



Table of Contents

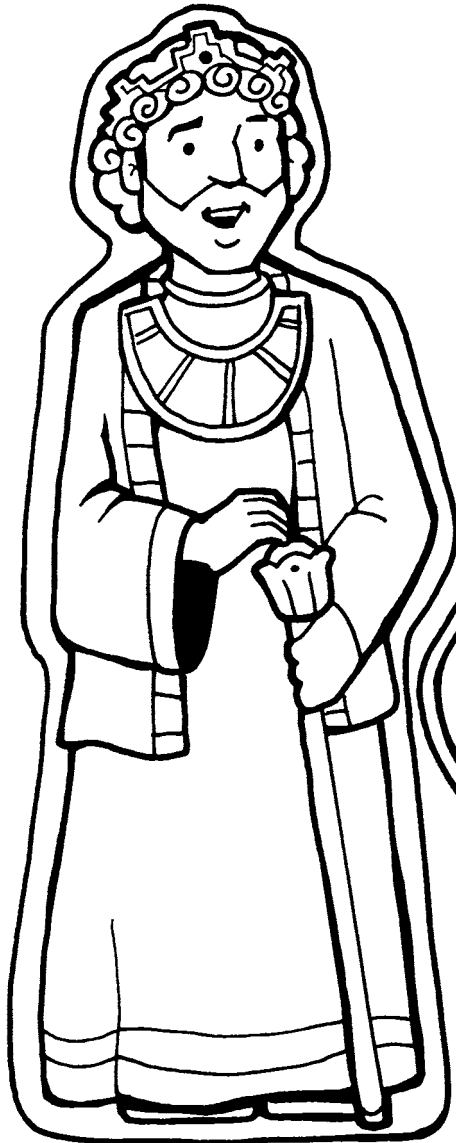


Introduction	3
“Esther” Bulletin Board	4
Bulletin Board Patterns	5
Esther Is Chosen to Be Queen	6
King’s Banquet Puzzle	7
“A New Queen” Action Rhyme	8
Esther’s Popularity	9
Who Did What?	10
Queen Switch	11
True Beauty	13
How She Did It	14
To Esther from the King	15
Describing Esther	16
“God’s Plan” Song	17
“Meet the King” Maze	18
Esther’s People Are Threatened	19
What Happened When?	20
God’s Decrees	21
Haman, Enemy of God	22
Describing Haman	23
Don’t Be Proud	24
“Proud Haman” Action Song	26
Mordecai’s Discovery	27
“Do the Right Thing” Rap	28
Sin	29
Bible Story Puppets	30
Bible Story Skit	31
Esther Saves Her People	32
Esther’s Character	33
How It Happened	34
Questioning Esther	35
You Can Be Brave!	36
Welcome or Not?	37
Inner Beauty	39
Honoring Mordecai	40
Responsibility Song	41
A Jewish Celebration	42
“God Uses Esther” Mini-Book	43
Esther Puppet and Skit	45
Answer Key	47



Bible Story Puppets

Directions: Color and cut out the figures of Mordecai, Haman, and King Xerxes. Tape or glue each figure to a craft stick to make a puppet. Use the puppets to act out the story skit on page 31.



King Xerxes



Haman



Mordecai



Bible Story Skit



Directions: Read the skit and use the puppets from page 30 to act it out.

Haman: Oh, Mordecai makes me so mad! Why won't he kneel down, like everyone else does, when I walk by? Who does he think he is—somebody special? I'm the special one! I'll pay him back somehow.

Mordecai: Here comes Haman again. I don't care what the king says; I will not kneel to that man. He doesn't deserve it. I will kneel only to God!

Haman: Look at that. There stands Mordecai while everyone else is kneeling. I'd like to hit him! No, I want to do something worse to him. What can I do? I know! I'd like to kill him, but what would be even worse would be to kill all of his people, the Jews. Yes, that's what I'll do!

King: Hello, Haman. What can I do for you?

Haman: Your majesty, I have a suggestion for you that I think will be very helpful.

King: Let me hear it, then.

Haman: Well, I've heard that you have many Jews living in your kingdom. They are different from all of your other people. They are troublemakers who do not obey your laws. I think it would be a good idea to get rid of them. Why not make a decree that all of the Jews in the land be destroyed? I would be glad to pay for whatever it would cost to do the job.

King: Keep your money. Do with the Jews as you please. Here is my royal ring. Stamp it on the decree to make it official once it's written.

Haman: Yes! I did it! The king did exactly what I wanted. Now the power is mine to destroy all of the Jews in the kingdom. And you can be sure that Mordecai will be the first one! I will enjoy that. Let's see, first I need to have the decree written to destroy the Jews. Then I'll have the royal secretaries copy the decree in all of the different languages spoken throughout the Persian Empire. Then I'll send messengers to take the decree to every part of the kingdom. The day of destruction will be the 13th day of the 12th month. I can hardly wait for that day to come!

King: Well, Haman, have you taken care of everything?

Haman: Yes, your highness. The decree is being carried to the farthest corners of the kingdom. In a few months the Jews will be history!

King: Good work! Let's have a drink to celebrate.

Mordecai: I haven't seen Haman lately. I wonder if he has given up getting back at me for not kneeling down to him. Probably not. Oh well, whatever he does, God will take care of me.

Save your stick puppets to finish the story later.