

Parsha Pearls

Purim

"Chag HaPurim Edition"
The Feast of Lots



Ester 1-10
Katan Aleph



Special Feast Edition

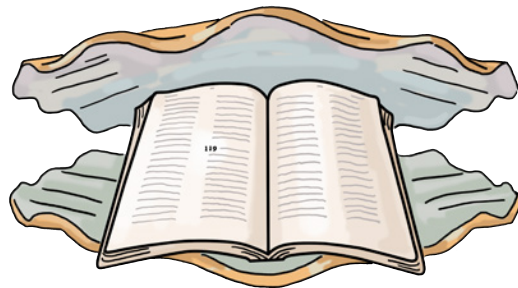
INTRODUCTION

Purim

Purim is a festival commonly observed by and associated with brother Yehudah (Judah). It is celebrated as a joyous and happy festival because it commemorates Yehudah's victory over those who wanted to annihilate them during their exile in the kingdom of Persia, under the reign of King Ahashwerosh (Xerxes).

Purim is celebrated on the 14th and 15th days of Adar which coincide with the English months of February and/or March. On the 13th day of Adar, the Yehudites (Jews) successfully defended themselves from those who wished to destroy them. Their oppressors, led by the Agagite Haman, had cast lots (purim) to determine which day that they should be destroyed. After the Yehudites were victorious over their enemies, they spent the following 2 days in gladness and feasting and for sending portions to one another and gifts to the poor.

Purim is a time to join hands with our brother Yehudah, because of the many times throughout history when enemies rose up seeking to destroy Yahweh's seed. It is the Yehudites who have stood firm against them, and who still carry the torch of Torah truth. For most of their festivals, brother Yehudah sums up the celebration by saying, "They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat!"



Chag Sameach (Happy Feast) from MTOI and YMTOI

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Parsha Pearls is a comprehensive resource that allows for complete customization by the parent. We understand that if you were to strive to accomplish all aspects of each lesson in one day it would be unrealistic and also overload for the child. It is our intention that this be used 'a la carte' so that it suits your specific needs. Our site caters to printing only the pieces you choose.

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If you are new to Parsha Pearls, we have created an [Introduction](#) document outlining how to use our lessons, as well as a [Scriptural Inspiration](#) document, which explains our titles and the Scriptural inspiration for them. We pray that Parsha Pearls blesses your home and that your children will grow to love the Word and to never depart from keeping Torah. As always, feel free to email us at parshapearls@mtoi.org if you have any questions.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT PURIM

Hamantashen

One tradition is to eat a dessert called 'hamantashen'. This is a cookie that is shaped like a triangle, to represent the wicked Haman's hat. It is filled with different types of jellies such as apricot, prune and poppy seed, chocolate, hazelnut spreads, etc. (Ester 9:19, 22).



Mishloach Manot/Shalach Manos

Another enjoyable tradition during Purim is to exchange gift baskets referred to as 'mishloach minot' (sending of portions) filled with tempting treats such as hamantashen (Ester 9:19, 22).

Matanot L'evyonim

As a special mitzvah (kind deed), our brother Yehudah gives charity (money or food) to 2 people during this time so that those who are in need are able to celebrate this feast. This is referred to as 'matanot l'evyonim' in Hebrew which means giving gifts to the poor (Ester 9:22).



K'riat Megillah

A beautiful tradition that is done in every synagogue during the Festival of Purim is listening to the reading of the Book of Ester referred to as the 'megillah' in Hebrew meaning scrolls. As the story is read, whenever the name of evil Haman is said out loud the audience may shake groggers, (special noisemakers made for this day by children) and boo, hiss and stamp feet so as to drown out the sound of his name. When the name of our hero Mordekai is said, there will be loud cheers.



Masks/costumes

Brother Yehudah has adopted a custom of having children (and even adults) dress up in costumes, to reflect the way Ester 'masked' her identity. This tradition may have started out as a valuable lesson, but later transitioned to looking more like a Jewish Halloween day where children dress up in any type of costume and actually go around and receive candy from the adults. We at MTOI do NOT recommend this approach, but do recognize that having the children dress up in costumes that relate 'specifically' to the characters of the book of Ester can be a great way to enhance the feast.

Fasting

It is also customary to fast on the day before Purim, in order to remember the 3 day fast of Ester before she went in to the king.

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Here is the link for a reading of this story:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2022-03-11T06_33_40-08_00

Purim Edition – Ester Story

Shalom children! I am so excited about what we have planned for today! We are having a special celebration to remember an event that took place a long time ago. Does anybody know what we are celebrating? It is a holiday called Purim. Many years ago, the Yehudim had become part of the Persian Empire. This was a very large kingdom, and it was ruled by a king named Ahashwerosh. **(Place King Ahashwerosh on board.)** Children can you try and say his name with me? A-hash-ve-rosh. Let's try it together. That's sure a mouthful isn't it? Remember the ruler's name in the story of Chanukah? It was Antiochus. I wonder how their parents came up with these names. Anyway, after he became king, Ahashwerosh decided to throw a big party that lasted 180 days. **(Place king's feast on board.)** Whoa, now that is a long party! Then when that party was over, he threw another 7-day party for the people in the city of Shushan where he lived. His wife, Queen Vashti, also hosted a party for all the women of the palace. **(Place Queen Vashti's feast on board.)**

Now, Vashti was a very pretty lady, and on the last day of the party, King Ahashwerosh decided that he wanted to parade her in front of all the princes to show them how beautiful she was. **(Remove king's feast and Queen Vashti's feast from board and place Queen Vashti on board.)** Well, Queen Vashti did not like that idea, so she told his messengers that she would not do it. This made the king very angry, and he decided that he did not want her to be the queen anymore. **(Remove Queen Vashti from board.)** Ahashwerosh and his servants brought lots of other women **(place group of women and regular Ester on board)** into the palace so that a new queen could be chosen. One of those women was named Ester. **(Point to regular Ester.)** She was a Yehudi and had been raised by her cousin Mordekai. **(Place happy Mordekai on board.)** King Ahashwerosh liked Ester a lot, so he made her the new queen. **(Remove group of women and regular Ester and place Queen Ester on board.)** However, she did not tell him that she was a Yehudi because Mordekai had warned her not to say anything about it.

One day, 2 of Ahashwerosh's servants were planning a way to hurt him. **(Place 2 men on board.)** When Mordekai found out about it, he told Ester, and Ester told King Ahashwerosh. The 2 men were found guilty, and it was written in the king's book that Mordekai had saved him from being harmed by the men that day. **(Remove 2 men and place scroll on board.)**



Well, after this happened, a man named Haman was given the job of helping King Ahashwerosh run the kingdom. **(Place Haman on board.)** Haman was a mean man and hated the Yehudim. But he was friends with King Ahashwerosh, so the king made a rule that everybody had to bow down to Haman when he walked by. And that is what everyone did. Well, everyone except for Mordekai, that is.

It made Haman really mad that Mordekai would not bow to him, and he started planning a way to get rid of all the Yehudim. They cast lots, which is kind of like playing the lottery, and decided they would get rid of the Yehudim in the month of Adar. **(Place lots on board next to Haman.)**

Haman then went to King Ahashwerosh and told him that the Yehudim had laws that were different from the king's laws. He said that they should get rid of all the Yehudim in the kingdom. So Ahashwerosh wrote a decree — which is like a law — that Haman could see to it that this would be done. Yikes! He must not have suspected that his queen, Ester was a Yehudi. I don't think he would have given Haman permission to get rid of them, do you?

Well, Haman sent letters to all the different parts of the kingdom saying that on the 13th day of the 12th new moon, the month of Adar, all the Yehudim should be destroyed. Do you think Ester and Mordekai were sad and afraid when they found out about this? Let's keep reading and find out. **(Remove Haman, scroll and lots from board.)**

When Mordekai found out about the new law that Haman and Ahashwerosh had made, he tore his clothes and dressed himself in sackcloth and ashes. **(Remove happy Mordekai and place Mordekai in sackcloth and ashes on board.)** This is what people used to do when they were very upset about something. Many other Yehudim did the same thing, and they cried and fasted and prayed for help. Ester had not heard the reason Mordekai was so upset, so he sent her a copy of the new law that said all the Yehudim would be destroyed. He also told her to go talk to the king and ask him to spare their people.

(Remove Mordekai in sackcloth and ashes from board.) Now, Ester knew that no one was allowed to go talk to the king unless he had called for them, and she told this to Mordekai. But Mordekai told her that if she would not talk to Ahashwerosh, someone else would be used to save the Yehudim and she would perish. So Ester said that she would go talk to him, but first she wanted all the Yehudim to fast and pray with her for 3 days and nights. **(Place #3 on board.)** So they all fasted, which means that they did not eat or drink, and spent a lot of time praying. When the 3 days were over, Ester got all dressed up in her fancy, royal clothing and went to talk to King Ahashwerosh.

When Ester approached him, he held out his golden scepter. **(Remove King Ahashwerosh from board and replace with King with scepter.)** That meant that he would allow Ester to talk to him and she would not be punished for coming in without an invitation. Whew, I'm sure glad he was willing to listen to what Ester had to say! She told Ahashwerosh that she wanted to invite him and Haman to a private feast that she prepared. Yum! I wonder what she had cooked for them; I'm sure it was delicious. **(Remove all characters from board and place King Ahashwerosh, Queen Ester and Haman on board.)**



While they were eating at the feast, Ahashwerosh asked Ester what her request or petition was. Well, Ester was really trying to get on his good side, so she said that she wanted to prepare another feast for them the next day. This made Haman pretty happy... But then as he was leaving the feast, he saw Mordekai. **(Place sad Mordekai on board.)** Remember, he didn't like Mordekai because he would NOT bow to him or honor him. So Haman and his family made plans to kill Mordekai and decided they would tell the king about their plans the next day.

(Remove Queen Ester, Haman, and sad Mordekai from board.)

That night, King Ahashwerosh had a hard time sleeping, so he had someone come and read to him out of the book where all the palace events were recorded. **(Place reader on board.)** They read how Mordekai had warned Ahashwerosh about the men who wanted to hurt him. However, Mordekai had not yet been rewarded for saving the king's life.

Well! Right at that moment, Haman came into the room. **(Place Haman next to king.)** The king asked Haman what should be done for the man that the king wanted to honor. Silly Haman! He thought that the king wanted to honor him, so he said that the special person should get to wear a royal robe and ride on a royal horse, and he should be paraded around the city while it was announced to everyone that this is the man whom the king wishes to honor.

Now, we know that the king wanted to do that for Mordekai, not Haman! Haman was a little shocked when he found out that he would have to honor Mordekai, not the other way around. But the king had ordered it, so Haman had to do it. **(Remove all characters from board and place parade scene on board.)** Afterwards, he went home and told his wife how upset he was. His wife could see that things were not going well for him.

Soon it was time for the second feast that Ester had prepared. **(Remove parade scene and place Queen Ester's feast on board.)** So Ahashwerosh and Haman went to the feast, and Ahashwerosh asked Ester again what her request or petition was. Ester told him that her request was that she wanted her life and her people's lives to be spared. The king wanted to know who it was that dared to hurt her and her people! She told him that it was Haman's evil plan to get rid of the Yehudim, and that she was a Yehudi too.

Well, when the king realized what was going to happen to his queen, he got really angry at Haman, and ordered that he be hanged on the structure that Haman had originally built to kill Mordekai. **(Remove Queen Ester's feast from board.)** King Ahashwerosh then put Mordekai over all the things that Haman used to be in charge of. **(Place happy Mordekai, Queen Ester and king with scepter on board.)**

Ester asked the king if he could reverse the law that said they were going to get rid of the Yehudim. Well, the rule was that once a law had been written in the king's name, it could NOT be reversed. But the king told Mordekai that he could write a new law. So Mordekai wrote a law saying that the Yehudim would be allowed to defend themselves from anyone who wanted to hurt them. Then he sent a copy of the law to everyone in the kingdom. **(Place scroll on board.)** All the Yehudim were so happy to hear that news!



(Place defending men and women on board.) The day arrived when people were allowed to attack the Yehudim, but the Yehudim were allowed to fight back. It turned out that many people were afraid of them now, so they just left them alone! That's so cool! People didn't even want to hurt them anymore! There were still some people who didn't like them, though, and did attack. So, the Yehudim fought those people and got rid of them.

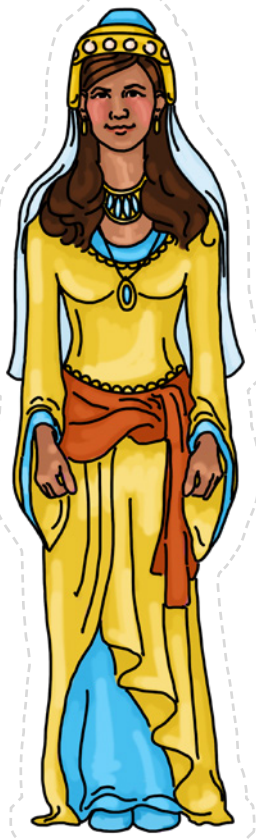
The Yehudim decided that they would make the 14th and 15th days of the month of Adar a special celebration so that they would always remember how their people had been saved. **(Remove defending men and women and place celebrating men and women on board.)** They would call it Purim, because pur is a word that means 'lot', and that is how Haman had picked a day to try to destroy the Yehudim—by casting lots. On those days, the Yehudim would have feasts and give gifts to each other. And that is how we still celebrate the holiday of Purim today! Can you say Chag Purim Sameach with me to wish each other a happy feast? Chag Purim Sameach!

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next time for another exciting Little Gems story!





Regular Ester



Queen Ester



Happy Mordekai



Sad Mordekai



Haman



King with scepter



King Ahashwerosh



Queen Vashti



Celebrating men

Celebrating women



Defending men

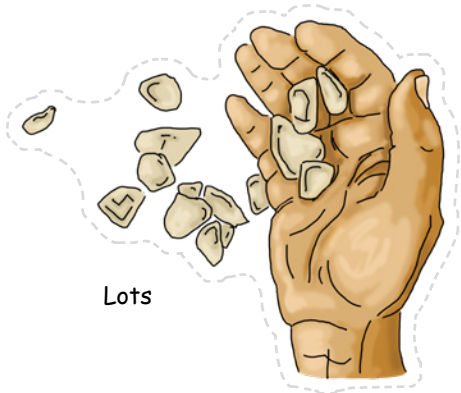
Defending women



Mordekai
in sackcloth
and ashes



Group of women



Lots



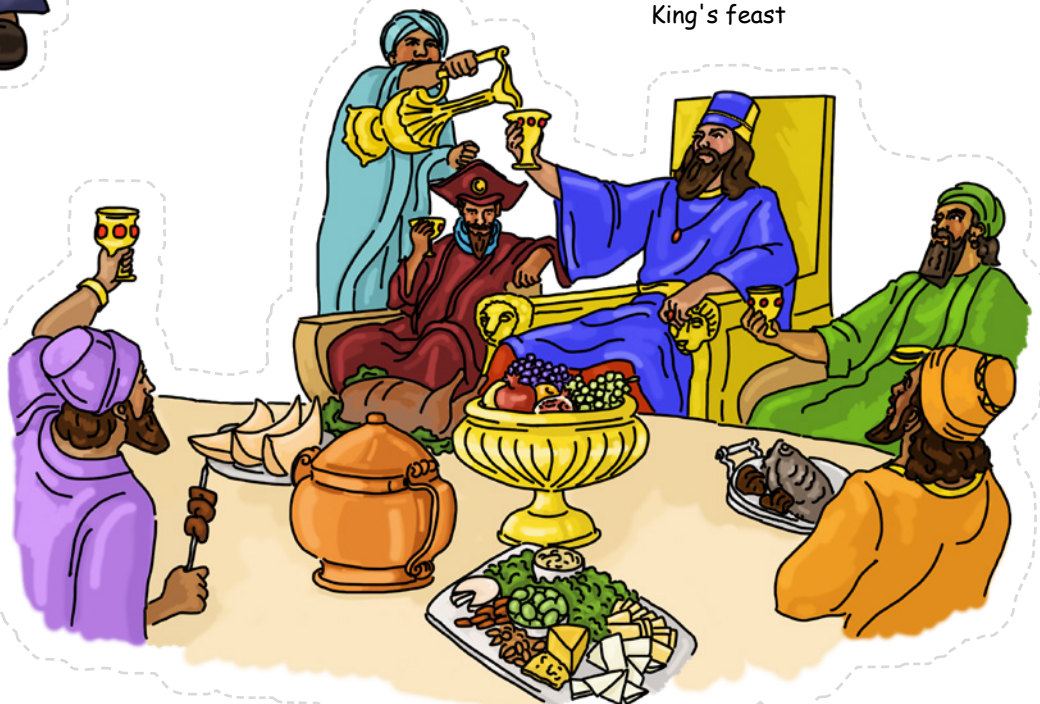
Parade scene



2 Men



King's feast



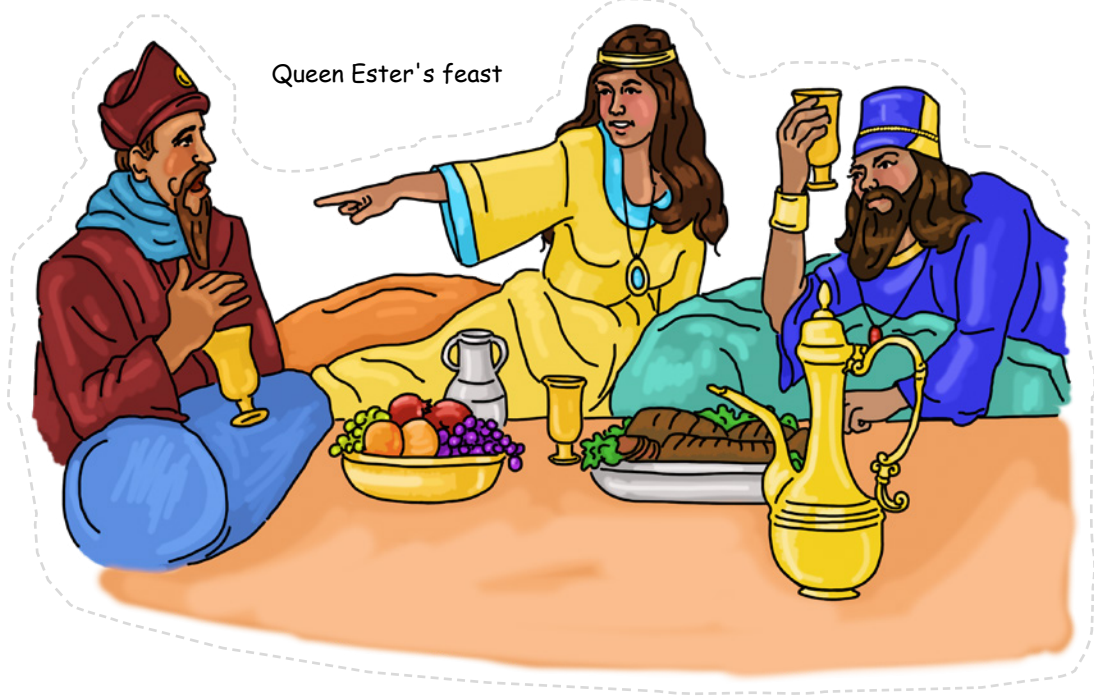
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Reader



Scroll



Queen Ester's feast



Queen Vashti's feast





Regular Ester



Queen Ester



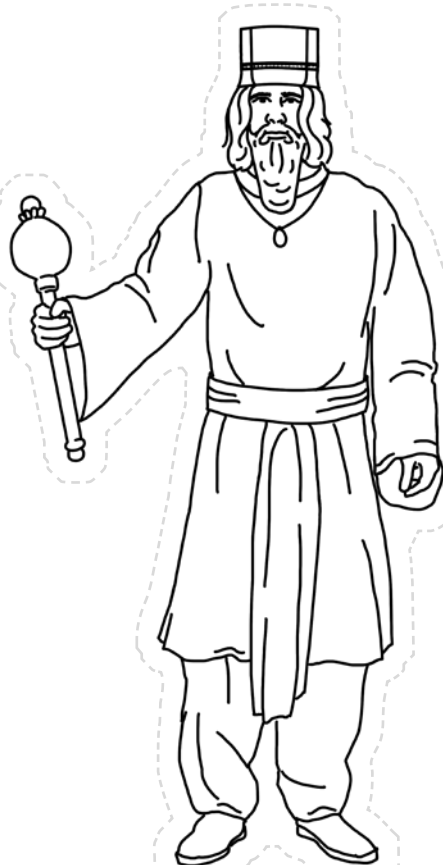
Happy Mordekai



Sad Mordekai



Haman



King with scepter



King Ahashwerosh



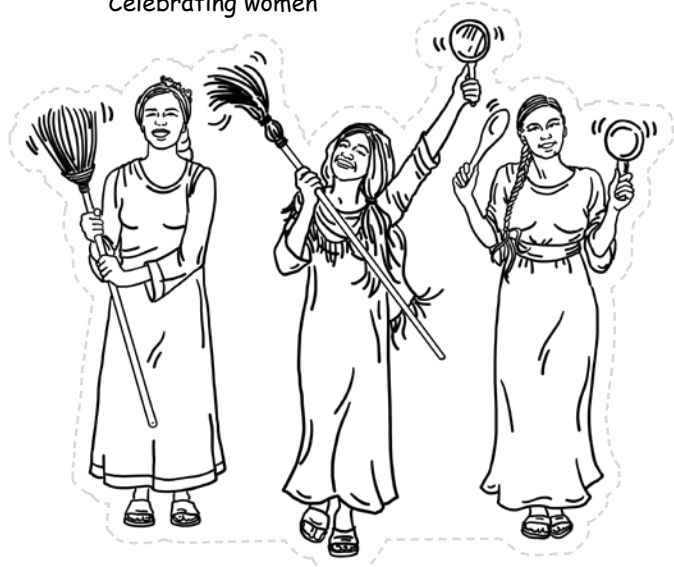
Queen Vashti





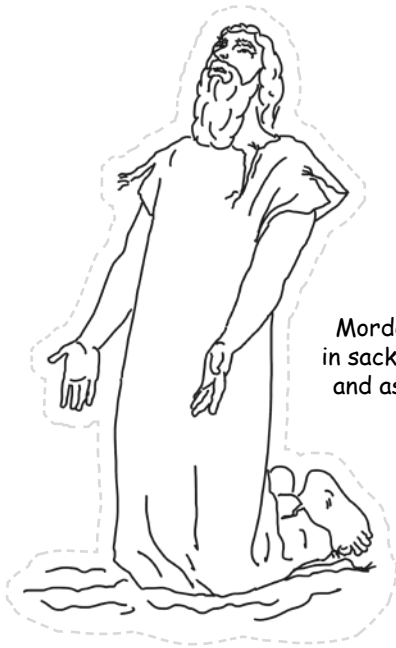
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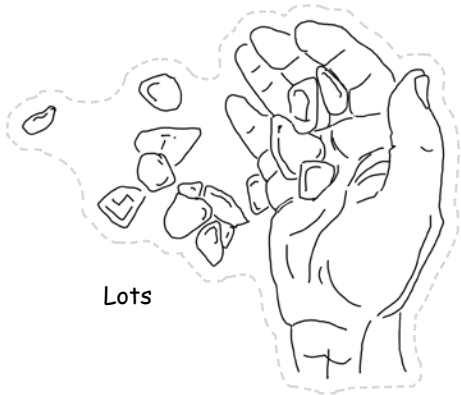
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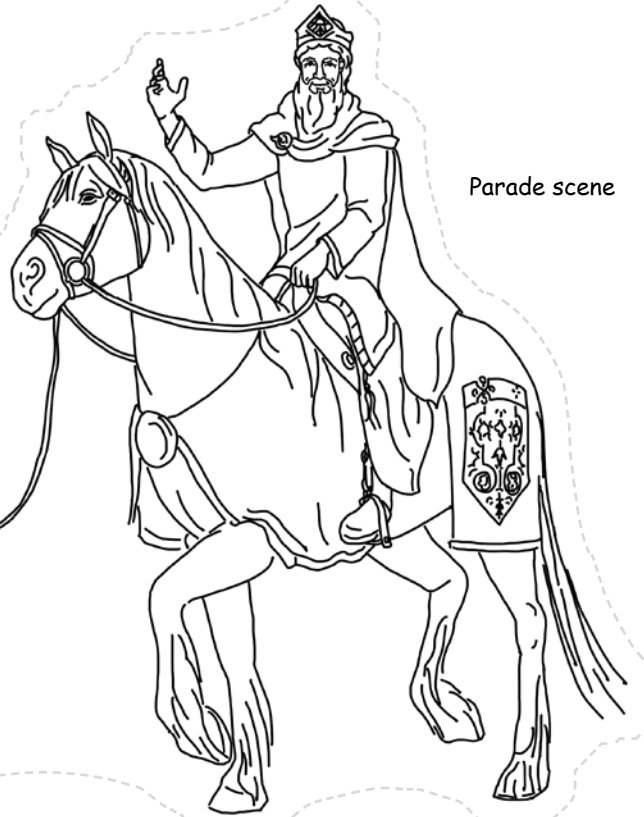
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Group of women



Lots



Parade scene



2 Men

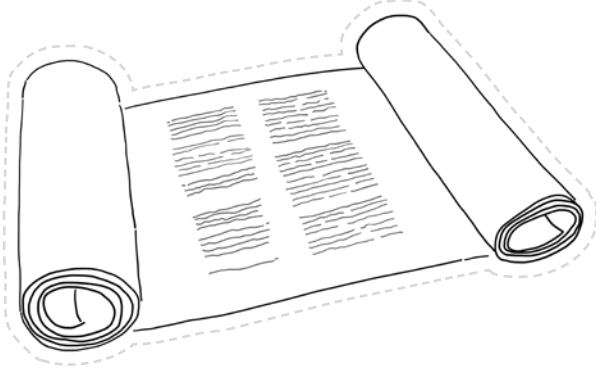
King's feast



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Reader



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Queen Ester's feast



Queen Vashti's feast

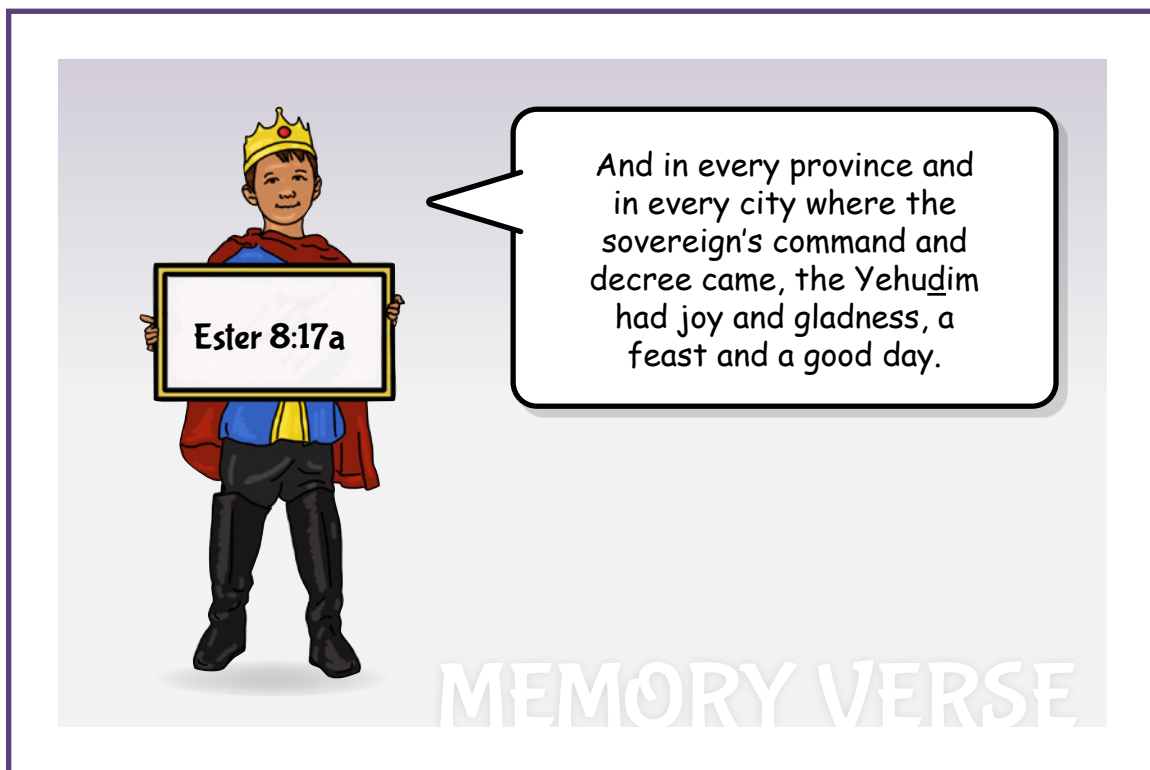


Counting What You Gained

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this lesson. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Aleph memory verse is Ester 8:17a. If they have not already done so, begin to help them to memorize the verse. Be creative and try acting it out, or putting it to music.



Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2022-03-11T06_36_30-08_00

SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

1. Who was King Ahashwerosh's first wife? (1:9)



Queen Vashti



Pharaoh's daughter



Queen Ester



Potiphar's wife

2. Who took Queen Vashti's place? (2:17)



Miryam



Pharaoh's daughter



Ester



Potiphar's wife

3. Whom did King Ahashwerosh promote to be over all the princes? (3:1)



Daniel



Haman



Mordekai



Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

4. What type of animal was Mordekai paraded around on? (6:11)



5. Who took Haman's place? (8:1)



Daniel



King Ahashwerosh



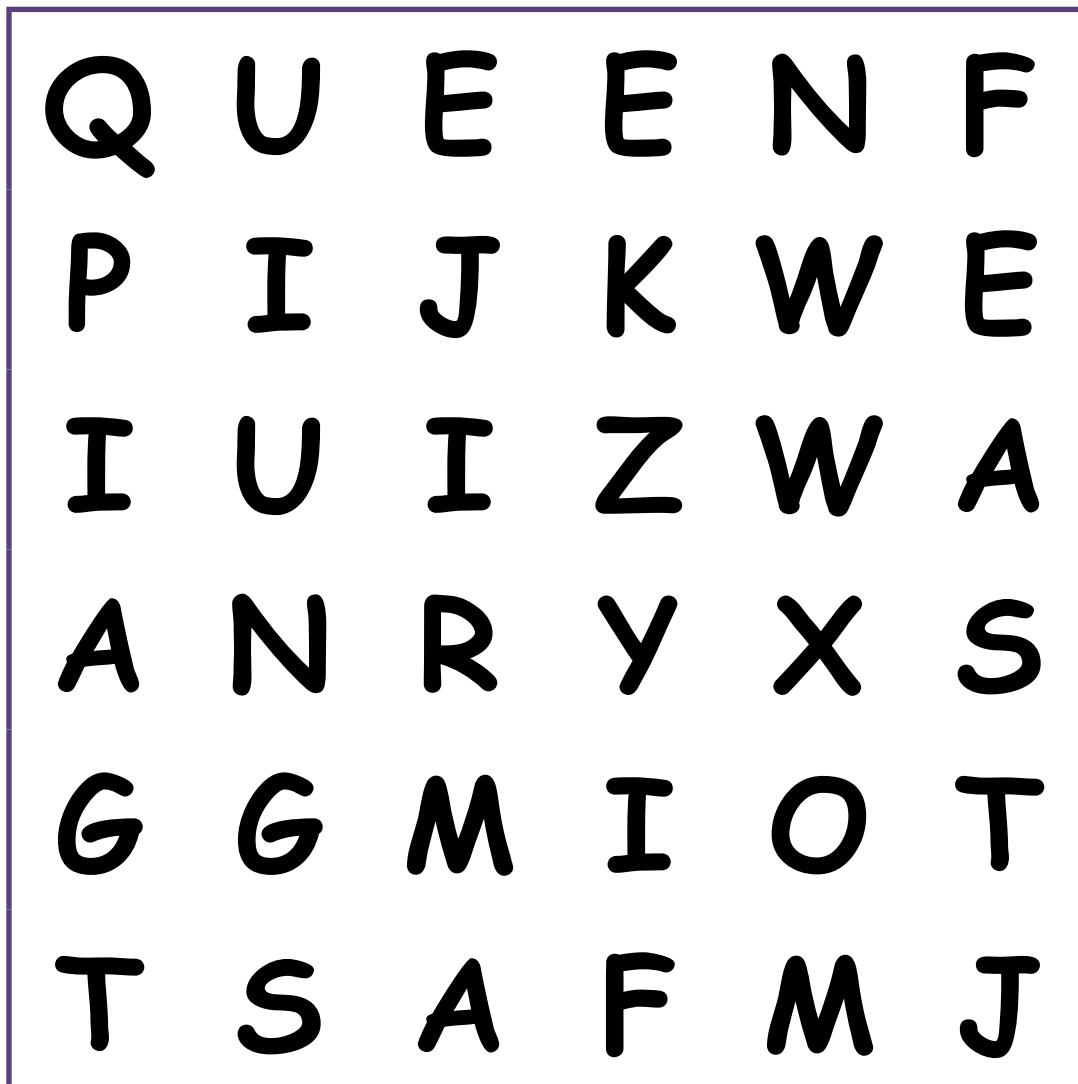
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WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's lesson.



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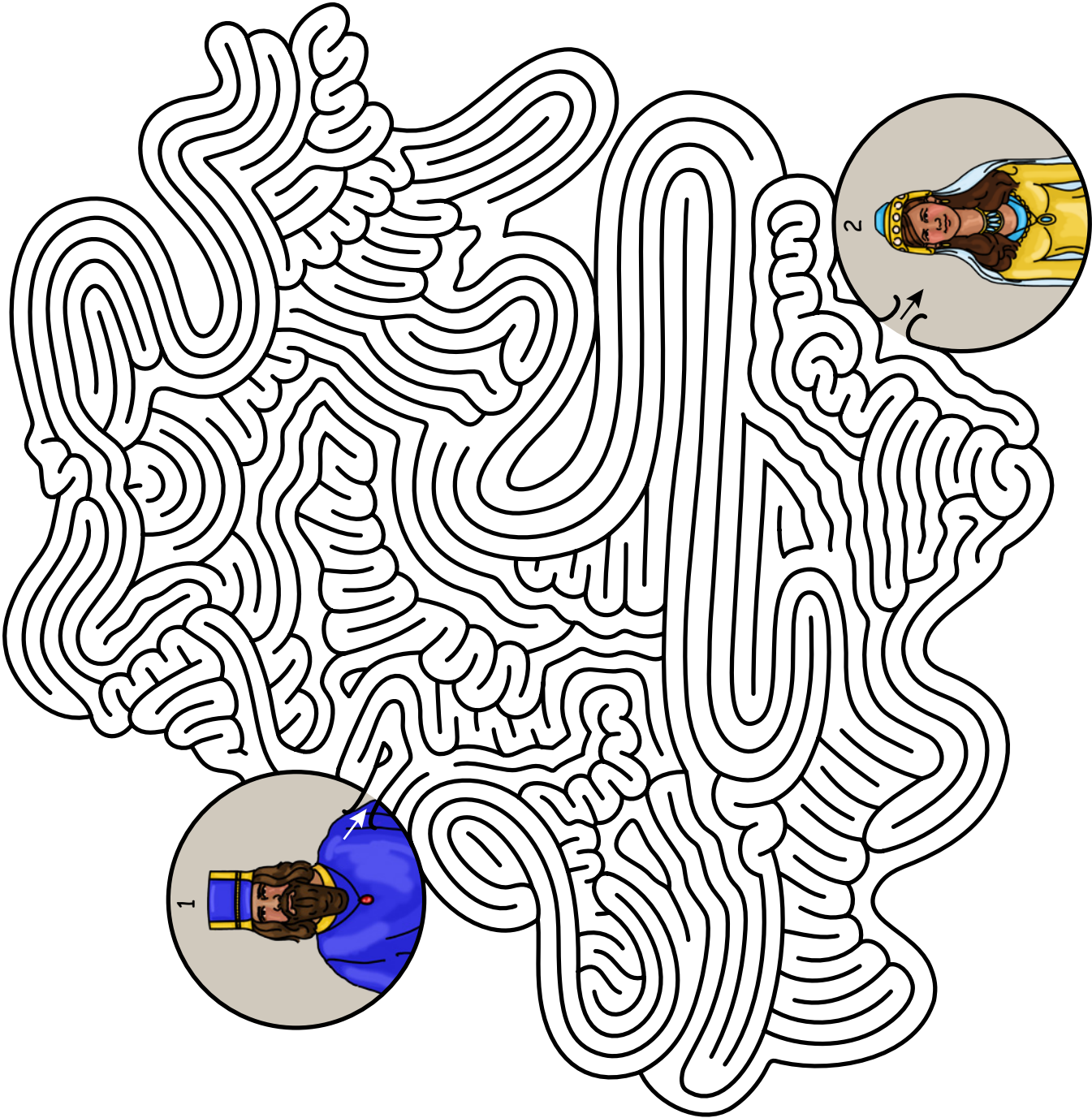
QUEEN

FEAST

FAST



MAZE



Precious Possessions

CRAFT

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Device to punch hole through bottom of can such as screwdriver
- Single serving Pringles can
- Popcorn, beans or rice - noise maker
- 5/8" dowel
- Jewels, gems, sequins
- Craft paint
- Sponge brush
- Clear tape
- Gorilla glue (to stabilize dowel)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Craft Template: A

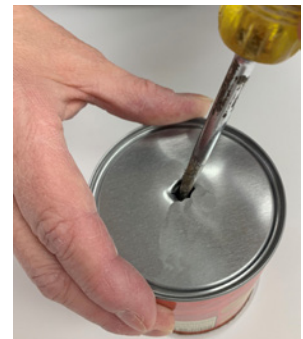
Parent/Teacher preparation:

- Print Craft Template on copy paper. Note we have 2 on one page, but you only need 1 per child.
- Punch hole for dowel in bottom of the can. (P1)

Instructions for the Craft:

- If using BW Template, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out the Template around the dotted lines. (P2)
- Insert dowel through the hole on the can and paint the dowel with craft paint color of choice using a sponge brush. Set aside to dry. (P3)
- Paint the plastic lid with craft paint color of choice or decorate with jewels, gems, sequins, sparkly pipe cleaners, etc... Set aside to dry. (P4a, P4b)

Groggers



P1



P2



P3



P4a



P4b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Using *Gorilla* glue, place around dowel on the inside of the can and slightly on the bottom of the can to stabilize the dowel when shaking it. (P5)
- Add noisemakers of choice such as popcorn, beans or rice inside the can. You do NOT need more than a handful. Place plastic lid on the can. (P6)

Embellishing the Characters

- If desired, embellish the characters with jewels, gems, or sequins as desired. (P8a, P8b, P8c, P8d)
- Using scissors, cut along the dotted line beside Haman's shoulder. (P9)
- Wrap the characters around the can and tape the ends together using clear tape. (P10)

You can shake your grogger during the reading of the Megillah. Cheer when Mordechai's name is read and boo when Haman's name is read.



P5



P6



P8a



P8b



P8c



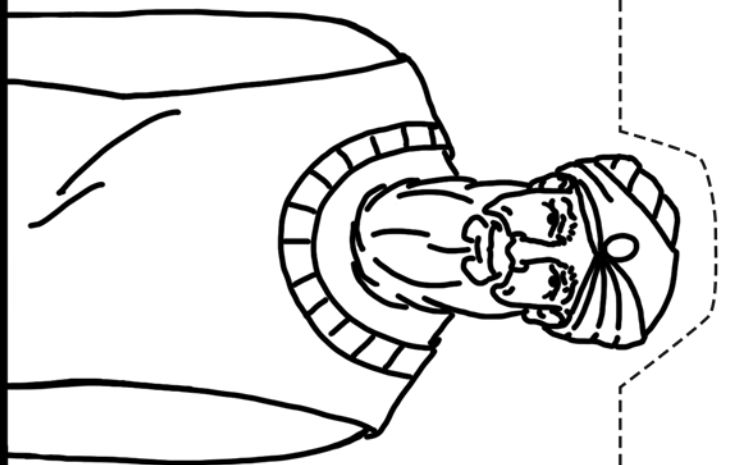
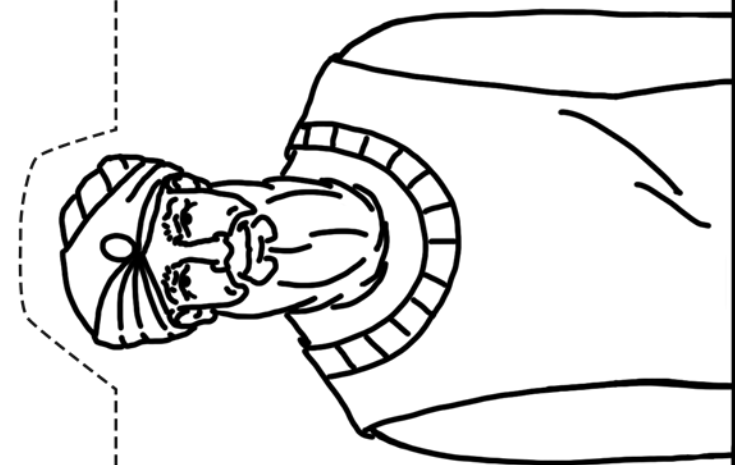
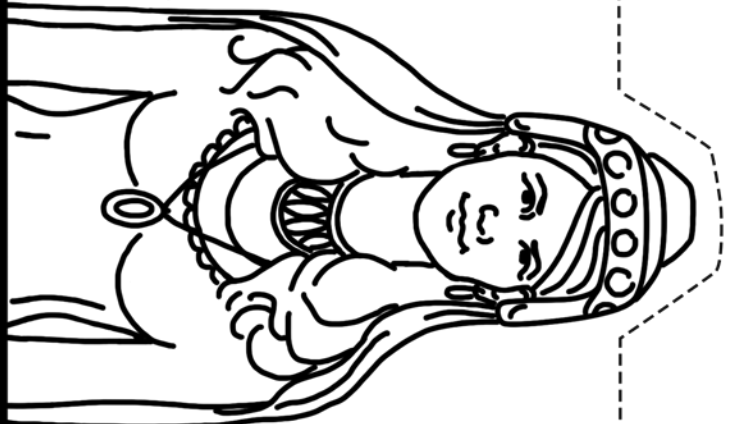
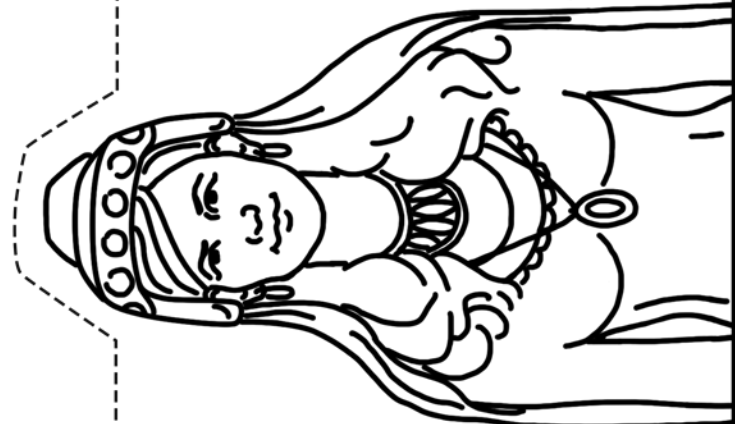
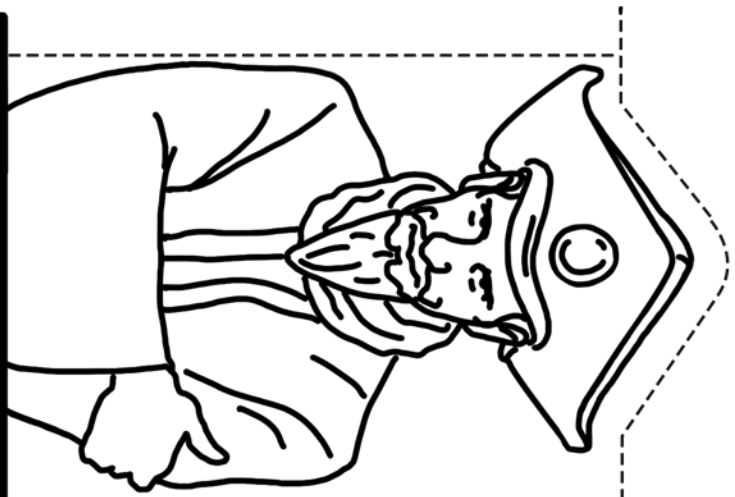
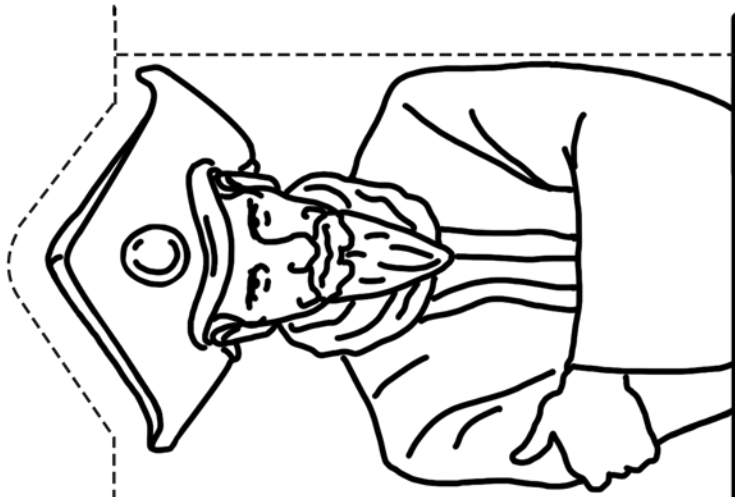
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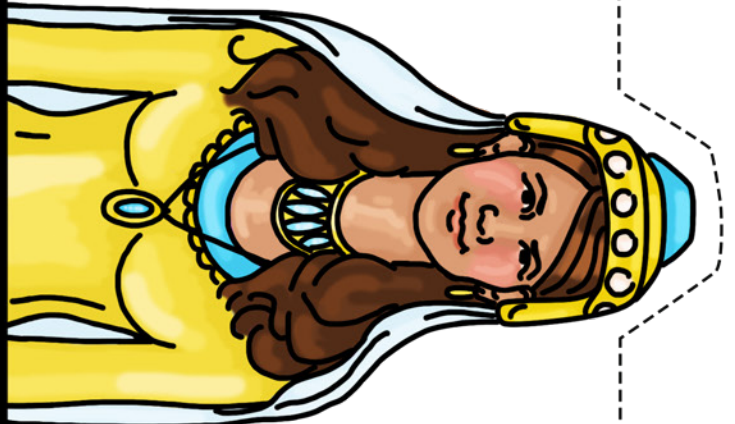


P9



P10





Materials:

- Copy paper
- Felt - red, brown, black, cream
- Jute cord
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: Haman (BW)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

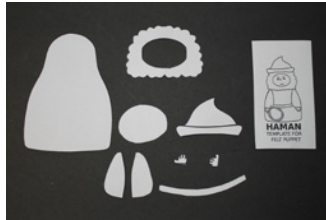
- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template and felt pieces

Haman Felt Finger Puppet



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all template pieces. (P1)
- Place template pieces on felt, using double-sided tape to hold them in place. Be sure to match each template piece to the color of felt designated on the template.
- Cut out the felt pieces. (P2)
- Apply hot glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P3)
- Cut a piece of jute cord about 8" long and wrap it into a coil about 1" in diameter; then hot glue it so it stays in the coil shape. (P4)
- Glue the head, hair, belt, arms, hat, rope, coil of jute, and hands pieces onto the body, referring to the Haman puppet image on the template for placement. (P5)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the face and hand details, referring to the Haman puppet image on the template for placement. (P6)
- Set the Haman felt finger puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



P1



P2



P3



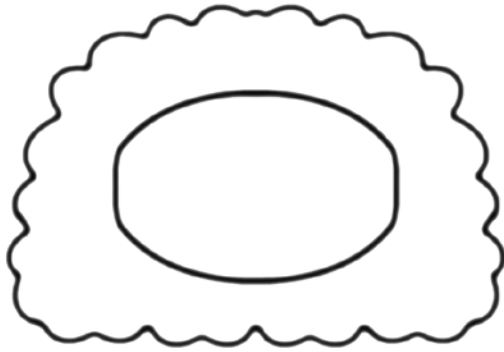
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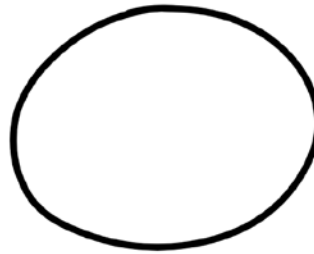
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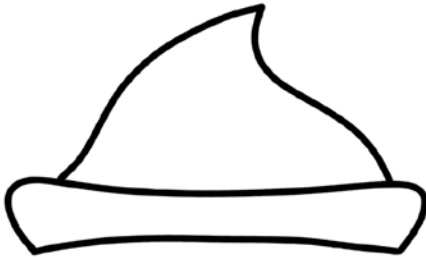
HAIR
BROWN



HEAD
CREAM



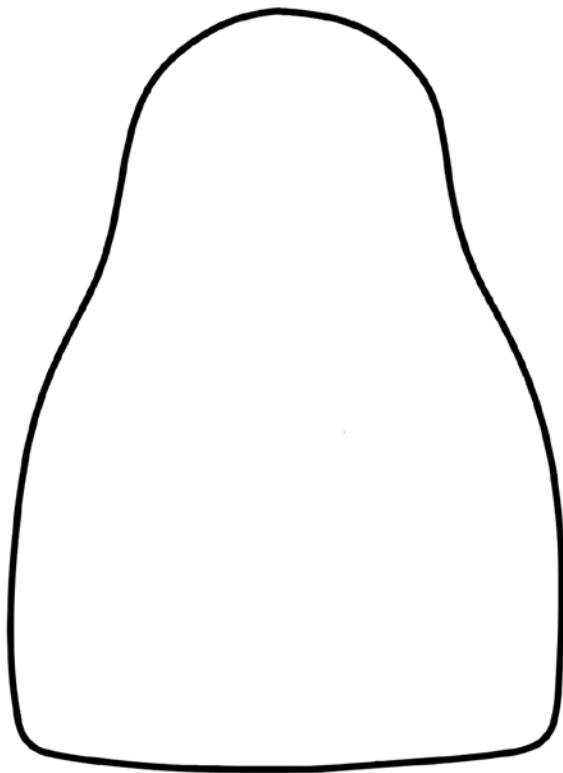
HAMAN
TEMPLATE FOR
FELT PUPPET



HAT
RED



BELT
BLACK



BODY
RED
CUT 2



FACE



RIGHT ARM
RED



LEFT ARM
RED



RIGHT HAND
CREAM



LEFT HAND
CREAM

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: Haman (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template pieces.

Haman Paper Stick Puppet



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all template pieces. (P1)
- Apply glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P2)
- Glue the head, hair, belt, arms, hat, rope, coil of jute, and hands pieces onto the body, referring to the Haman puppet image on the template for placement. (P3)
- Apply glue to both sides of the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick and insert into the opening at the bottom of the puppet. (P4)
- Press the puppet against the craft stick on both sides to adhere. (P5)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the facial features on Haman, referring to the Haman puppet image on the template for placement. (P6)
- Set the Haman paper stick puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



P1



P2



P3



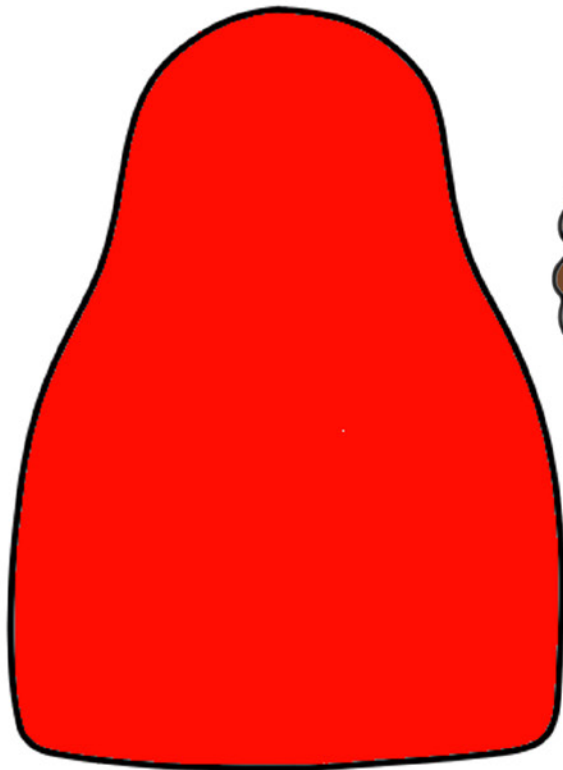
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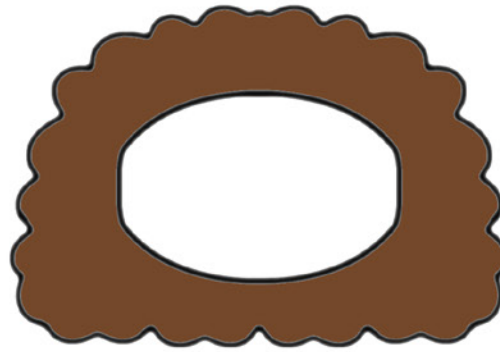
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BODY BACK

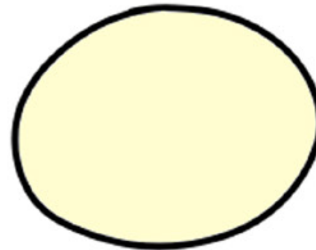


HAIR

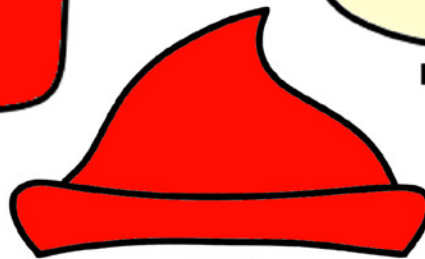


HAMAN

TEMPLATE FOR STICK PUPPET



HEAD



HAT



BELT



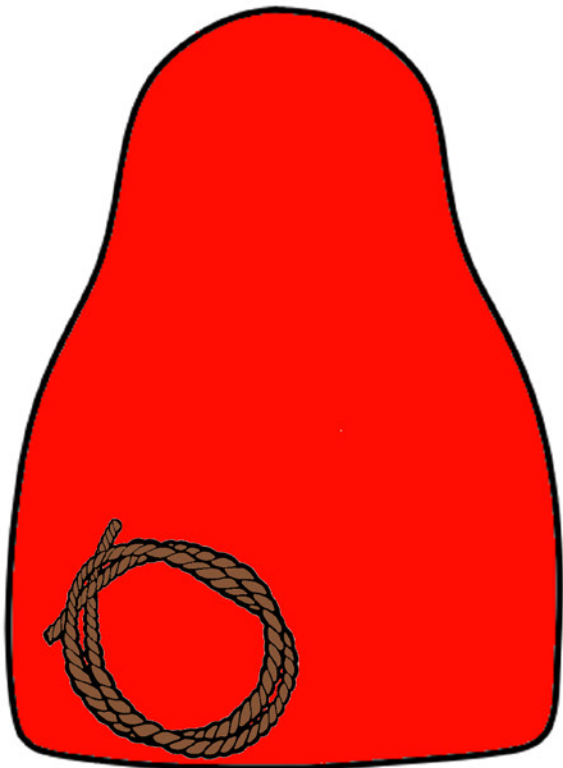
FACE



RIGHT ARM



LEFT ARM



BODY FRONT



RIGHT HAND



LEFT HAND

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Felt - purple, brown, cream, gold glitter
- Tweezers (for assistance in placement)
- Cotton swab
- Gem - large (for scepter)
- Gemstones - small
- Trim
- Gold paint
- Glitter glue - gold
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: King Ahashwerosh (BW)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

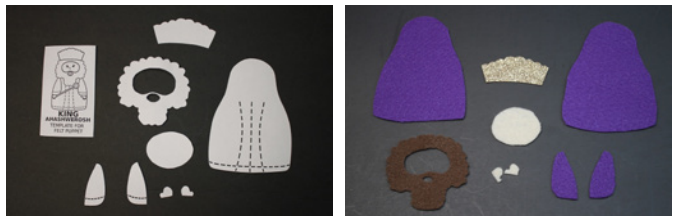
- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template and felt pieces.

King Ahashwerosh Felt Finger Puppet



Instructions for the craft:

- Cut out all template pieces. (P1)
- Place template pieces on felt, using double-sided tape to hold them in place. Be sure to match each template piece to the color of felt designated on the template. (P2)
- Cut out the felt pieces. (P2)
- Apply hot glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P3)
- Glue the head, hair, crown, arms, and left hand pieces onto the body, referring to the puppet image on the template for placement. (P4)



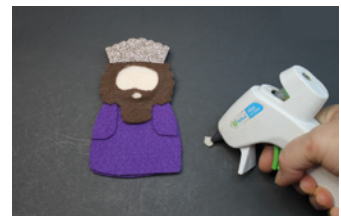
P1



P2



P3



P4

Instructions for the craft cont'd:

- Glue the scepter handle under King Ahashwerosh's right hand, and his right hand over the scepter, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement. (P5)
- Glue the jewel to the scepter, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement.(P6)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the face and hand details, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement. (P7)
- Glue a small gem on King Ahashwerosh's hand for the signet ring, referring to the puppet image on the template for placement. (P8)
- Using gold glitter glue, embellish King Ahashwerosh's robe with it, referring to the puppet image on the template for placement. (P9)
- Glue decorative gemstones to crown and embellish with trim as desired. (P10)
- Set the King Ahashwerosh felt finger puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



P5



P6



P7



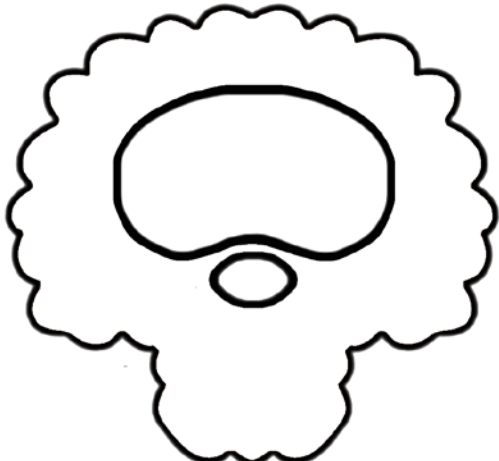
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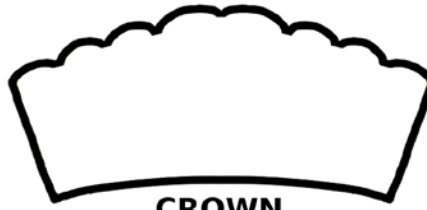
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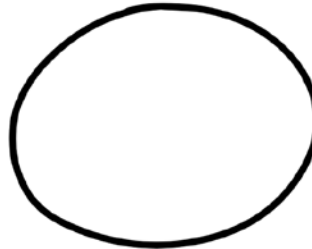
**HAIR
BROWN**



**CROWN
GOLD**



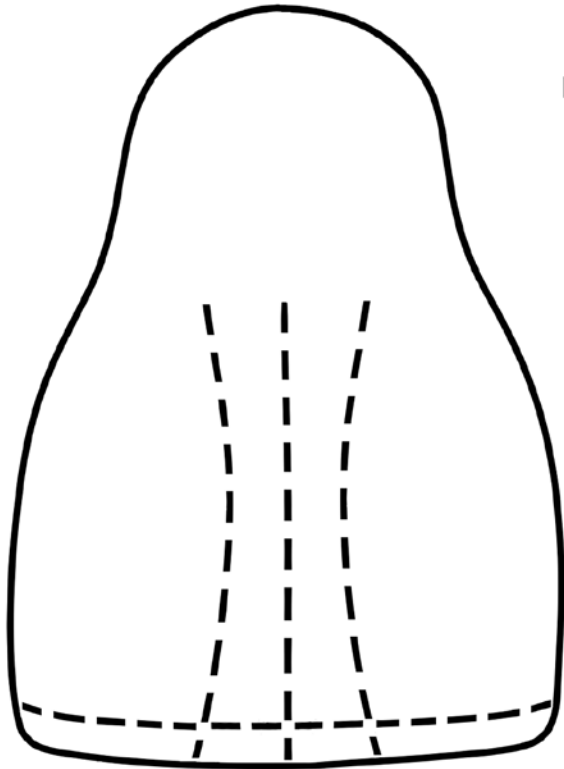
**KING
AHASHWEROSH**
TEMPLATE FOR
FELT PUPPET



**HEAD
CREAM**



FACE



**BODY
PURPLE**
CUT 2



**RIGHT ARM
PURPLE**



**LEFT ARM
PURPLE**



**RIGHT HAND
CREAM**



**LEFT HAND
CREAM**

----- = GOLD GLITTER GLUE

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Decorative gemstones and trim
- Glitter glue - gold
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: King Ahashwerosh (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template pieces.

King Ahashwerosh Paper Stick Puppet

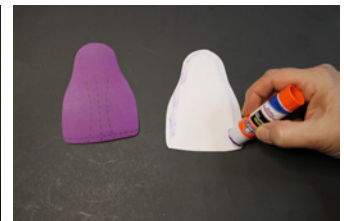


Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all template pieces. (P1)
- Apply glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P2)
- Glue the head, hair, crown, arms, and left hand pieces onto the body, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement. (P3)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the facial features on King Ahashwerosh, referring to the King Ahashwerosh image on the template for placement. (P4)
- Apply glue to both sides of the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick and insert into the opening at the bottom of the puppet. (P5)
- Press the puppet against the craft stick on both sides to adhere. (P6)



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6

Instructions for the craft cont'd:

- Glue the scepter handle under King Ahashwerosh's right hand, and his right hand over the scepter, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement. (P7)
- Glue the jewel to the scepter, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement. (P8)
- Glue a small gem on King Ahashwerosh's hand for the signet ring, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement. (P9)
- Glue decorative gemstones to the crown and embellish puppet with trim as desired. (P10)
- Using gold glitter glue, embellish King Ahashwerosh's robe with it, referring to the King Ahashwerosh puppet image on the template for placement. (P11)
- Set the King Ahashwerosh paper stick puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



P7



P8



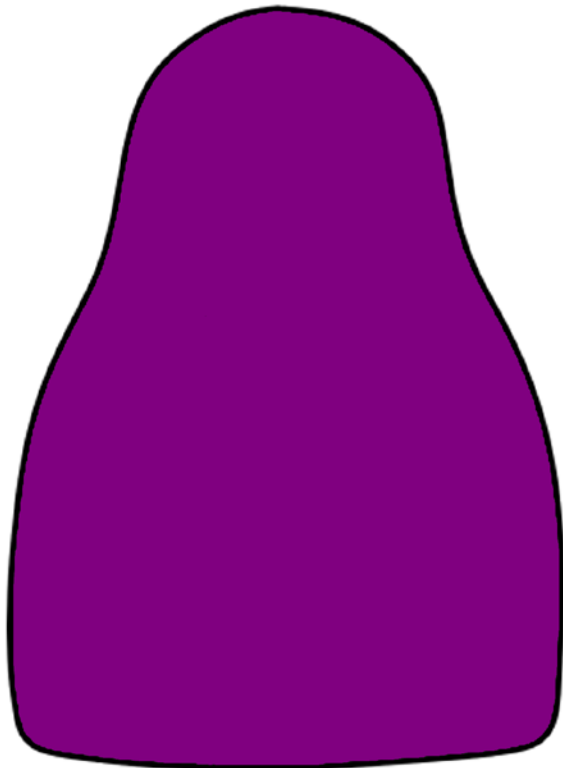
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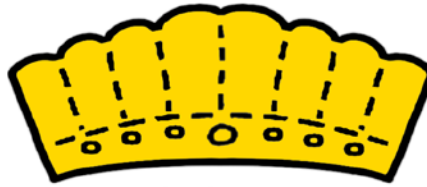
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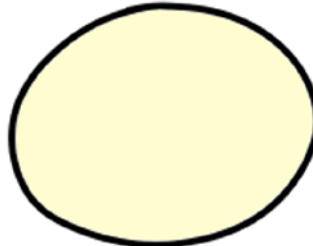
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**BODY
BACK**



CROWN



HEAD



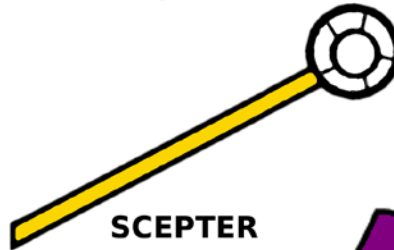
**KING
AHASHWEROSH**
TEMPLATE FOR
STICK PUPPET



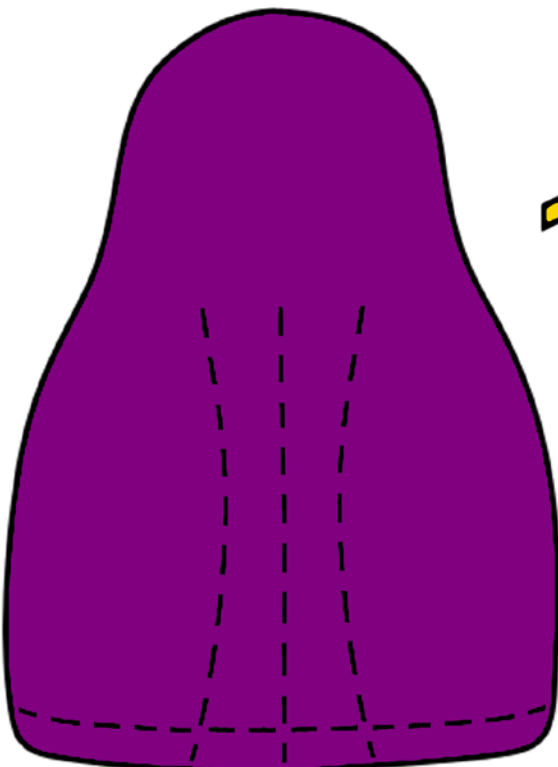
FACE



HAIR



SCEPTER



**BODY
FRONT**



RIGHT ARM



LEFT ARM



RIGHT HAND



LEFT HAND

--- = GOLD GLITTER GLUE

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Felt - dark blue, gray, brown, cream, white
- String - blue & white (for tzitzit)
- Double-sided tape
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: Mordekai (BW)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

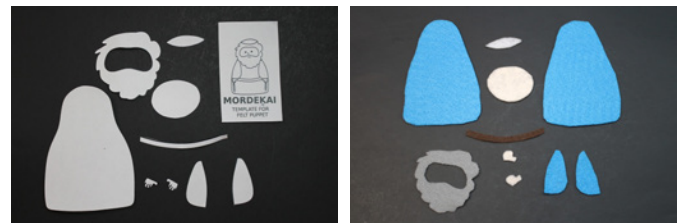
- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template and felt pieces.

Mordekai Felt Finger Puppet



Instructions for the Craft:

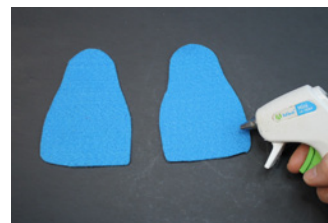
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1)
- Place template pieces on felt pieces, using double-sided tape to hold them in place. Be sure to match each template piece to the color of felt designated on the template. (P2)
- Cut the felt pieces by cutting around the templates you have just placed on the felt. (P2)
- Apply hot glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P3)
- Cut 2 pieces of white string and one piece of blue string about 4" long and tie in a knot in the middle - trim the white strands to be $\frac{1}{4}$ " shorter than the blue and cut the second blue strand off completely. Repeat this process again and set aside - these will be for tzitzit. (P4)
- Glue the head, hair, belt, tzitzit, arms, hands, and kippah pieces onto the body, referring to the puppet image on the template for placement. (P5)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the face and hand details, referring to the Mordekai puppet image on the template for placement. (P6)
- Set the Mordekai felt finger puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



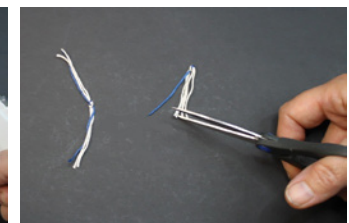
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P2



P3



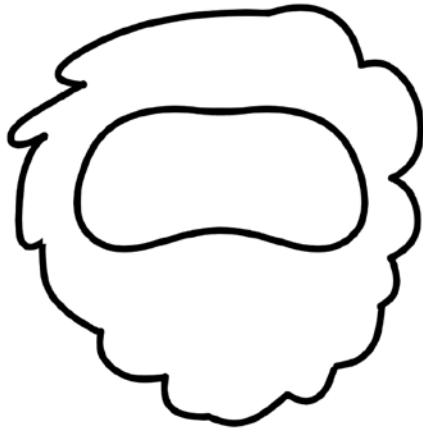
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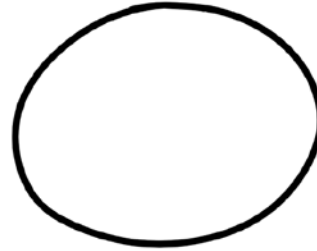
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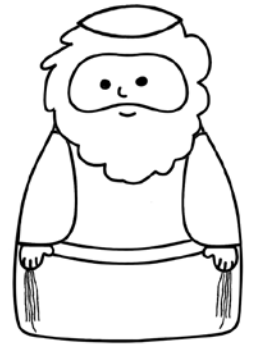
P6



HAIR
GREY



HEAD
CREAM
CUT 1



MORDEKAI
TEMPLATE FOR
FELT PUPPET



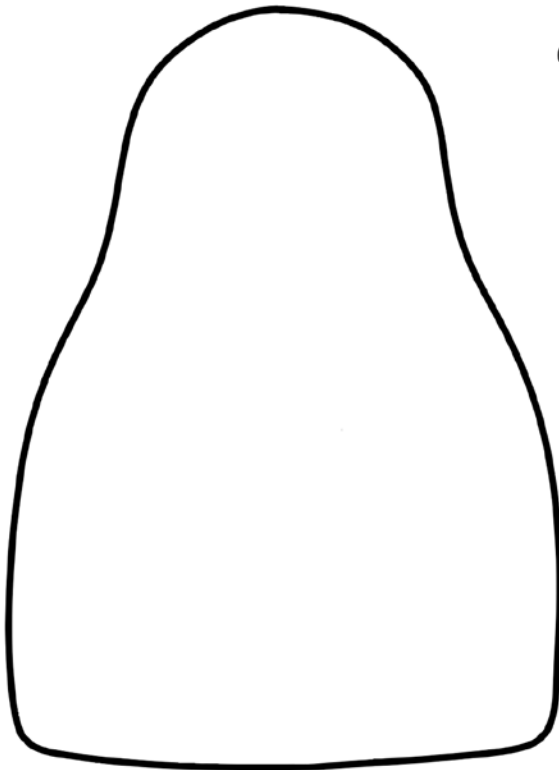
KIPPAH
WHITE



BELT
BROWN



FACE



BODY
BLUE
CUT 2



RIGHT ARM
BLUE



LEFT ARM
BLUE



RIGHT HAND
CREAM



LEFT HAND
CREAM

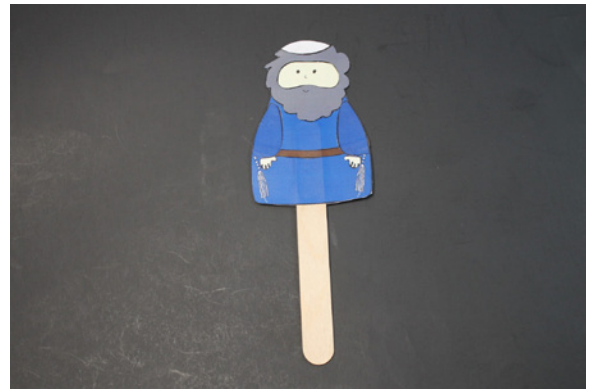
Materials:

- Copy paper
- Blue and white string for tzitzit
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: Morde_kai (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

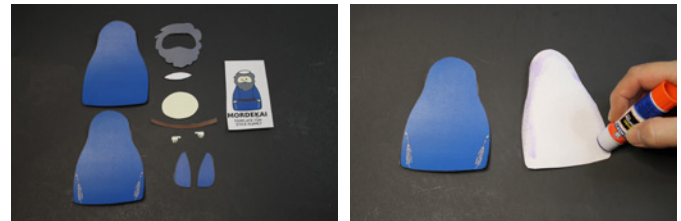
- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template pieces.

Morde_kai Paper Stick Puppet

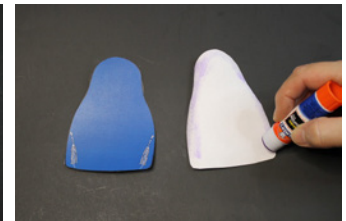


Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all template pieces. (P1)
- Apply glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P2)
- Cut 2 pieces of white string and one piece of blue string about 4" long and tie in a knot in the middle, trim the white strands to be $\frac{1}{4}$ " shorter than the blue; cut the second blue strand off completely. Repeat this process again and set aside; these will be for tzitzit. (P3)
- Glue the head, hair, belt, tzitzit, arms, hands, and kippah pieces onto the body, referring to the Morde_kai puppet image on the template for placement. (P4)
- Apply glue to both sides of the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick and insert into the opening at the bottom of the puppet. (P5)
- Press the puppet against the craft stick on both sides to adhere. (P6)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the facial features on Morde_kai, referring to the Morde_kai puppet image on the template for placement. (P7)
- Set the Morde_kai paper stick puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5

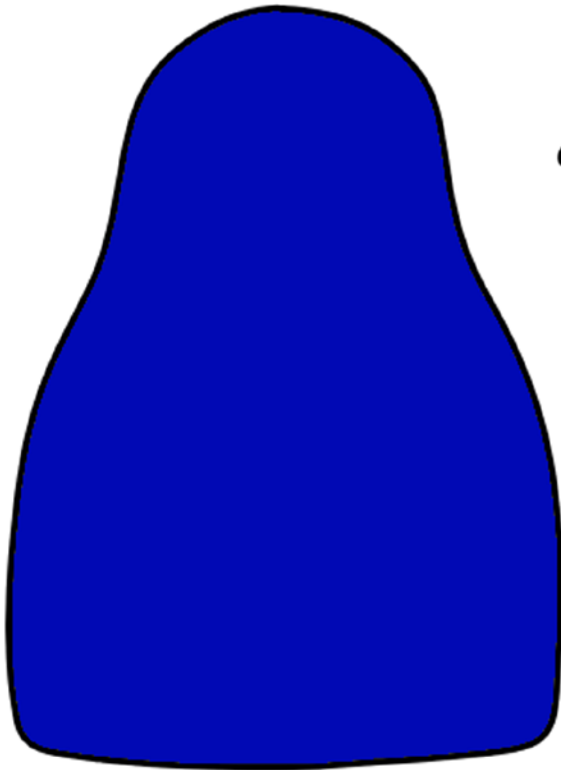


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MORDEKAI

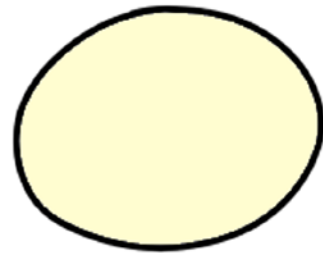
TEMPLATE FOR
STICK PUPPET



BODY
BACK



HAIR



HEAD



KIPPAH



BELT



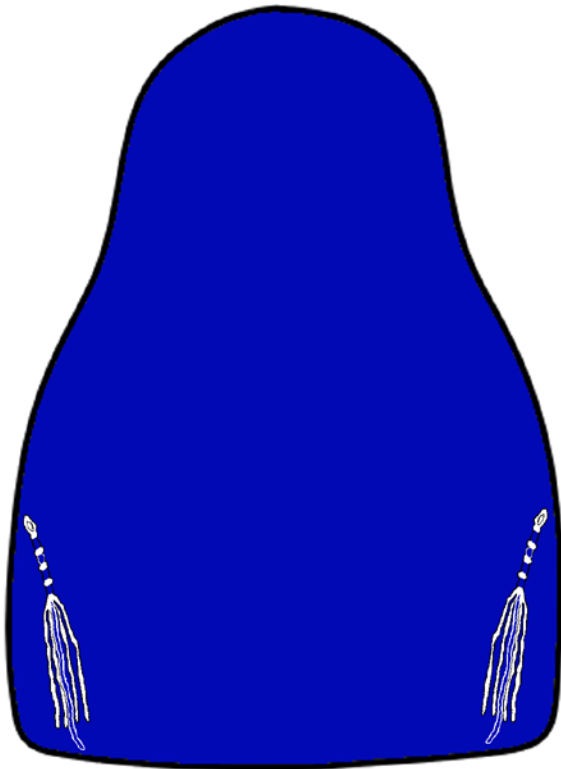
FACE



RIGHT ARM



LEFT ARM



BODY
FRONT



RIGHT HAND



LEFT HAND

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Felt - light purple, brown, cream, silver glitter
- Tweezers (for assistance in placement)
- Glitter glue - silver
- Gemstones - small
- Jewelry of choice (to make necklace & ring)
- Trim
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: Queen Ester (BW)

Queen Ester Felt Finger Puppet



Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template and felt pieces.

Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all template pieces. (P1)
- Place template pieces on felt, using double-sided tape to hold them in place. Be sure to match each template piece to the color of felt designated on the template. (P2)
- Cut out the felt pieces. (P2)
- Apply hot glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P3)
- Glue the head, hair, arms, crown, and hands onto the body, referring to the Queen Ester puppet image on the template for placement. (P4)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the face and hands details, referring to the Queen Ester puppet image on the template for placement. (P5)
- Using silver glitter glue, embellish Queen Ester's gown with it, referring to the puppet image on the template for placement. (P6)
- Glue decorative gemstones to crown and embellish with jewelry or trim as desired. (P7)
- Set the Queen Ester felt finger puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



HAIR
BROWN



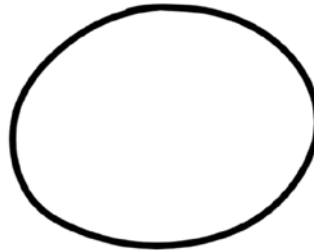
CROWN
SILVER



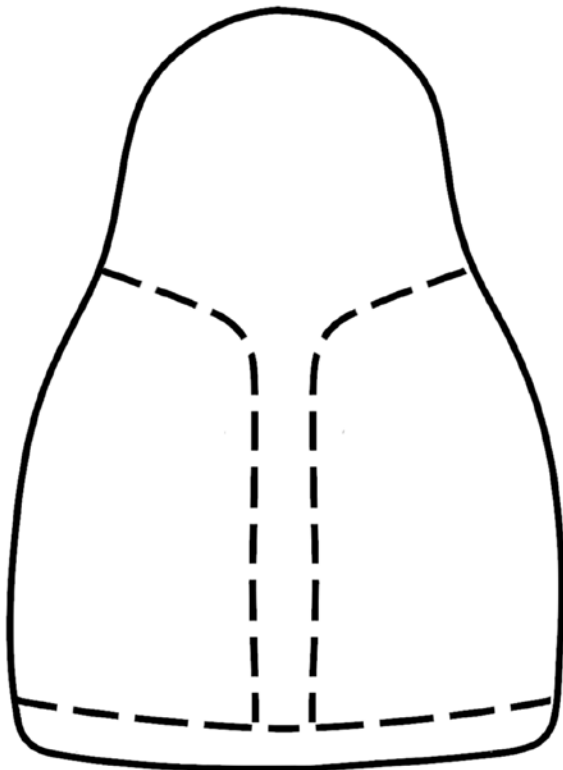
QUEEN ESTER
TEMPLATE FOR
FELT PUPPET



FACE



HEAD
CREAM



BODY
LIGHT PURPLE
CUT 2



RIGHT ARM
LIGHT PURPLE



LEFT ARM
LIGHT PURPLE



RIGHT HAND
CREAM



LEFT HAND
CREAM

----- = SILVER GLITTER GLUE



Materials:

- Copy paper
- Decorative gemstones, jewelry, trim
- Glitter glue - silver
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (ultra fine tip)
- Craft Template: Queen Ester (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Template pieces.

Queen Ester Paper Stick Puppet

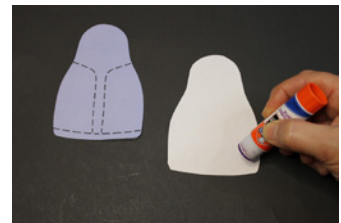


Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all template pieces. (P1)
- Apply glue to the edges of the 2 body pieces and put them together, making sure to leave an opening at the bottom. (P2)
- Glue the head, hair, arms, crown, and hands onto the body, referring to the puppet image on the template for placement. (P3)
- Apply glue to both sides of the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick and insert into the opening at the bottom of the puppet. (P4)
- Press the puppet against the craft stick on both sides to adhere. (P5)
- Using black permanent marker, draw the facial features on Queen Ester, referring to the Queen Ester puppet image on the template for placement. (P6)
- Glue decorative gemstones to crown and embellish with jewelry or trim as desired. (P7)
- Using silver glitter glue, embellish Queen Ester's gown, referring to the Queen Ester puppet image on the template for placement. (P8)
- Set the Queen Ester paper stick puppet aside to allow the glue to dry.



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



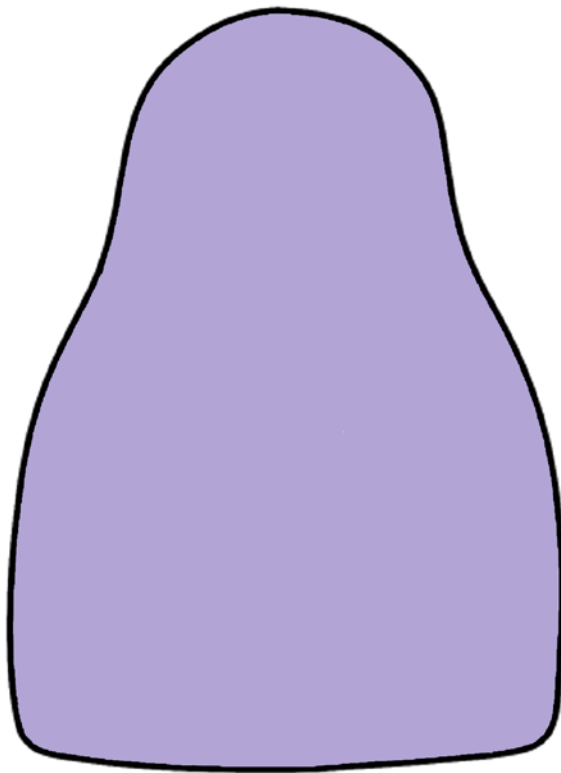
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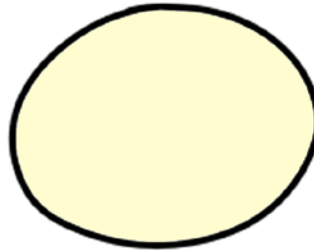
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**BODY
BACK**



CROWN



HEAD



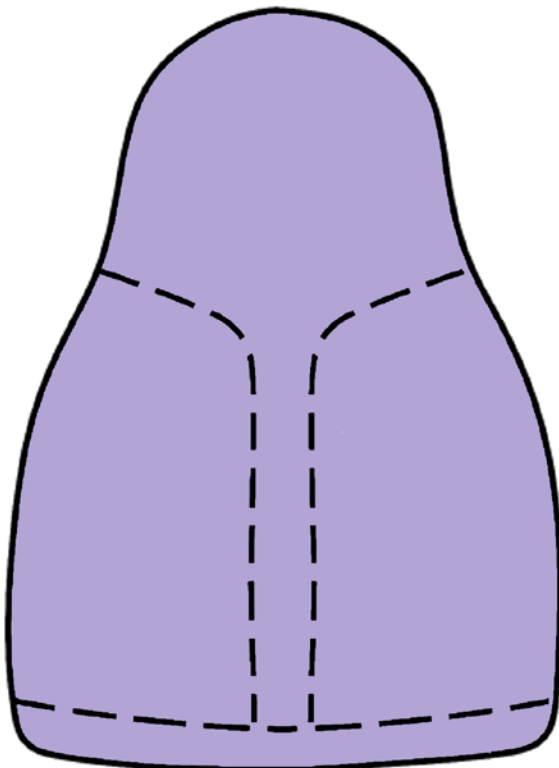
**QUEEN
ESTER**
TEMPLATE FOR
STICK PUPPET



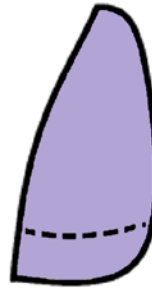
HAIR



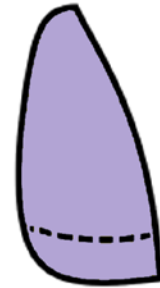
FACE



**BODY
FRONT**



RIGHT ARM



LEFT ARM

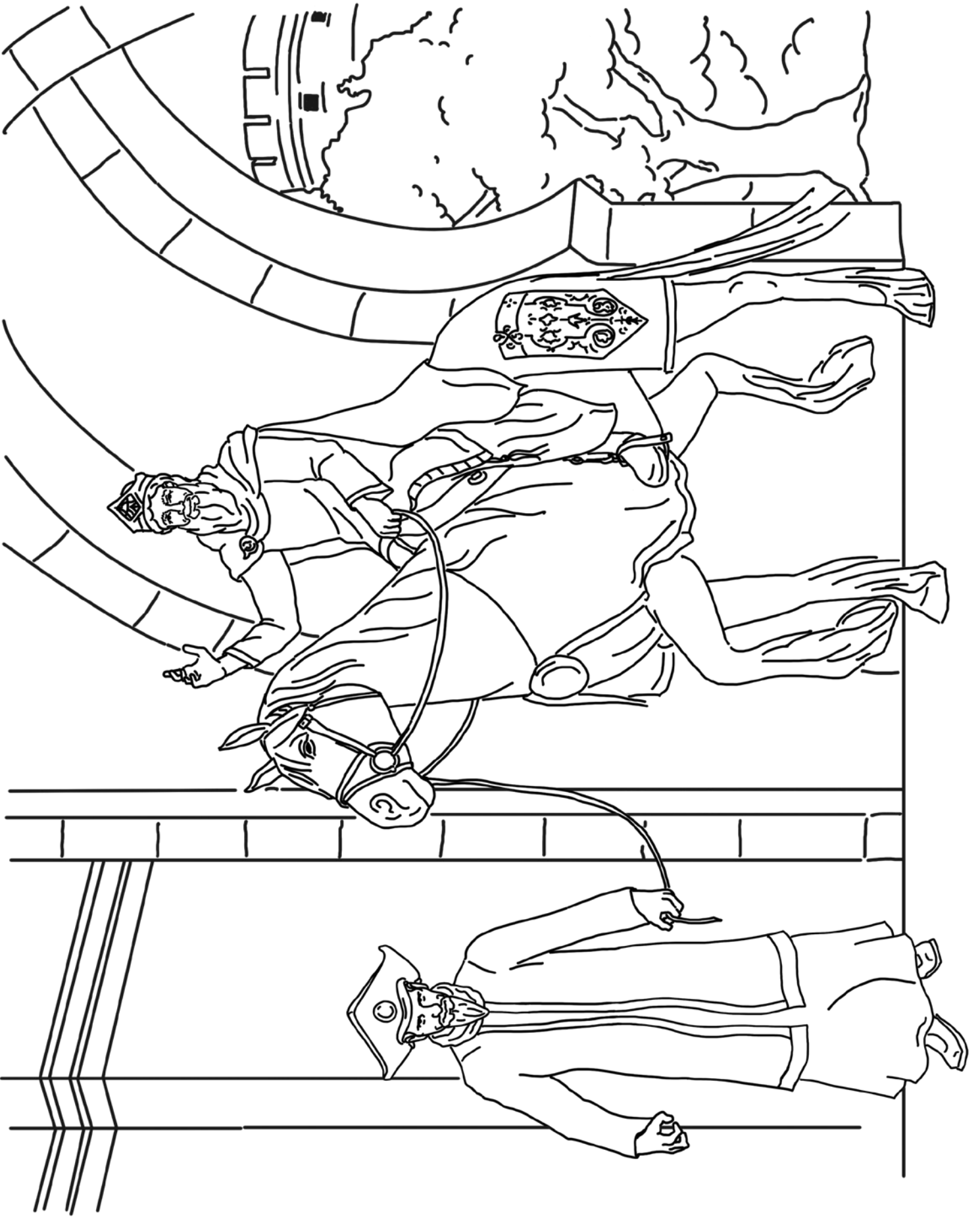


RIGHT HAND



LEFT HAND

--- = SILVER GLITTER GLUE





Sweetness of Torah

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2018-02-25T07_27_19-08_00

Ester's Song

Ester was a girl from far away
She lived a simple life and loved Yahweh
A king was looking for his bride to be
He fell in love and called this girl his queen
Her people were the chosen ones of Yah
Living in a distant land as slaves
The king had put Yah's people in harm's way
But Yah had chosen Ester to be brave



Chorus

For I know the plans I have for you, says Yahweh
Not to harm you, but to prosper
Plans to give you hope and future (repeat)

You might be scared, but hold onto the truth
Yahweh provides and He will not leave you
And when you feel alone, remember you are His
For you are called for such a time as this

Oh, Oh, Oh

SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's lesson. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

Hamantashen

Haman's Hat



Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 c. vegetable oil
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. all-purpose flour
- Filling of choice: apricot, poppy seed, prune, etc...

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat eggs. Add oil, sugar, vanilla, baking powder and salt. Gradually add flour. Knead until smooth. Roll out and cut into 3-4" circles.

Place filling in center. Pinch together sides to form a triangle. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake for 20-30 minutes. Makes 20 cookies.