

## SPECIAL PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE (OT)

### LESSON 6: BRAVE QUEEN ESTHER ☆

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*Children discover how Queen Esther saved the Jewish people and learn that we should also help others whenever we can.*

#### TOPICS

Courage, Esther, Faith, Helping, Protection

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

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#### WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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#### BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)

**"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people." Psalm 118:8 NLT**

This verse reminds children that the help the Lord gives is unlimited and that God will work things out in amazing ways for those that love Him.

#### BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

After the introduction, read the children's version of the story. As an option, you can read the story about Esther directly from the Bible using the verses shown.

#### Introduction:

Our story today is found in the Old Testament of the Bible, in the book of Esther. It is a story about a young and beautiful woman named Esther.

**Queen Esther Saves Her People (Story)** [Click here](#)

**(Option) Read Esther 2:5-9, 2:17, 3:5-6, 4:1-10, 5:1-7, 7:1-8:8**

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What sad things happened to Esther as a young woman? (*Her people were forced to move from their homes and live in another country. Esther's mother and father had died.*)
2. What was Esther's cousin's name? (*Mordecai*)
3. Do you think Esther ever dreamed she would become a queen? (*No*)
4. Why did Haman want to kill Mordecai? (*Mordecai would not kneel down to Haman.*)
5. Why was Queen Esther scared to go talk to the King? (*The king could have uninvited visitors killed.*)
6. After learning about God's big plans for Esther, do you think He has plans for your life too? (*Yes.*)

#### FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

**Queen Esther Jigsaw Puzzle (Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Bring a variety of fruit, crackers and bread to class. Tell the children that you have prepared a small banquet for them to enjoy and ask them if they will be your honored guests. Start by thanking God for providing for all of our needs. As the children enjoy the banquet you have prepared, ask them what they think it may be like to prepare a banquet for a king? What might it be like to attend such a banquet?

#### CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

**They Call Her Esther (Song)** [Click here](#)

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## QUEEN ESTHER SAVES HER PEOPLE ☆

**The story of how God placed Queen Esther in the right place at the right time to save her people.**

### TOPICS:

Courage, Esther, Faith, Fear, Helping, Protection

### DURATION:

Approximately 8 minutes



**The story of Esther** (*Paraphrased*)

While growing up a young girl named Esther experienced some very sad and unhappy times. Her people had been forced to move from their homes in Jerusalem and were now held in captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar. To make matters worse, Esther's mother and father had died. (*Esther 2:5-7*)

Although Esther's future may have appeared bleak, God had big plans for her life. Esther's older cousin Mordecai had raised her as his own daughter when her father and mother had died. While Esther was under Mordecai's care, King Xerxes had issued an order that all the beautiful young women be brought to him so that he could choose a new queen. King Xerxes was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, so he set a royal crown on her head and made her the new queen. (*Esther 2:8-9, & 2:17*)

There was an evil man named Haman who held a high position under the king. Haman hated Mordecai because Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor when he walked by. Haman made a plan to kill Mordecai and all the Jews. Mordecai heard about Haman's evil plan and asked Queen Esther to help save the Jewish people. (*Esther 3:5-6, 4:1-8*)

Queen Esther was very scared to go talk to the king without being invited. The king had made a law that said, "Anyone who enters the king's court without being invited can be put to death." (*Esther 4:9-10*)

Esther knew that there wasn't much time, so she went to the king and requested that he and Haman come to a banquet that she prepared for them. King Xerxes was pleased and asked what he could do for Esther. Esther simply asked that both he and Haman return the next day for another banquet, which the king was more than happy to do.

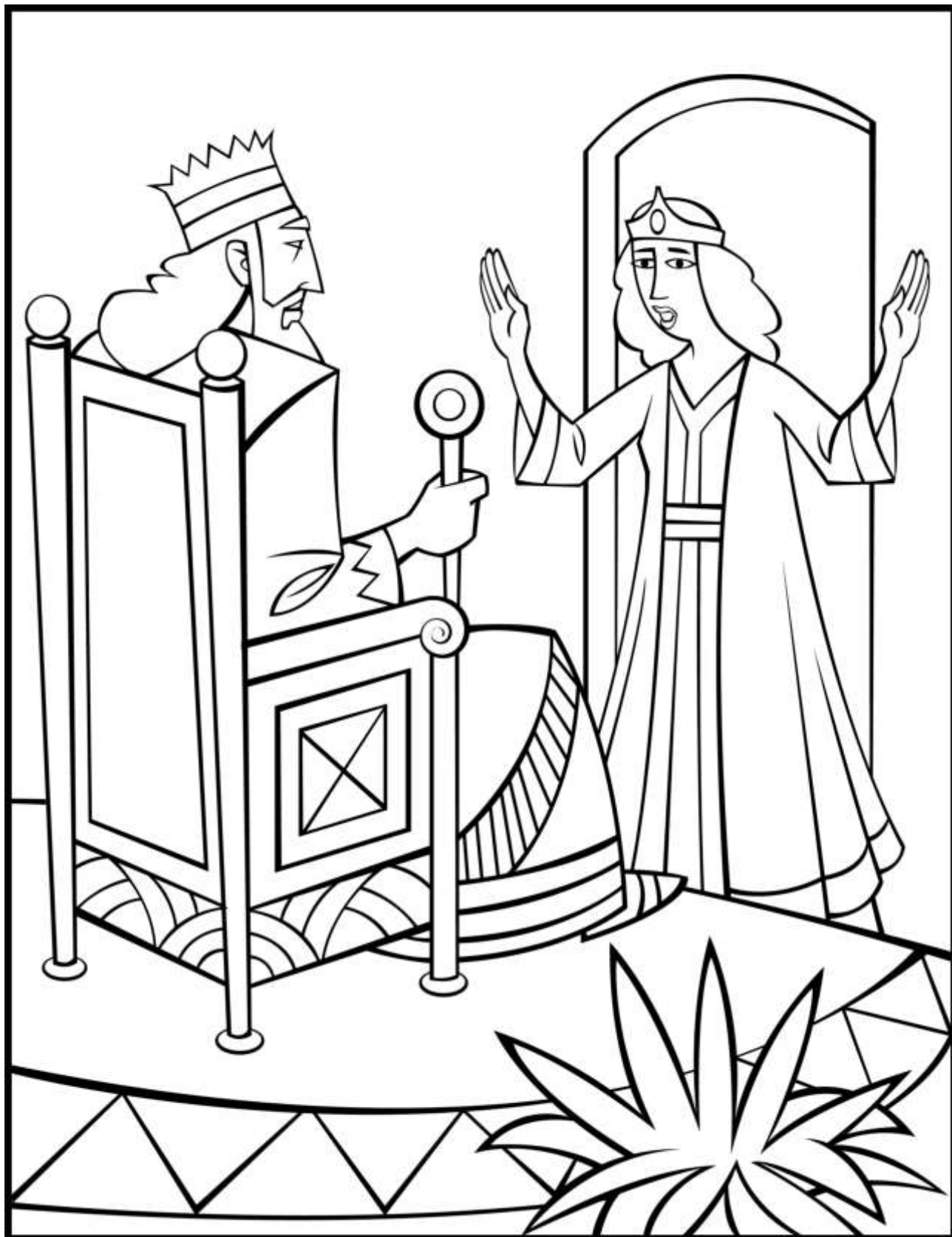
During the second banquet the king once again asked Esther what he could do for her. Queen Esther told the king about Haman's evil plot and asked the king to spare her life and the life of her people. King Xerxes became outraged at Haman and had him killed. Esther pleaded with the king that an order be written to overrule the plan Haman had written to destroy the Jews. The king honored her request and so saved the Jewish people! (*Esther 5:1-7, 7:1-10, Esther 8:3-8*)

**THE END**

For discussion questions see, **Brave Queen Esther (Lesson)** [Click here](#)

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# Brave Queen Esther



## THEY CALL HER ESTHER ☆

*A lively song about brave Queen Esther Sung to the theme song from "Flipper."*

### TOPICS:

Courage, Esther, Faith, Fear, Helping, Protection

### MATERIALS:

Song sheet [PDF] [Click here](#)

### DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes

### LYRICS

They call her Esther, Esther,  
Queen of the kingdom,

No one you see;  
Is braver than she.

And we know Esther  
Spoke up to save all of her people,

Brave as Queen Esther,  
We want to be.



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