

Esther

Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17



Esther was a courageous Jewish woman who stood up for her people and her religion. She took a big risk by asking her non-Jewish husband, King Ahasuerus, to save the Jewish people. Esther's story is still celebrated today during the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Esther was a young Jewish exile living in Persia (modern Iran) who hid her religion when chosen to marry the king.

King Ahasuerus, often identified as King Xerxes, was very powerful. He could have killed Esther when she begged for mercy for her people, but he saved her people and gave her Haman's wealth.



Haman was the king's highest official who plotted to kill the Jews because he hated Mordecai who would not bow down to him.

About the Video

In the Holy Moly video, the king had quite a process for finding a queen! After Esther became queen, Haman plotted to kill all the Jewish people because Esther's cousin Mordecai did not worship him. Esther was courageous and stood up against Haman and the king to save Mordecai and all the Jewish people. Haman was not so fortunate.

- Why were Esther and her cousin Mordecai considered outsiders in Persia?
- Why was Haman so angry with Mordecai?
- What did you admire about Esther?

Try This!

Throw a party of any size to celebrate Esther. It can be as simple as having a special treat in her name or as elaborate as a party with guests, food, and decorations.

Prayer

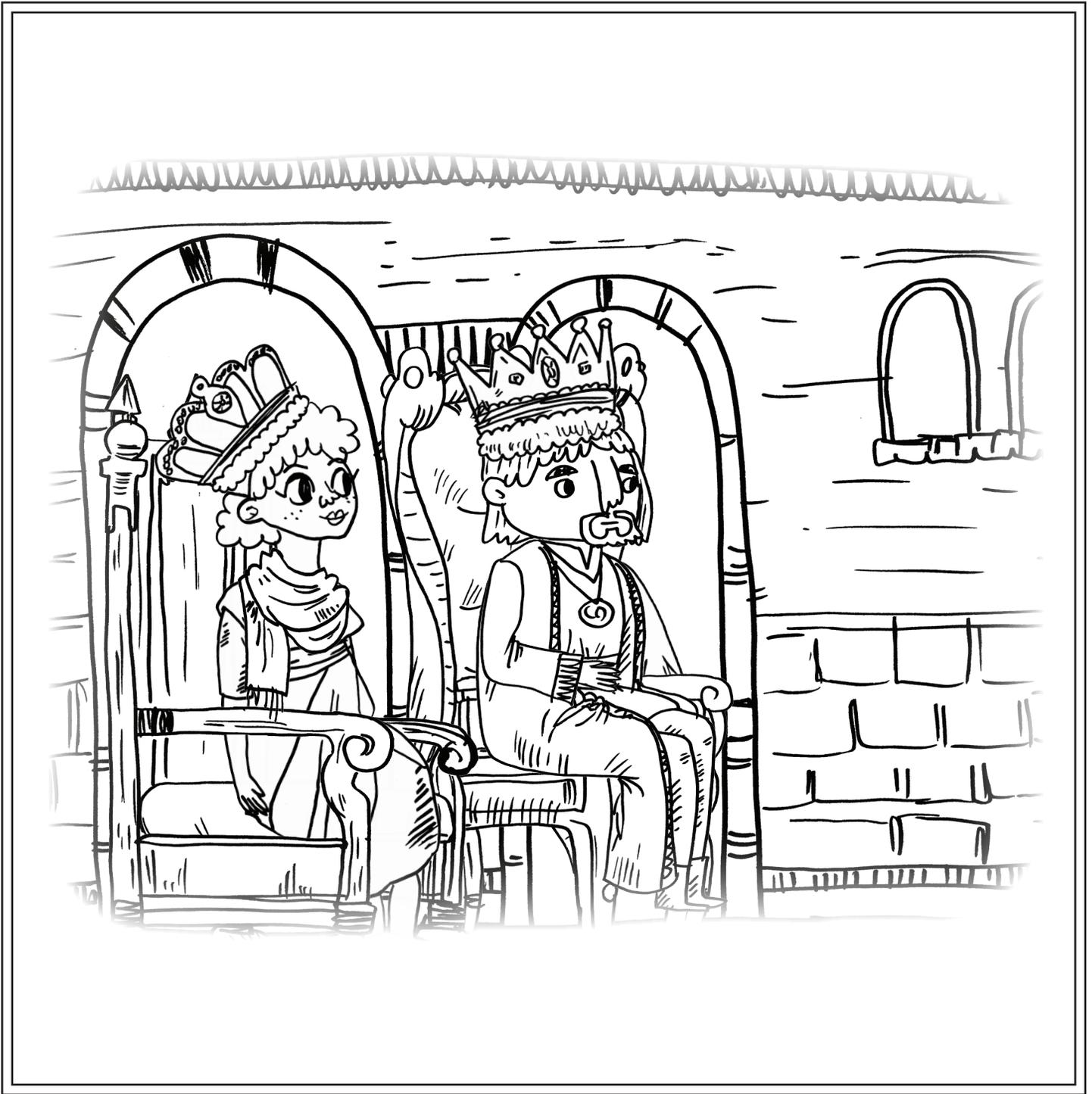
Hello God, thank you for being with us when we are scared and for giving us courage when we need it. Remind us to ask for your help whenever times are hard. Amen!

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Esther was a queen, chosen for God's work.

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Queen Esther was chosen to speak out for her people. As a queen, she had royal responsibilities. In the space around the picture, write or draw some of the things you think Queen Esther did in a day.