

Dear Parents,

This week we are learning about the story of Esther. Esther reminds us that God has called each of us to a specific purpose and plan that gives Him glory. Just like God used Esther to rescue His people, He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.

OPENING ACTIVITY

Act Out Ways to Help

Encourage the children to think of ways they can help their families. Invite one child at a time to act out one way to help for the other children to guess. Whisper ideas (sweeping, dusting, folding towels, putting clothes in drawers, taking care of a younger sibling, and picking up toys) to children who have a hard time thinking of a way to help.

Say: God gave us families! We can help our families in many ways. Today we will hear about a woman who helped her family in a very special way. She did not just help her family; she helped all of the Jewish people in her country.

WORSHIP

These songs are what we suggest for today's lesson. You can use these links or access them from the TCC Kids YouTube playlist. As always, do what works best for your family and use whatever songs you'd like to worship together!

- "Celebrate", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BZK7OSdjsU>
- "I Am Yours", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwrW6rZZ2fc>
- "To God Be the Glory", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGnYkZs7d7U>

BIBLE STORY

Bible Passage: Esther

Main Point: God used Esther to rescue God's people from their enemies.

Big Picture Question: Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.

Christ Connection: *God's plan was to send the Messiah into the world through Abraham's family. Haman's evil plan could not stop God. God had a plan for Esther to rescue His people. By saving the Jews, God made the way for His Son, Jesus, to come into the world.*

PRAYER TIME

Spend some time as a family in prayer. Pray for your kids and pray out loud with your kids! Encourage them to pray and share with God what is on their hearts.

Say: God, You are in control of everything, including kings and queens and the way they lead. You used Esther to help Your people, and You can also help us with our problems and worries. You sent Jesus to deal with our greatest problem—our sin. Help us trust You and follow You. Amen.



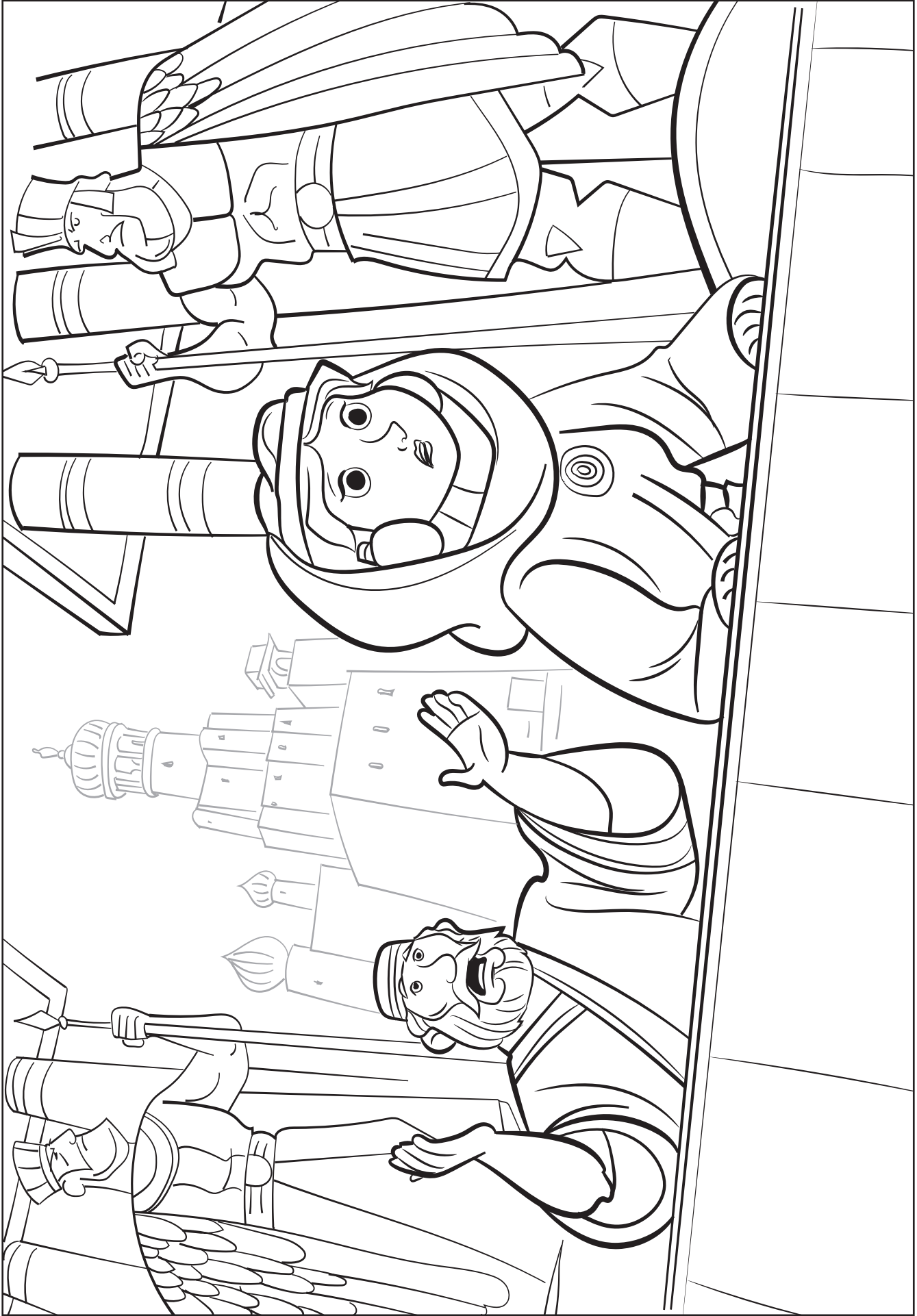
CRAFT/ACTIVITY

Make a Scepter

Give each child a cardboard paper towel tube to serve as a scepter. Provide stickers and stick-on jewels to decorate the scepters.

Say: *The king held out his scepter to Esther, which saved her from being punished. Esther was allowed to talk to the king and save her people. God used Esther to rescue God's people from their enemies.*

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**STORY POINT: GOD MADE ESTHER A QUEEN
TO PROTECT HIS PEOPLE.**