

Esther Became Queen

Esther 1–4

When Cyrus was king of Persia, he sent some of God's people back to Judah to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. God's people were called Jews because they were from Judah. Though some Jews returned to Judah to rebuild the temple, many Jews were still in Persia when **Ahasuerus** (uh haz yoo EHR uhs) **became the new king of Persia.**

When the king's wife did not listen to him, he decided to not let her be queen anymore. **The king of Persia needed a queen. He chose Esther to be queen. Esther** was very beautiful. **She was a Jew and had been raised by her cousin Mordecai** (MAWR duh kigh). **Esther did not tell the king that she was a Jew.**

One day, Mordecai heard that Haman, a very important leader who worked for the king, was planning to kill all the Jews. Mordecai was upset! He was a Jew; he did not want all the people he loved to be killed. **Mordecai and all the Jews cried.**

Esther did not know what was wrong. She **sent a messenger to ask Mordecai why all the Jews were upset. Mordecai told Esther about Haman's evil plan.**

"You have to do something!" Mordecai said. "You are the queen. **Ask the king to stop Haman. Ask him to save the Jewish people.**"

Esther sent a message back to Mordecai. "No one can approach the king unless the king calls for that person first," Esther said. "The punishment is death—unless the king holds out his scepter; then you may live."

Mordecai encouraged Esther to think about it. "You are a Jew," he said. "If you do not stop Haman, he will kill

you too. **Maybe this is why you are the queen.” Maybe God put Esther in the palace to save her people!**

Esther asked Mordecai to gather the Jewish people and to fast. They would not eat or drink for three days. **They would pray to God for help. Then Esther would go to the king. She was willing to die to save the Jews.**

Christ Connection: God’s plan all along was to send the Messiah through Abraham’s family. Haman’s evil plan might have stopped God’s plan, but God was in control. He was working out a plan to use Esther to rescue His people and make the way for His Son, Jesus, to come into the world.



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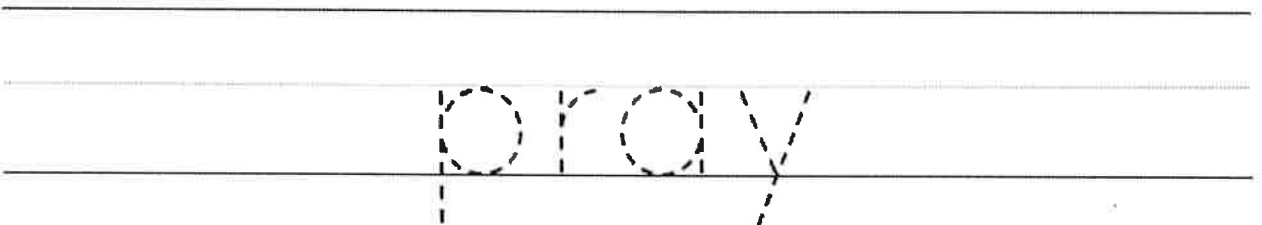
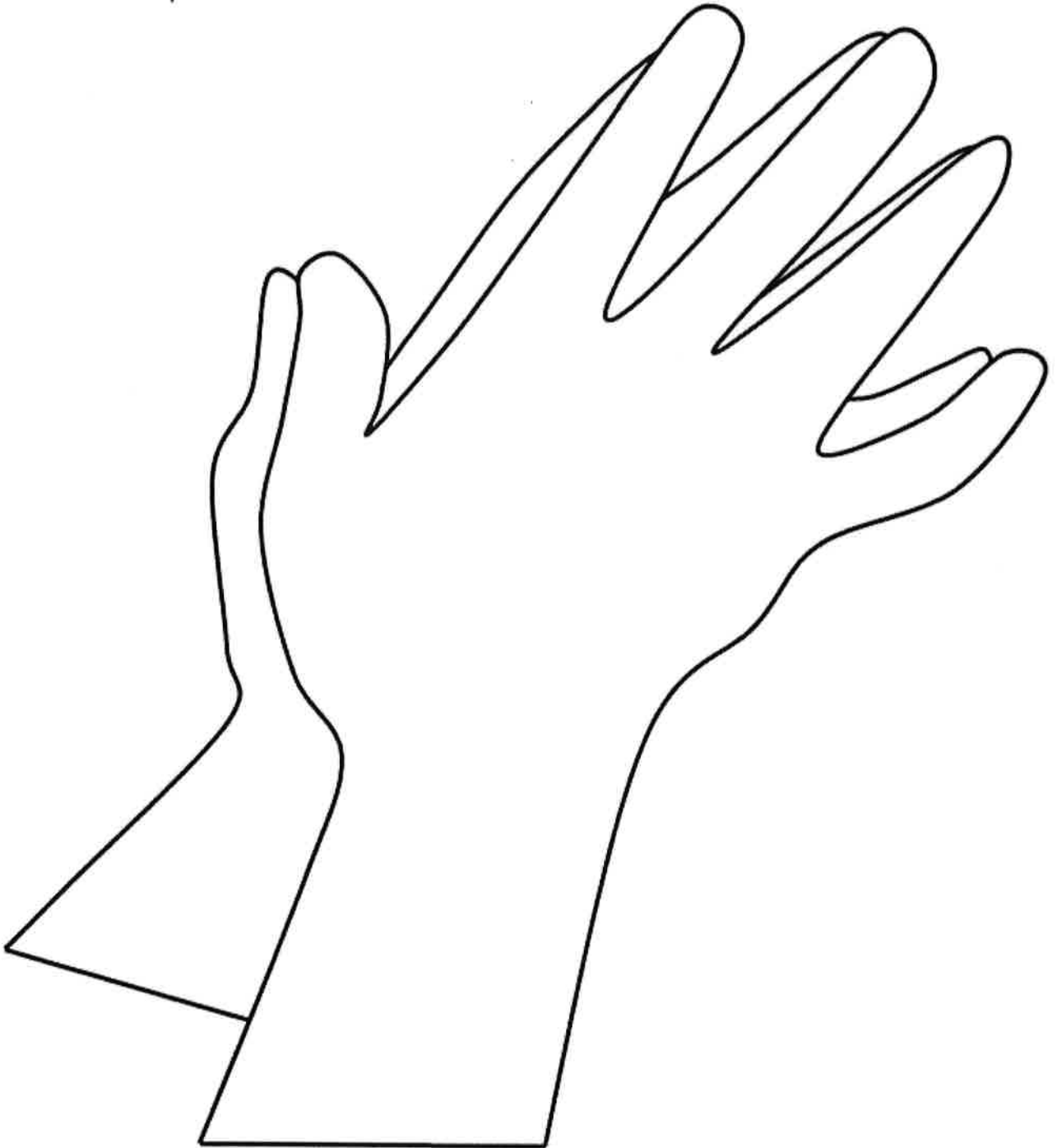
Invite kids to check out this week’s devotionals to discover that Esther chose to approach the king even if it meant dying. Jesus also faced trouble on earth; He can help us when we suffer. (Heb. 2:18) Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.

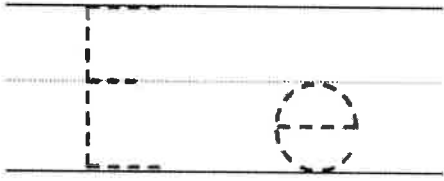
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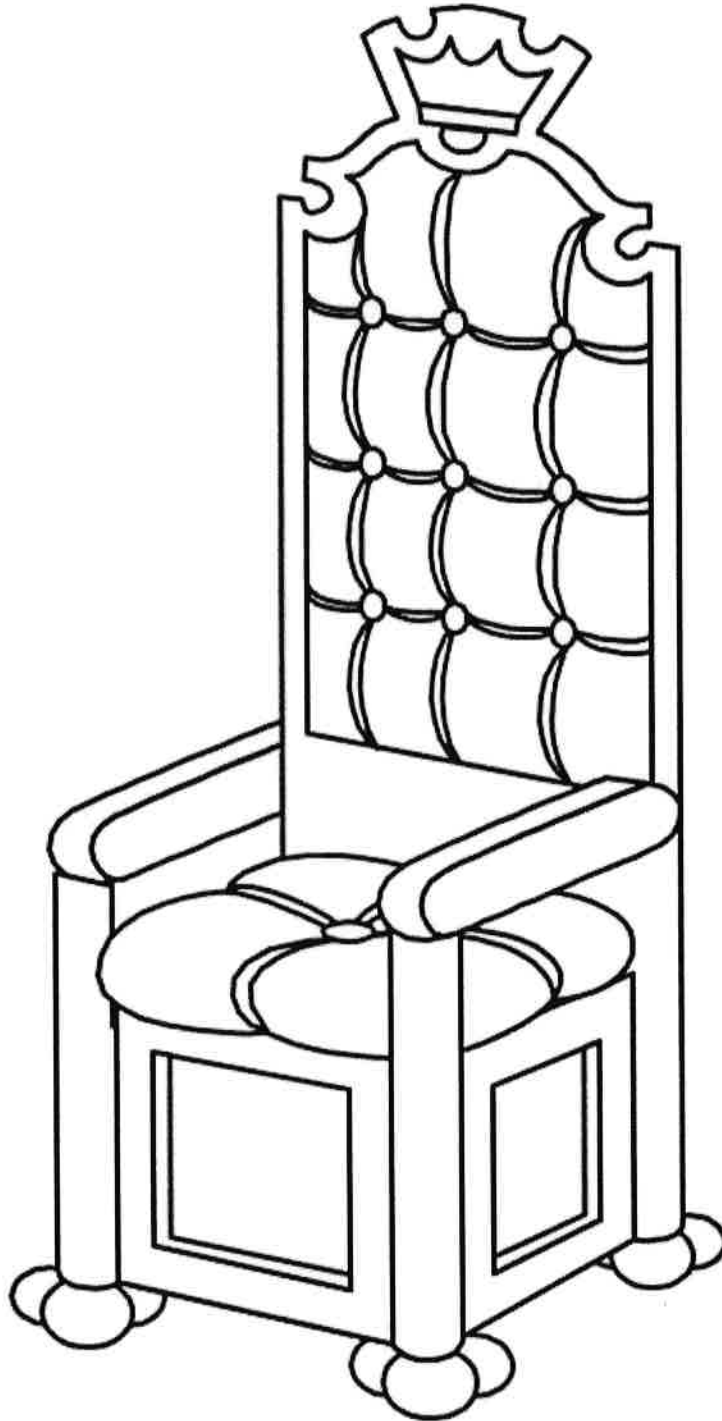


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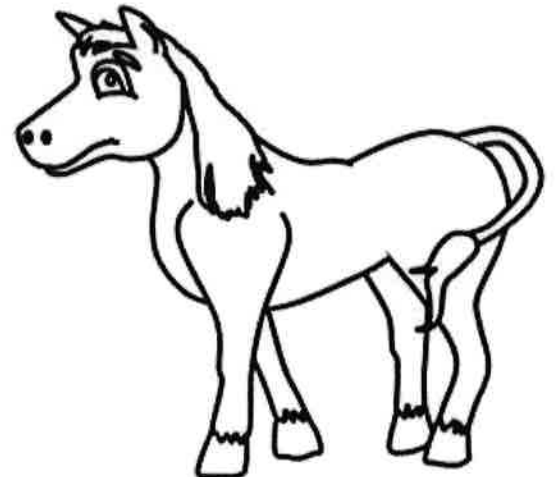
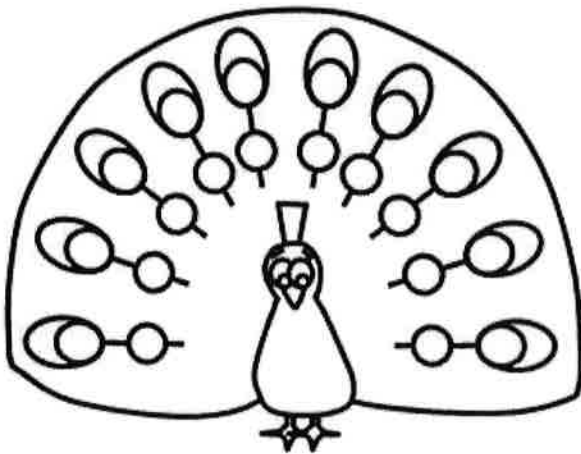
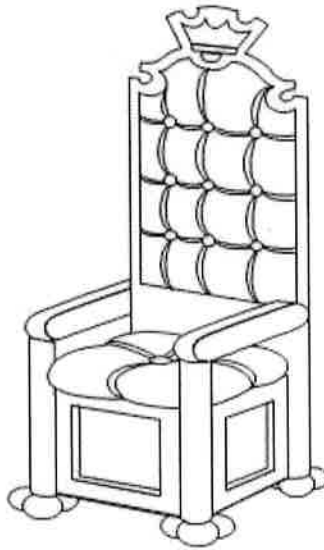
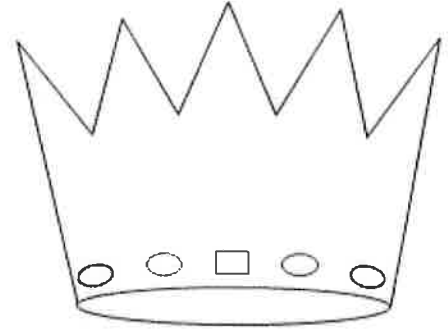
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Story Comprehension and Memory Worksheet:

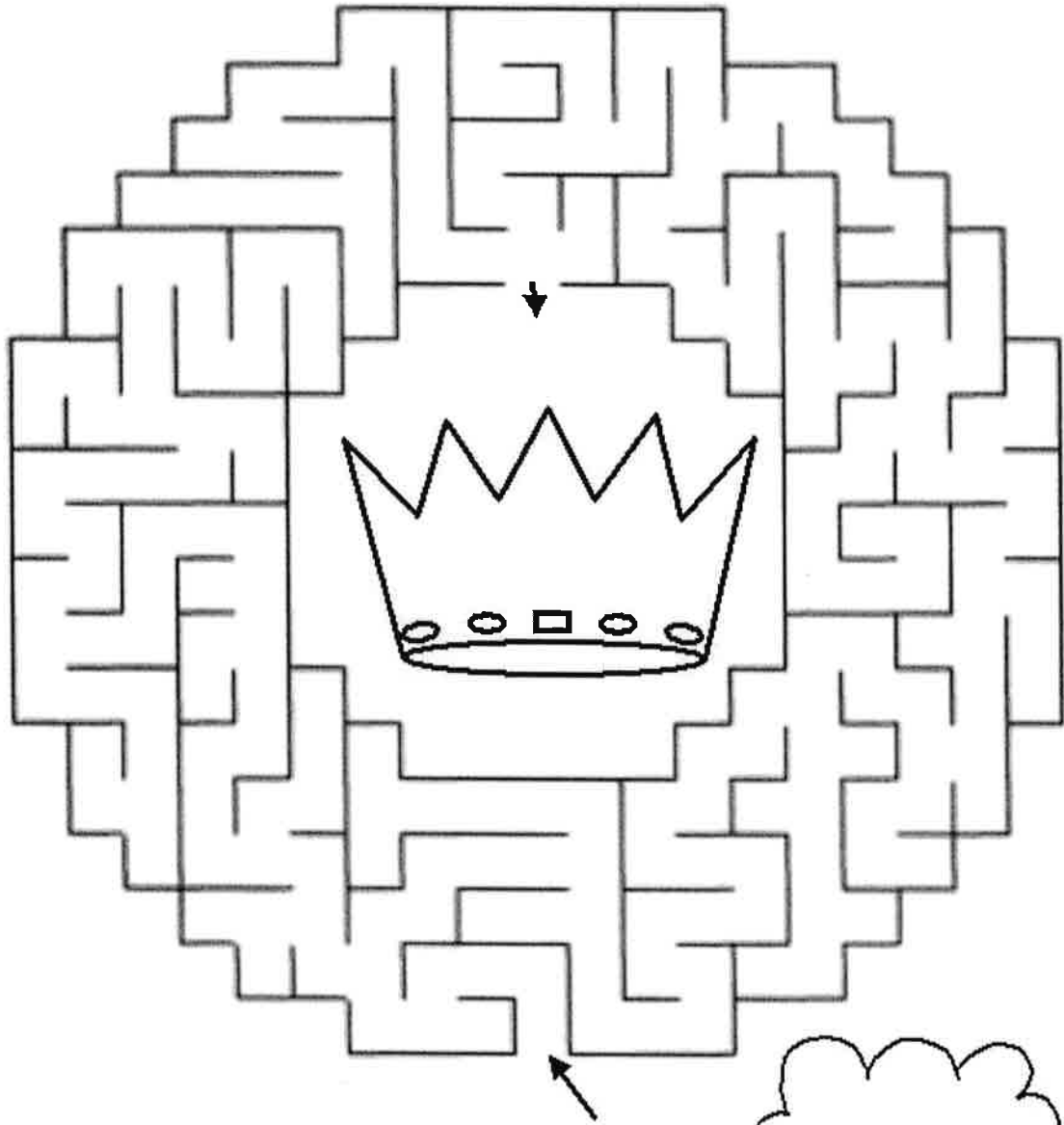
After learning about the story of Esther, which of the pictures below do you think belong?

Circle the pictures that belong. Draw an X over the pictures that do not belong.



Esther the Queen Maze

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



THIS WEEK I LEARNED...

This week we learned about the story of Esther the Queen found in Esther Chapters 2-8.

MEMORY VERSE: "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." *Proverbs 31:30*

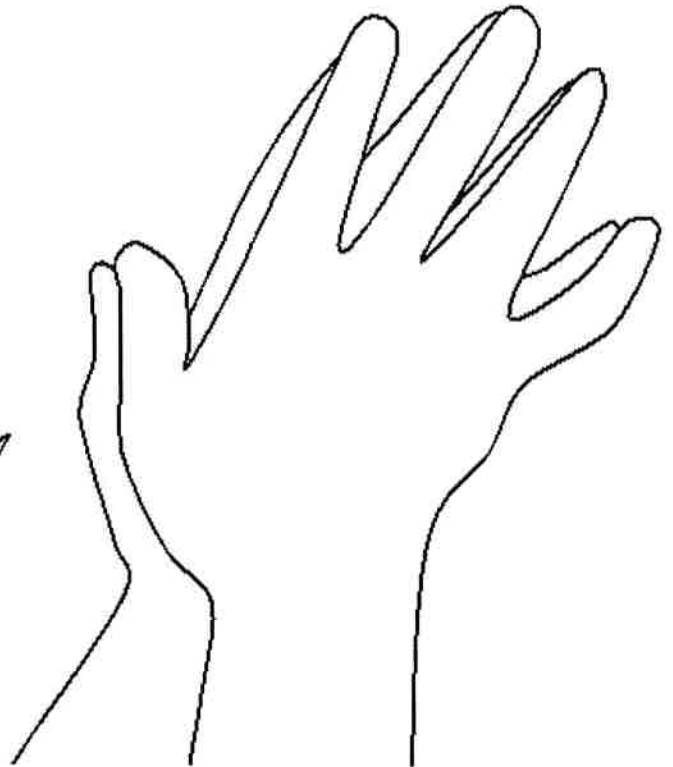
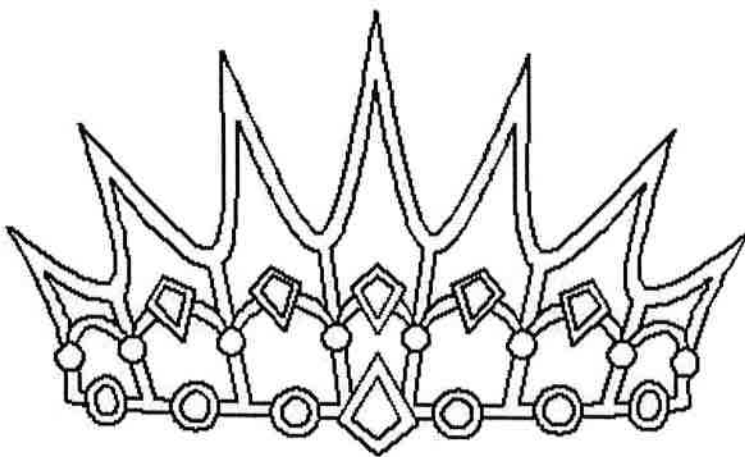
QUESTIONS TO ASK:

What secret did Esther keep? (*that she was a Jew*)

How did Esther save the Jews?

What could've happened to Esther?

FAMILY FUN: This week we learned about Queen Esther and how God helped her to be brave. Discuss with your family when its important to be brave and when its important to get help from an adult or parent. As a family act out real situations where you need to be brave and talk about how to handle it with your kids.

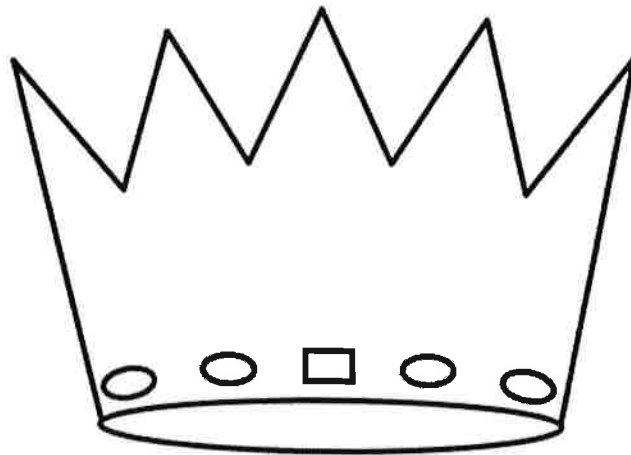


With the help of God, we can be brave.

Esther the Queen Word Search

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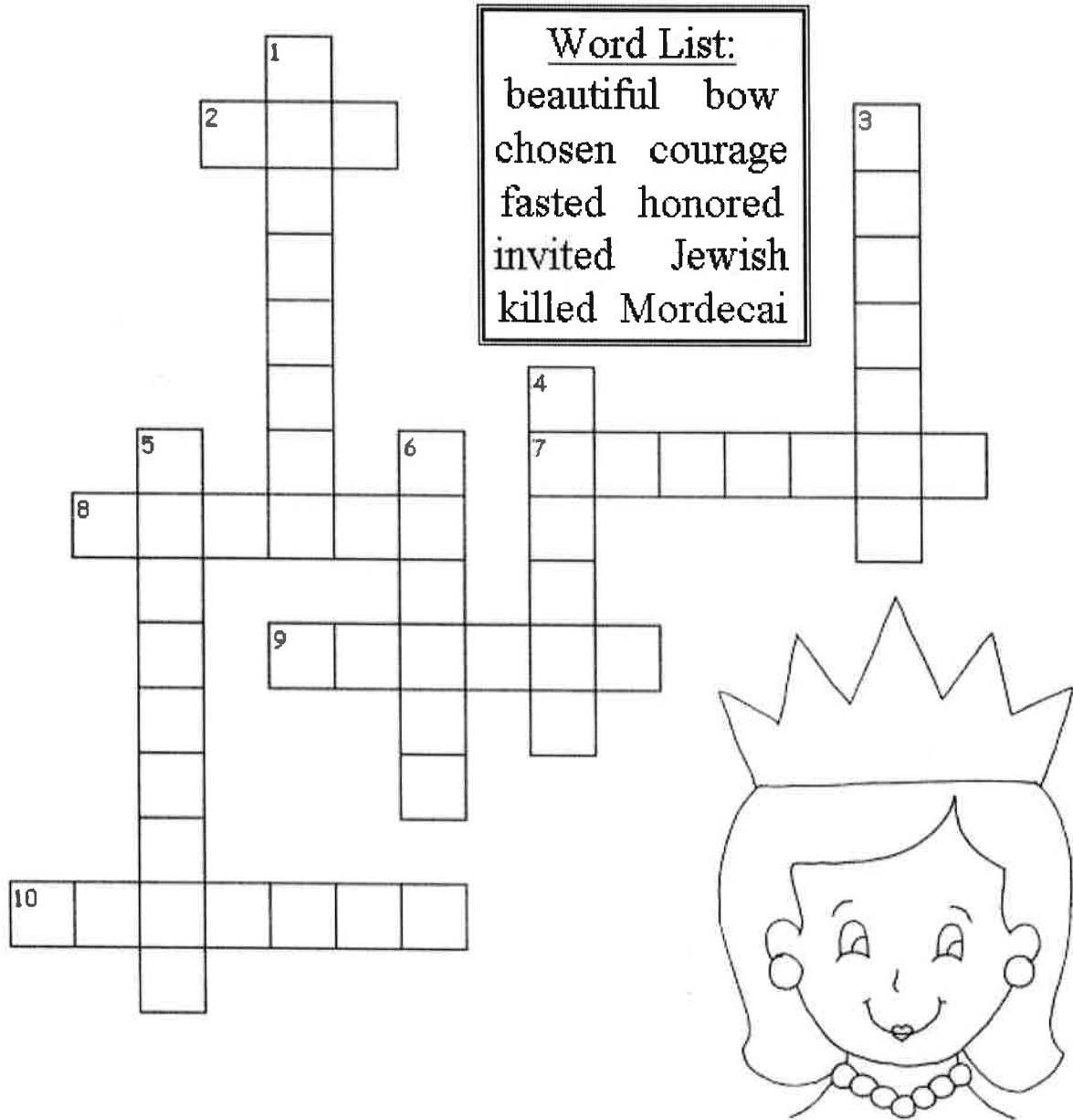
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 PERMISSION
 PRAYER
 QUEEN
 SAVED
 SUPPER



How many different words can you make from the words:

Esther the Queen

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.