

Brave Esther

Esther 1-8



The King of Persia was looking for a new queen. Many beautiful young women were brought before him.

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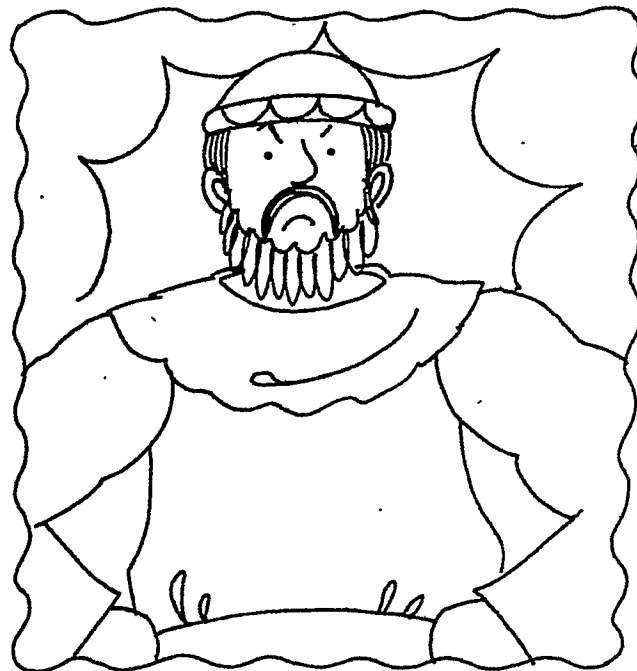
Esther, a Jewish girl, was one of the women. She was an orphan who had been raised by her cousin Mordecai.

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The king was very pleased with Esther. He chose her to be his new queen. Mordecai told Esther not to tell anyone she was a Jew.

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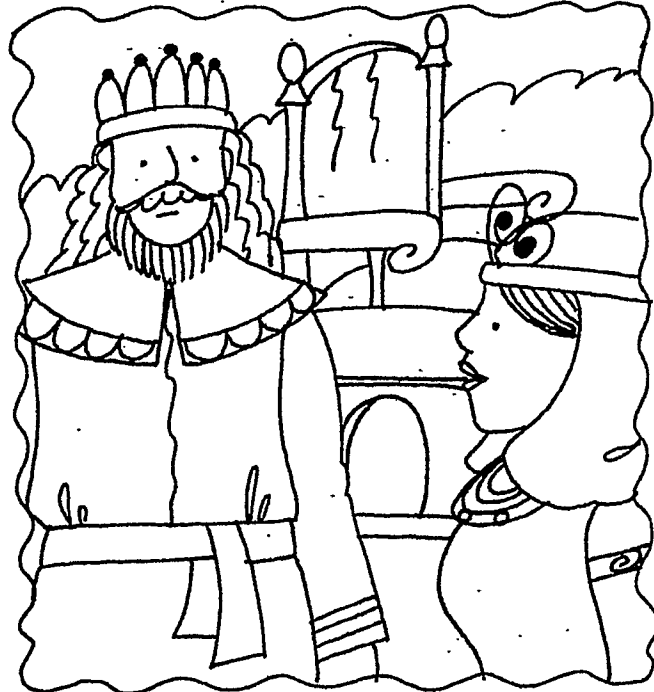
The king appointed a new advisor, Haman. Haman hated Jews. He planned to destroy the Jews in Persia.

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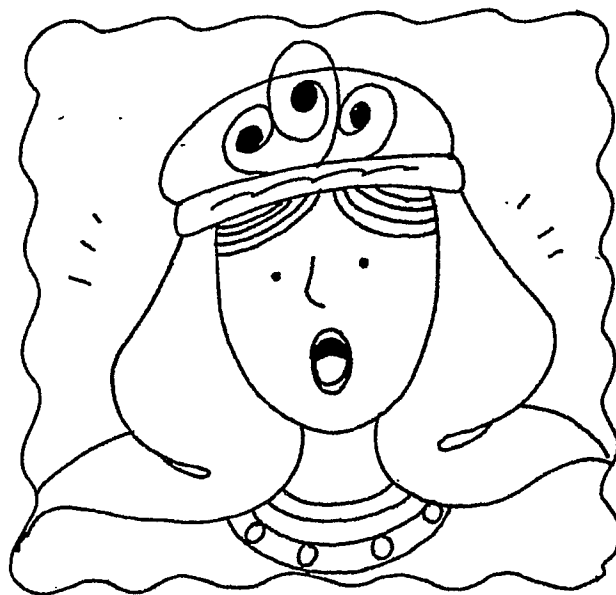
Mordecai told Esther about Haman's plan. Esther knew she had to stop Haman. For three days, Esther and the Jews fasted.

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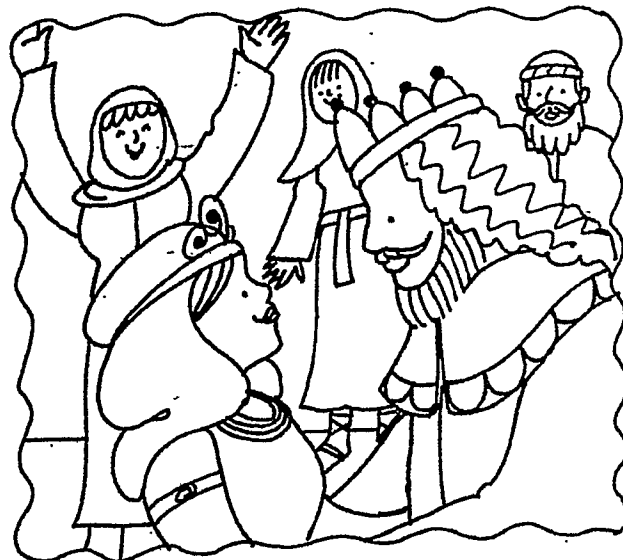
Then Esther took action. She risked her life to save the lives of the Jews. Esther stood before the king.

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The king was pleased and held out his gold scepter. This gave Esther permission to speak. (She could have been killed if he had not.) Esther asked that the king and Haman attend a banquet.

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After that banquet, Esther asked the two to attend another one. She revealed that she was a Jew and asked the king to spare her people's lives. Through Esther's bravery and God's guidance, the Jews were saved and Haman was hanged.

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