gifts when we are believers. Find them in Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12 -14. Some of these gifts: serving, teaching, encouraging, contributing to the needs of others, giving, leadership, showing mercy, faith, bringing comfort, and more. Talk to someone at your church about all the ministries they offer and your gifts. See how you can use your talents in your very own church.

Bible Extension Activities: **Strangers Here; Citizens There**

In this activity, kids will sort notecards into stacks.

Prepare: See the lists below. Write one sentence on each of 20 index cards

Read Esther 3:1-11. **Ask:** What did good Mordecai do or not do that made hateful Haman so furious? Why would Mordecai not bow? What was the consequence? **Say:** As believers, we are not allowed to bow down or worship any human or any fake god, no matter what the consequences. Like Mordecai, we have to be faithful to God, no matter what is going on in the world around us. These believers were foreigners in a foreign land.

Ask: As a Christian, do you ever feel like a foreigner in your own classroom? Maybe among your relatives? Do people around you curse and use the name of God in ways that don't honor him? **Say:** If you sometimes feel uncomfortable in this world, remember, you are really a citizen of a different world ... you are a citizen of heaven! **Read** Philippians 3:20: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." **Say:** Esther and her Mordecai stood firm following and loving God despite the evil going on around them.

Label one chair or side of a table: Citizen of this World and another Citizen of Heaven. Have each child turn the cards face down and lay cards between the two "worlds." Flip them over, discuss, and see who got the most correct on each turn.

Citizens of this world might... not be interested in obeying God; use curse words, not have a loving relationship with God; not know about our Savior Jesus Christ; not ever read their Bibles; not always obey parents and teachers; not always kind and giving; not go to church; not pray unless things are terrible; not quickly find ways to bring peace

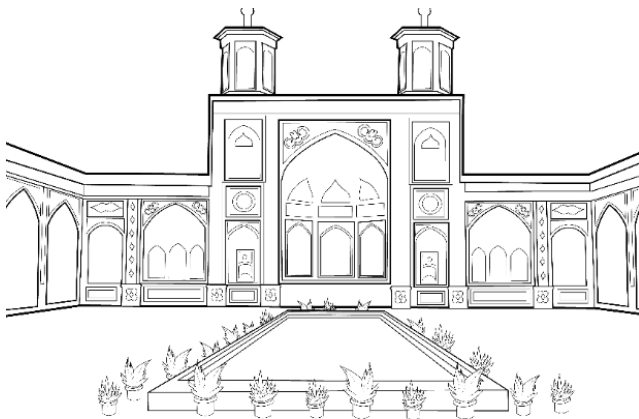
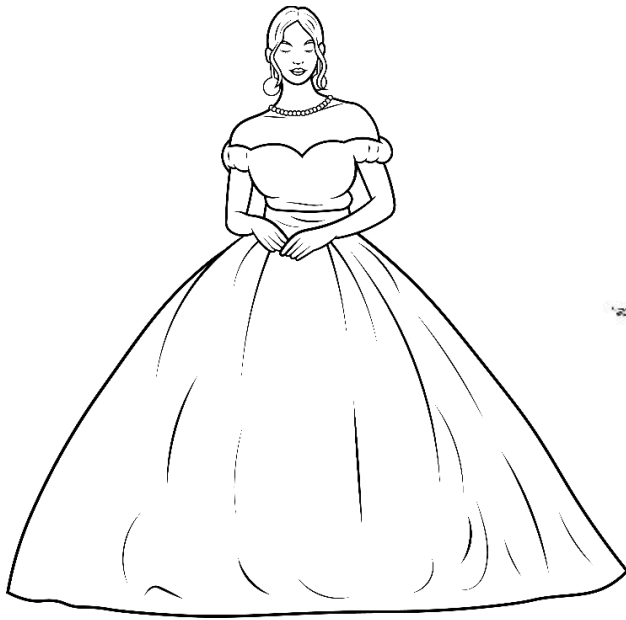
Citizens of heaven should be... obeying God; not using curse words; loving God; telling others about our Savior Jesus Christ; reading their Bibles; obeying parents and teachers; kind and giving; going to church; praying often; quickly finding ways to bring peace.

Extra! On the next page, draw yourself on the globe and write down what you think God's plan might be for YOU! Color and keep the poster handy.

I am chosen, royal, holy, special. I am a child of God!

*God has his people.
God has his plan.
God has a job for each
child, woman, and man.*

*I am here to shine.
I am here to share.
I am here to help the lost
and show them that I care.*



God's plan for me might be:

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, God's special possession, ...once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. As foreigners, live good lives among those who do not believe so that they too may praise God. 1 Peter 2:9-12 (paraphrased)

Bible Extension Activities: **CELEBRATE Purim!**

In this activity, hold a festive Jewish holiday with food and fun.

Prepare: Read about Purim below and choose how you will celebrate.

Say: The Jewish people were commanded in Scripture to remember how God rescued them from death. Purim is celebrated by Jews all around the world, usually in the month of March. They read the full book of Esther and send gifts to the poor. They also eat a special meal.



Discover how Jews celebrate and explore ways that you can.

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2022/purim-2022-with-kids>

Make noisemakers to use during the story. When Hateful Haman's name is mentioned, the **kids make noise** and stamp their feet. A simple noise maker: a plastic container filled with dried beans (or pennies). Use cleaned and dried yogurt or gum containers. The story of Esther takes about an hour to **read aloud**. To keep the kids engaged, use the noise makers. Also, go to www.FreeBibleImages.org

In the search bar, type in "Esther" and see all the resources. You can download story planners and read those for a shortened version of Esther. Or you can print the pictures and the kids can find them when they hear about them in the story you read. The kids can also make puppets out of the pictures if you attach them to popsicle sticks. Jewish kids today dress up in costumes from the Bible story. In some cities, they hold parades. Families go door-to-door to collect money for the poor. They make food baskets to share with each other. Jewish families eat dumplings, stuffed cabbage, and the most traditional... Hamantashen (named after Haman and shaped after his hat). Try this recipe:

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/70329/hamantashen/>

Make this a special tradition in your church each year!