

# Parsha Pearls

# Purim

"Chag HaPurim Edition"  
The Feast of Lots



Ester 1-10  
Katan Aleph



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# Special Feast Edition

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> days of Adar which coincide with the English months of February and/or March. On the 13<sup>th</sup> 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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# 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:

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## 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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

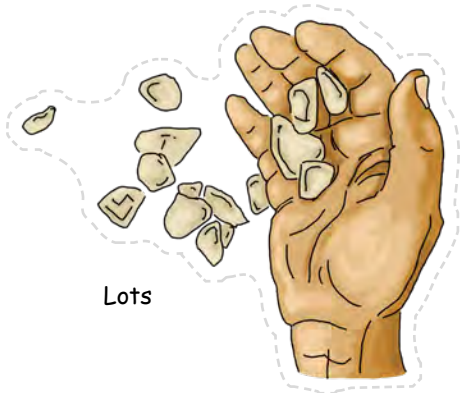
Defending women



Mordekai  
in sackcloth  
and ashes



Group of women



Lots



Parade scene



2 Men



King's feast



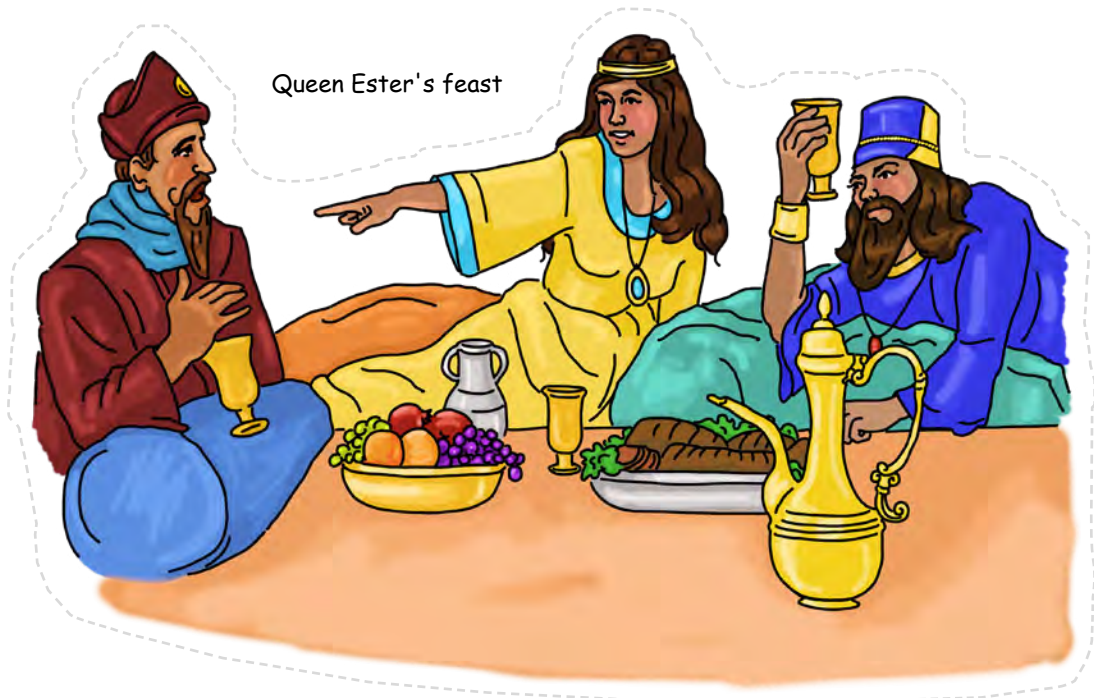
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Reader



Scroll



Queen Ester's feast



Queen Vashti's feast





Regular Ester



Queen Ester



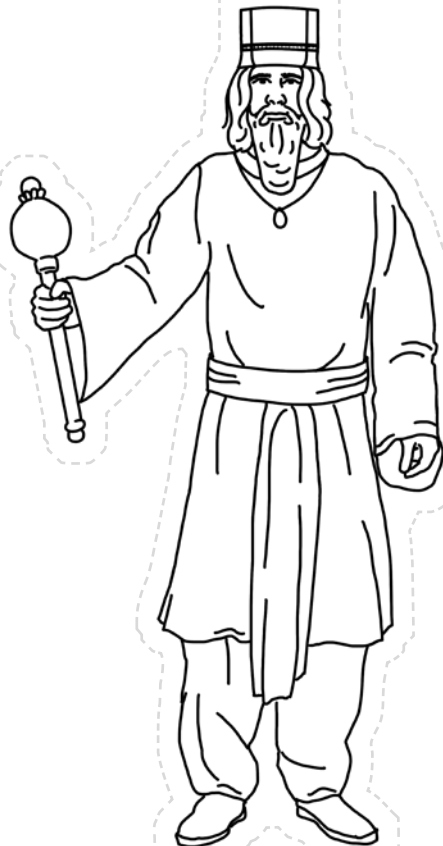
Happy Mordekai



Sad Mordekai



Haman



King with scepter



King Ahashwerosh

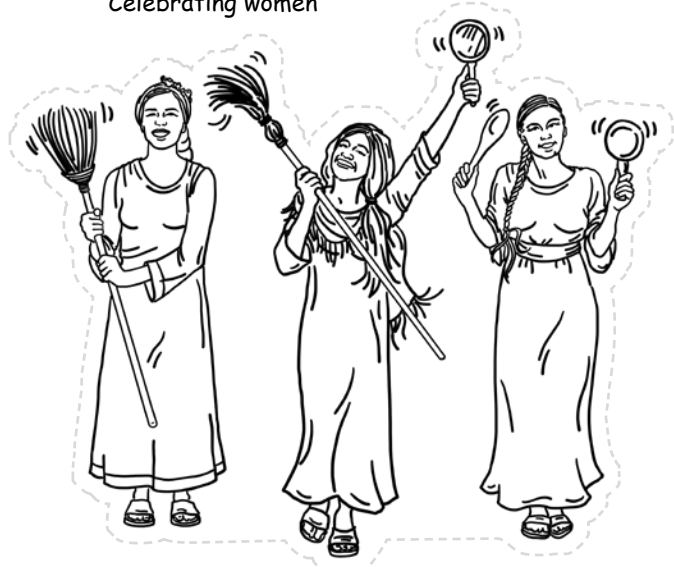


Queen Vashti



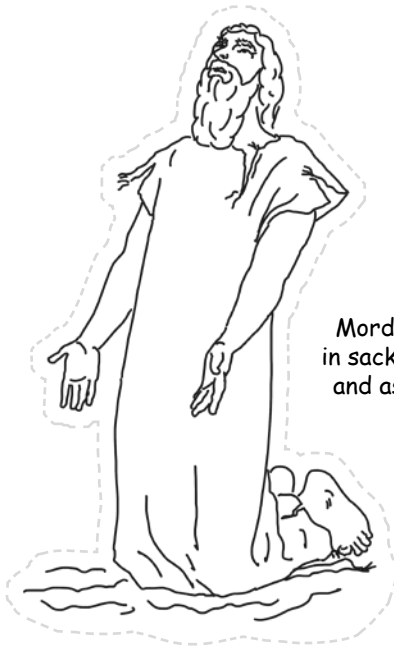
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Celebrating women



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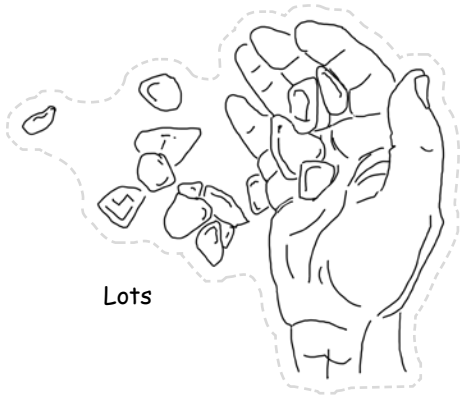
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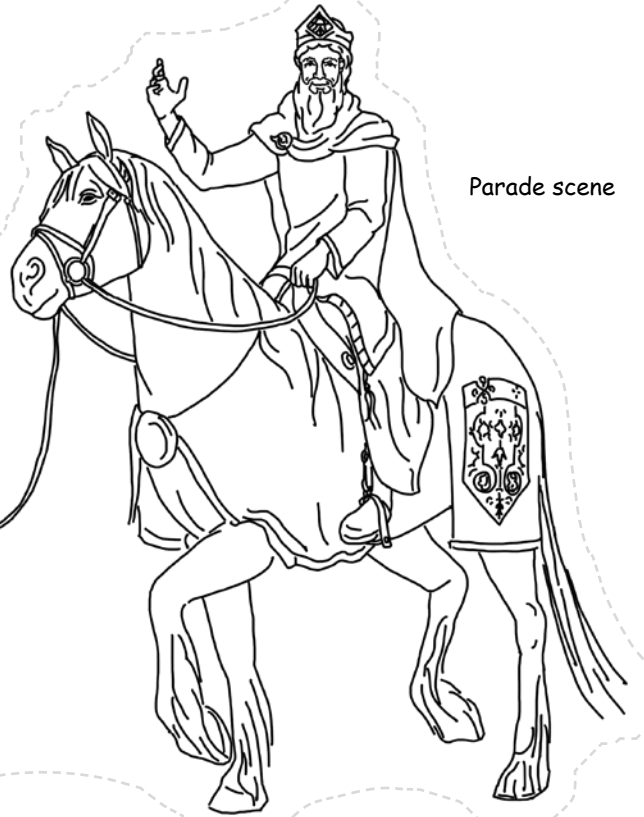
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Group of women



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Parade scene



2 Men

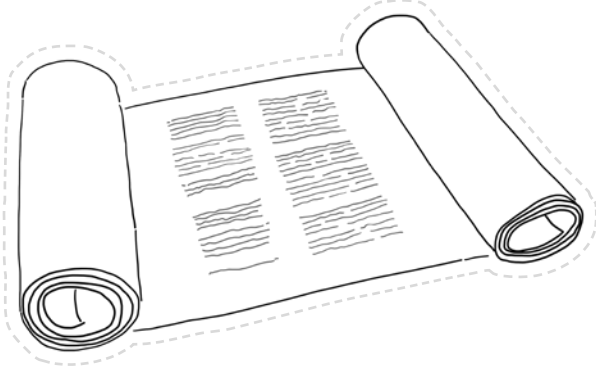


King's feast





Reader



Scroll



Queen Ester's feast



Queen Vashti's feast

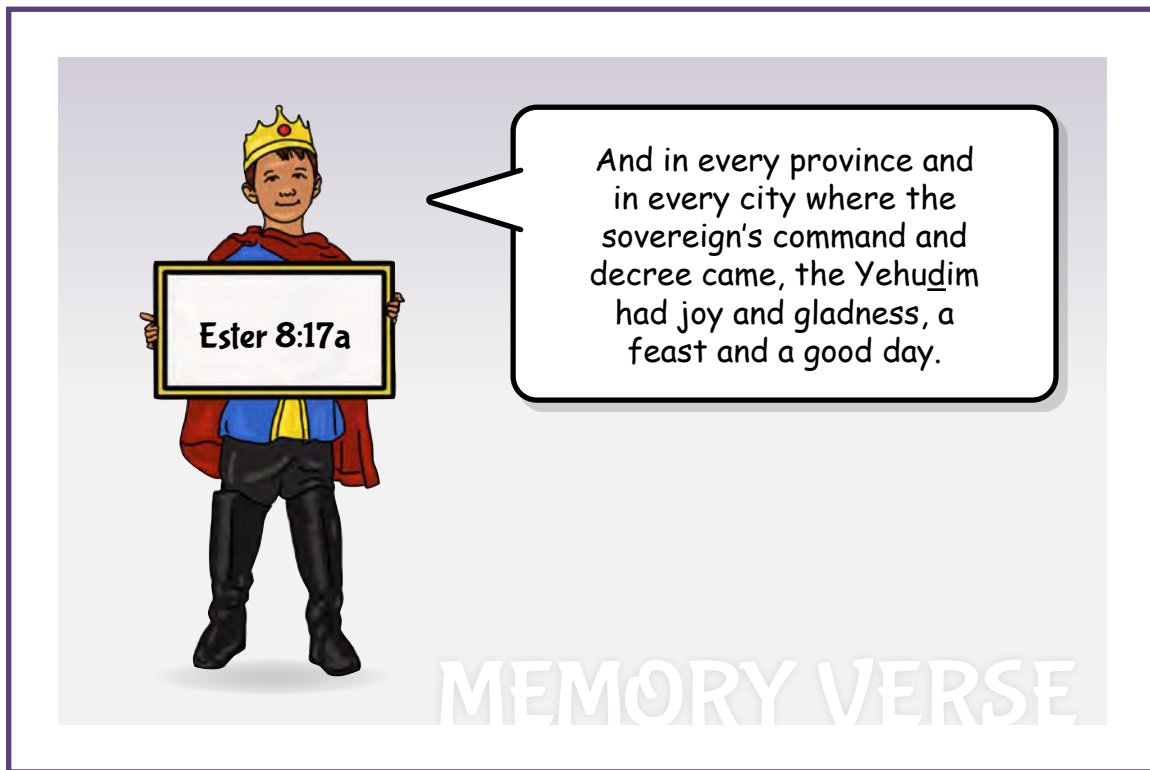


# Counting What You Gained

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:

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# 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? (8:1-2)



Daniel



King Ahashwerosh



Mordekai

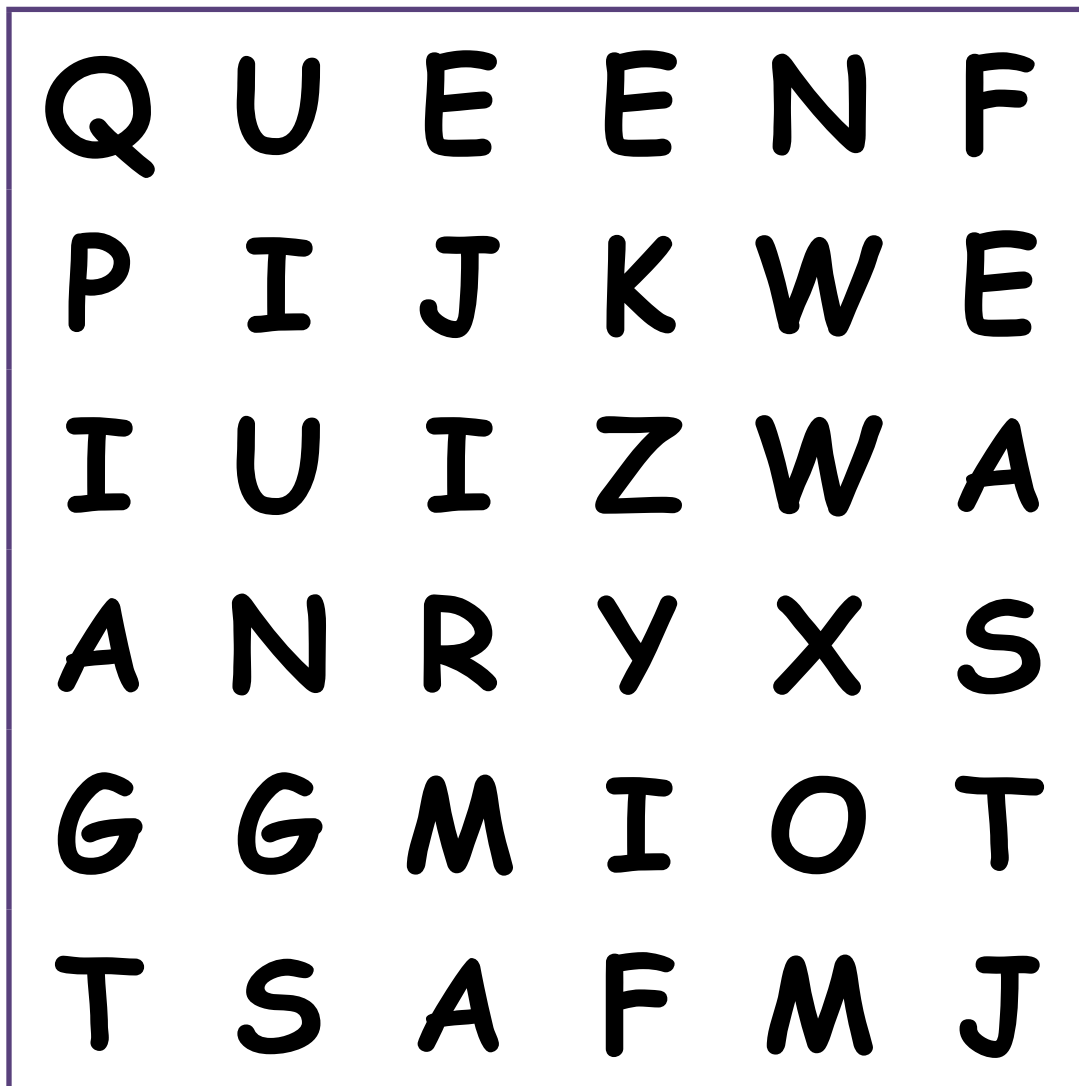


Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego



# WORD SEARCH

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



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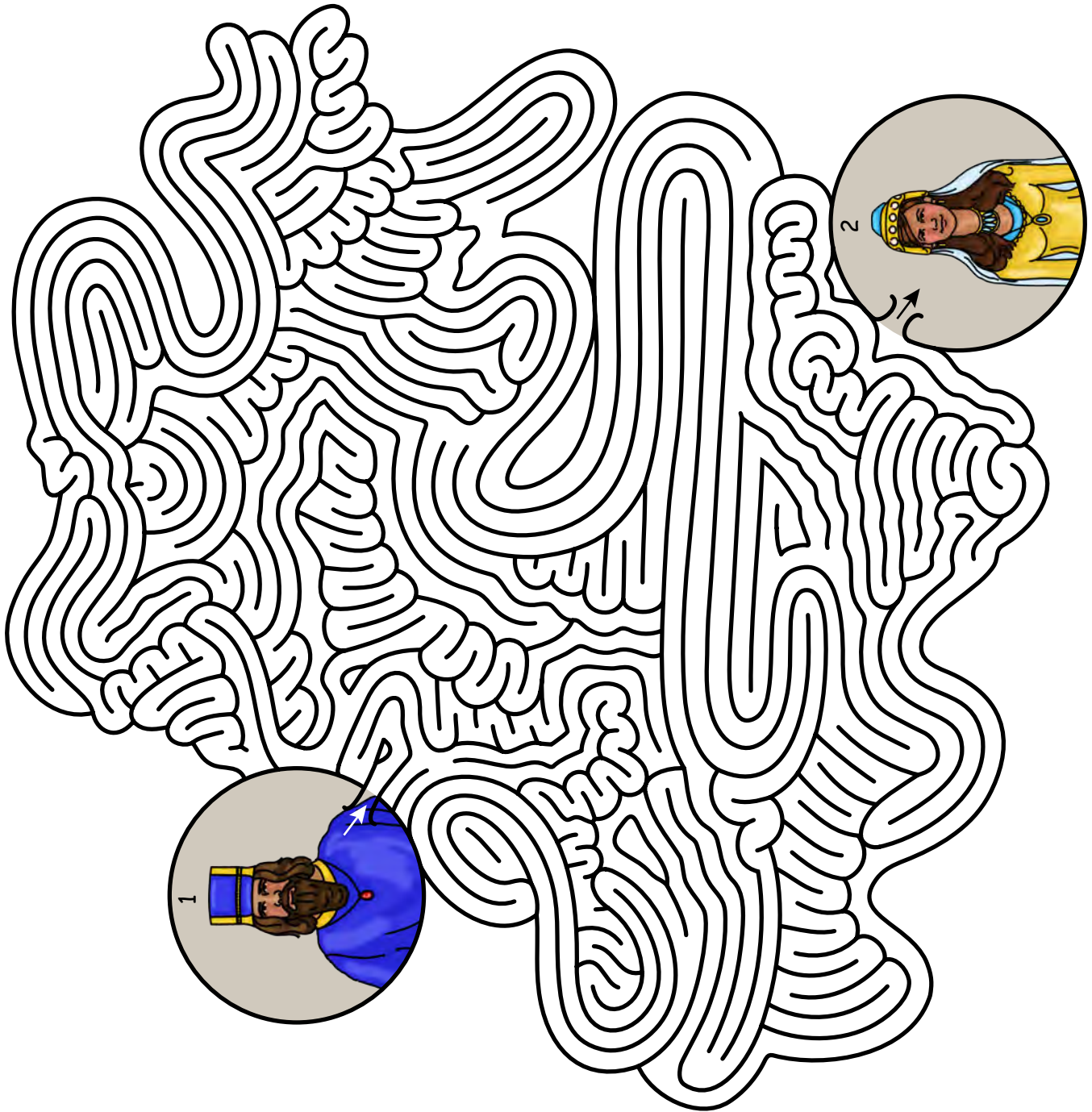
QUEEN

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: BW or color

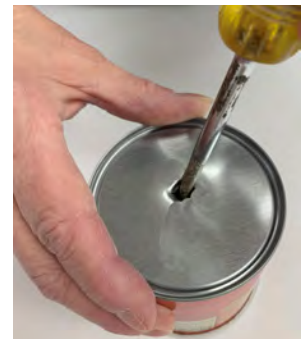
#### Parent/Teacher preparation:

- Print Craft Template of choice on copy paper.
- Punch hole for dowel in bottom of the can. (P1)
- \* Note we have 2 templates on one page. You only need one per child.

### 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



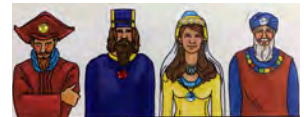
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P8c



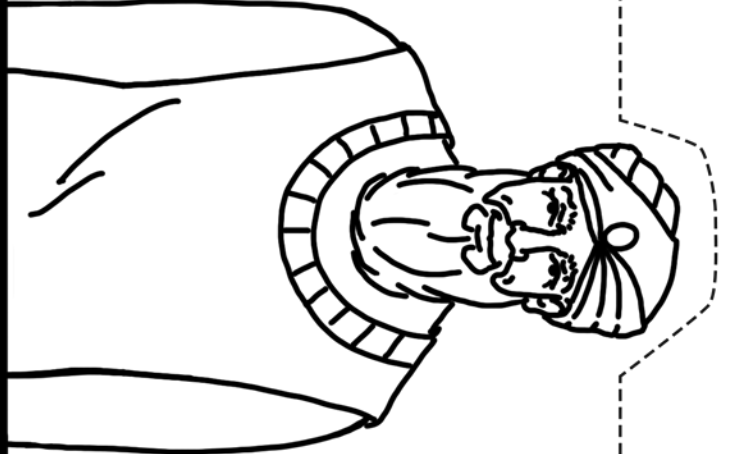
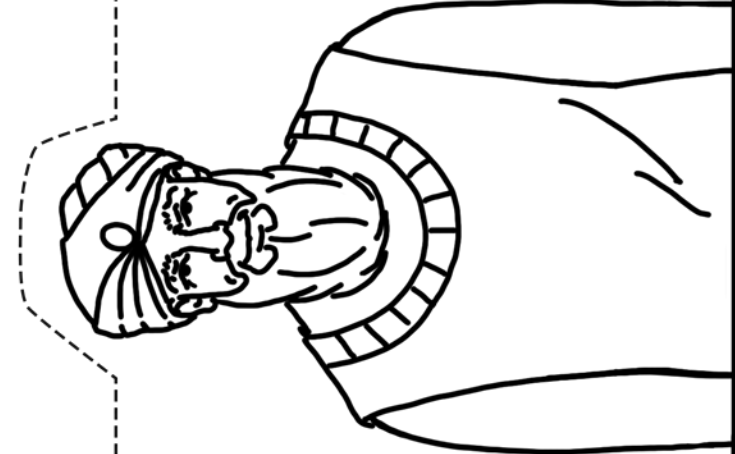
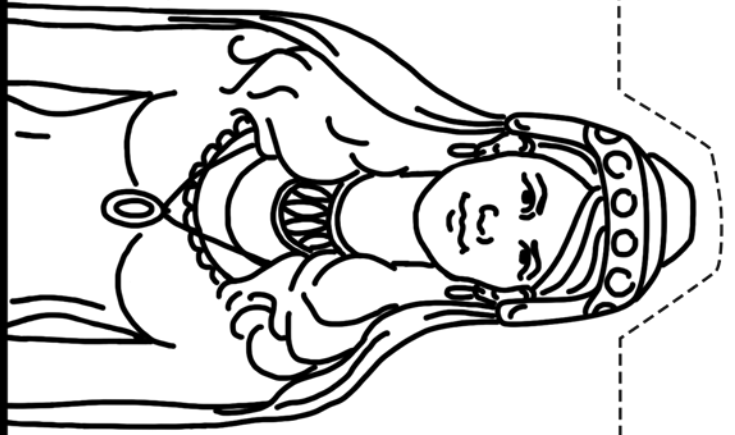
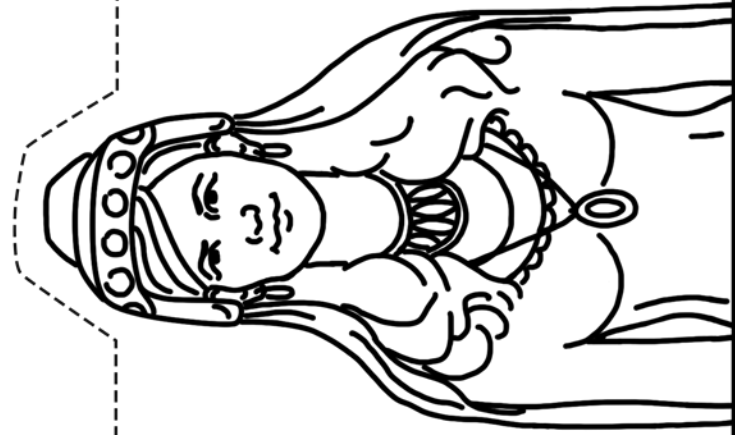
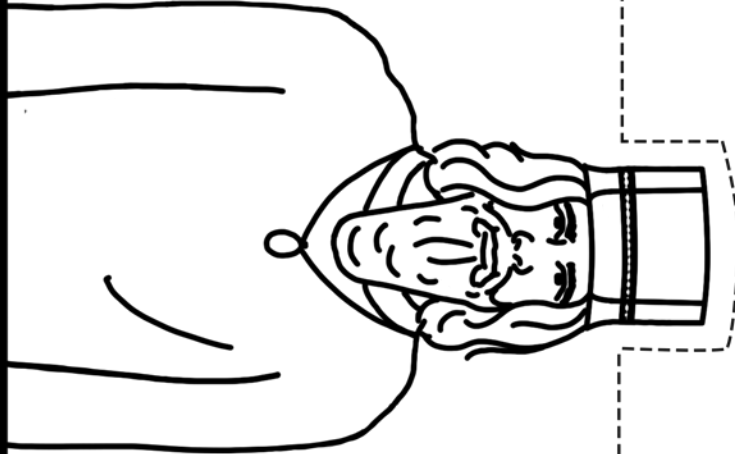
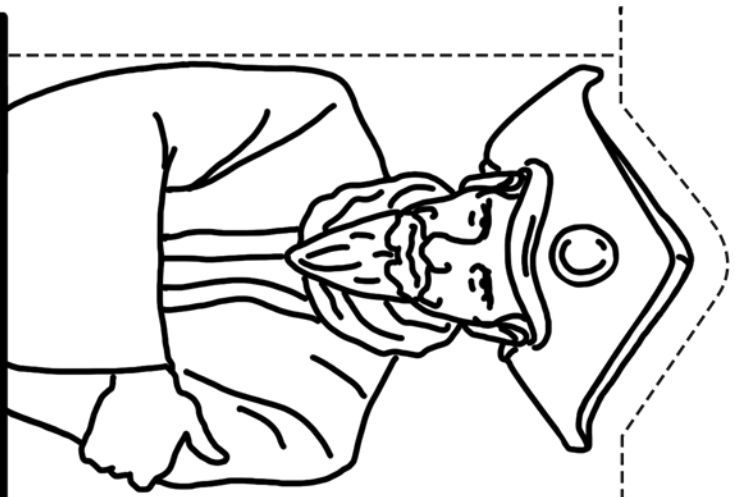
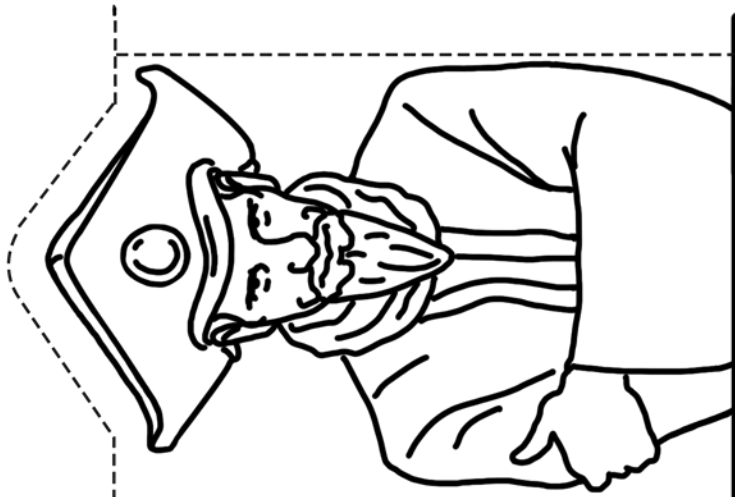
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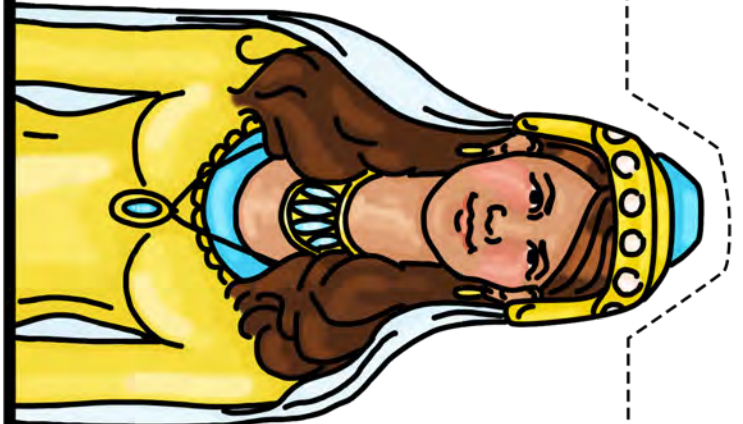


P9



P10





## Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - dark red, blue, brown, black, skin tone (or colors of choice)
- Gem - color of choice (for hat)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Double-sided adhesive tape
- Hot glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Permanent marker or pen - black (fine tip)
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Haman (BW)

## Haman Finger Puppet

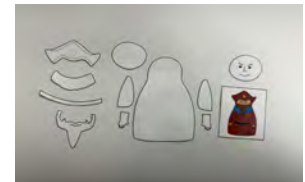


### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

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

## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces, including the 'Haman image' and 'face drawing.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. (P3)
- Keep the paper 'hat template' and 'beard template' for reference in placement or drawing as needed.
- Run double-sided adhesive tape around the edges of the 'body back' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom and place the 'body front' over it. (P4a, P4b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'belt' and place onto the 'body front' at the waist. (P5a, P5b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the 'left & right arm' and place the 'left & right hand' on the adhesive at the edge of the sleeve. (P6a, P6b)



P1



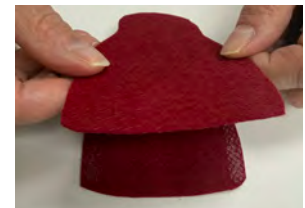
P2



P3



P4a



P4b



P5a



P5b



P6a



P6b

## Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Flip the 'left & right arm' over and place onto the 'body front.' (P7)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the finger details. (P8)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'scarf' and place onto the 'body front.' (P9a, P9b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the head area on the 'body front' and place the 'head' onto the adhesive. (P10a, P10b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'beard' but not the goatee area and place the 'beard' onto the 'head.' (P11a, P11b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the hat details. (P12)
- Apply a drop of hot glue on the center of the 'hat' and place gem onto the glue. (P13a, P13b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the top of the 'head' and place 'hat' onto the adhesive. (P14a, P14b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the face details. (P15)
- Set the Haman finger puppet aside to dry.



P7



P8



P9a



P9b



P10a



P10b



P11a



P11b



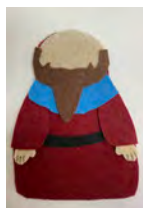
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P13a



P13b



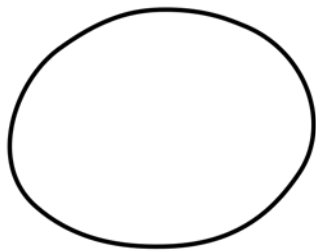
P14a



P14b

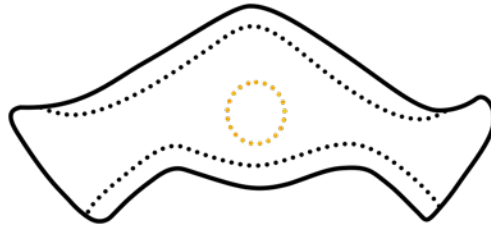


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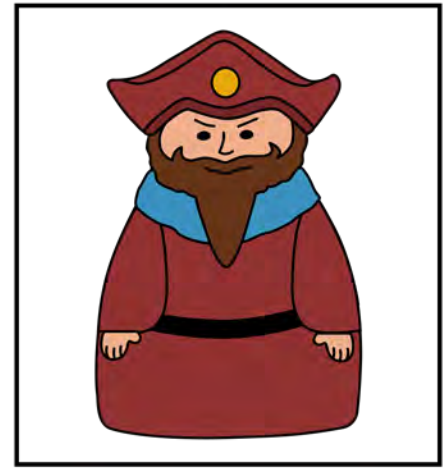


Head  
skin tone  
Cut 1

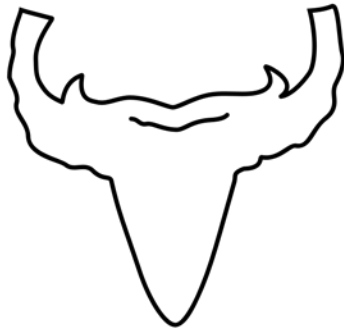
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Hat  
dark red  
Cut 1



Haman Image



Beard  
brown  
Cut 1



Belt  
black  
Cut 1



Scarf  
blue  
Cut 1



Face



Right Arm  
dark red  
Cut 1



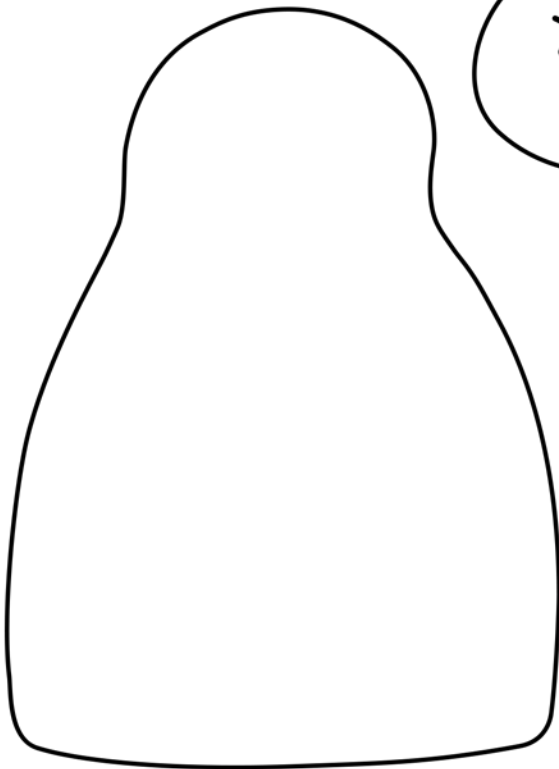
Left Arm  
dark red  
Cut 1



Right Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1



Left Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1



Body Front and Back  
dark red  
Cut 2

## Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - royal blue, brown, black, skin tone (or colors of choice)
- Glitter glue - gold
- Party toothpick with round bead (for scepter or make your own)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Double-sided adhesive tape
- Hot glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Permanent marker or pen - black (fine tip)
- Scissors
- Craft Template: King Ahashwerosh (BW)

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

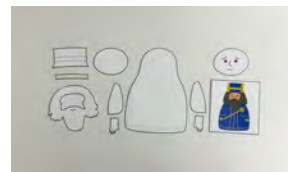
- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template and felt pieces.

## King Ahashwerosh Finger Puppet



## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces, including the 'King Ahashwerosh image' and 'face drawing.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. Cut out the face area on the 'hair and beard.' (P2)
- Cut out the face area on the 'hair and beard.' (P3)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. (P4)
- Keep the paper 'body template,' 'left & right arm templates,' 'hat template,' and 'hair and beard template' for reference in placement or drawing if desired.
- Run double-sided adhesive tape around the edges of the 'body back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'body front' over it. (P5a, P5b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the 'left & right arm' and place the 'left & right hand' on the adhesive at the edge of the sleeve. (P6a, P6b)
- Flip the 'left & right arm' over and place onto the 'body front.' (P7)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the finger details. (P8)



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5a



P5b



P6a



P6b



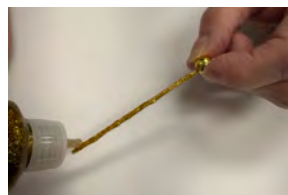
P7



P8

## Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Using gold glitter glue, embellish the:
  - scepter (P9a)
  - robe and sleeves (P9b, P9c)
  - hat band (P9d)
- Allow to dry.
- Run double-sided tape on the head area on the 'body front' and place the 'head' onto the adhesive. (P10a, P10b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'hair and beard' but not the beard area and place the 'hair and beard' onto the 'head.' (P11a, P11b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the face details. (P12)
- Apply hot glue to the end of the scepter and place underneath the left hand facing you. (P13a, P13b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'hat band' and place on the 'hat.' (P14a, P14b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the top of the 'head' and place 'hat' onto the adhesive. (P15a, P15b)
- Using gold glitter glue, embellish the 'hat band.' (P16)
- Set the King Ahashwerosh finger puppet aside to dry.



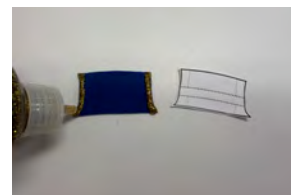
P9a



P9b



P9c



P9d



P10a



P10b



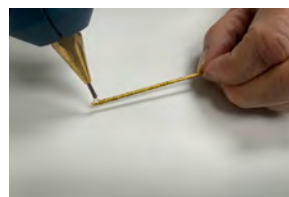
P11a



P11b



P12



P13a



P13b



P14a



P14b



P15a

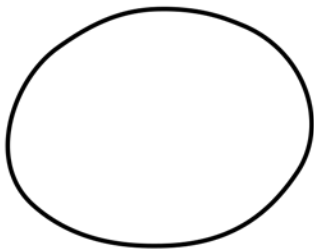


P15b



P16

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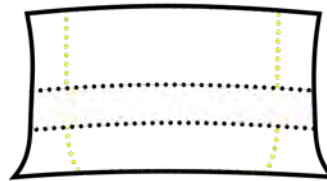
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skin tone  
Cut 1



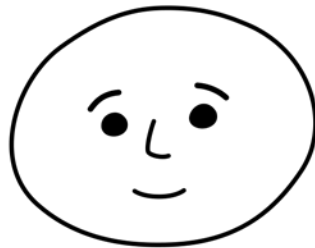
Hair and Beard  
brown  
Cut 1



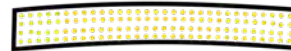
King Ahashwerosh Image



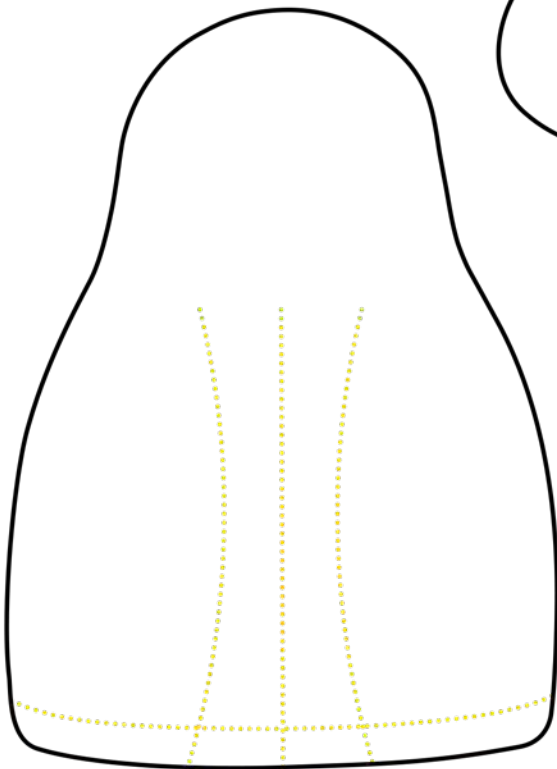
Hat  
royal blue  
Cut 1



Face



Hat Band  
black  
Cut 1



Body Front and Back  
royal blue  
Cut 2



Right Arm  
royal blue  
Cut 1



Left Arm  
royal blue  
Cut 1



Right Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1



Left Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1

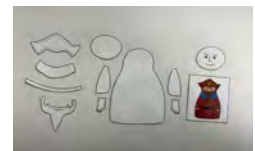
## Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - blue, red, gray, skin tone (or colors of choice)
- Puffy paint - red, yellow, green, blue
- Gem - color of choice (for turban)
- Thin string - blue, white (for tzitzit)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Double-sided adhesive tape
- Hot glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Permanent marker or pen - black (fine tip)
- Craft Template: Morde<sub>k</sub>ai (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 Craft Template and felt pieces.

## Morde<sub>k</sub>ai Finger Puppet



P1

## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces, including the 'Morde<sub>k</sub>ai image' and 'face drawing.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. (P3)
- Keep the paper 'Morde<sub>k</sub>ai image,' 'face drawing,' 'turban template,' and 'long shirt template' for reference in placement or drawing as needed.
- Run double-sided adhesive tape around the edges of the 'body back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'body front' over it. (P4a, P4b)



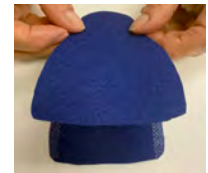
P2



P3



P4a



P4b



P5a



P5b

\*Please note that there will only be 2 tzitzit on Morde<sub>k</sub>ai as we are not doing the back of the felt puppet.

- Cut 4 strands of white string and one strand of blue string about 1 1/2" long and place the blue string in the middle. Repeat. (P5a, P5b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape along the hem of the 'long shirt' and place the 2 tzitzit on the adhesive at both ends. (P6a, P6b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the rest of the 'long shirt' and place on the 'body front.' (P7a, P7b)



P6a



P6b



P7a



P7b

## Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Using scissors, shorten all the strings but cut the white strings to be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " shorter than the blue. (P8)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the 'left & right arm' and place the 'left & right hand' on the adhesive at the edge of the sleeve. (P9a, P9b)
- Flip the 'left & right arm' over and place onto the 'body front.' (P10)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the finger details. (P11)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the turban details. (P12)
- Apply a drop of hot glue on the center of the 'turban,' and place gem onto the glue. (P13a, P13b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the head area on the 'body front' and place the 'head' onto the adhesive. (P14a, P14b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'beard' along the sideburns and place the 'beard' onto the 'head.' (P15a, P15b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the top of the 'head' and place the 'turban' onto the adhesive. (P16a, P16b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the face and beard details. (P17)
- Using red, yellow, green, and blue puffy paint, create a sequence of dots on the hem of the 'long shirt.' (P18)
- Set the Mordekai finger puppet aside to dry.



P8



P9a



P9b



P10



P11



P12



P13a



P13b



P14a



P14b



P15a



P15b



P16a



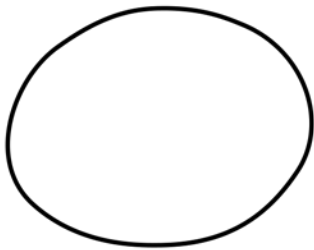
P16b



P17

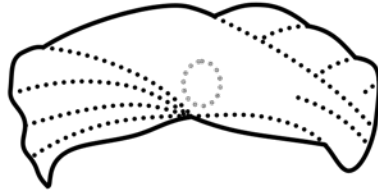


P18

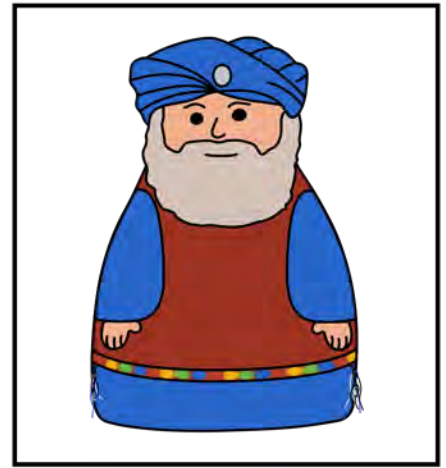


Head  
skin tone  
Cut 1

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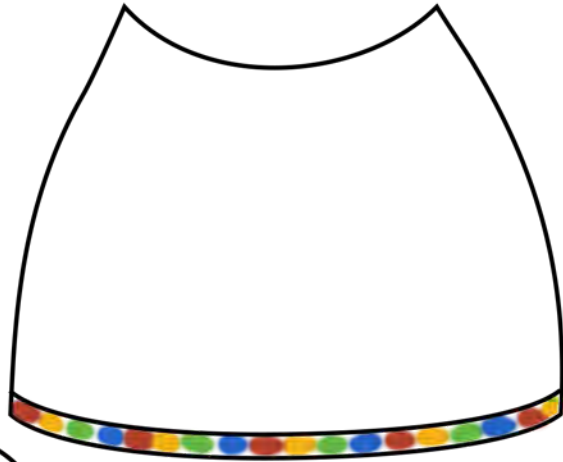
Turban  
blue  
Cut 1



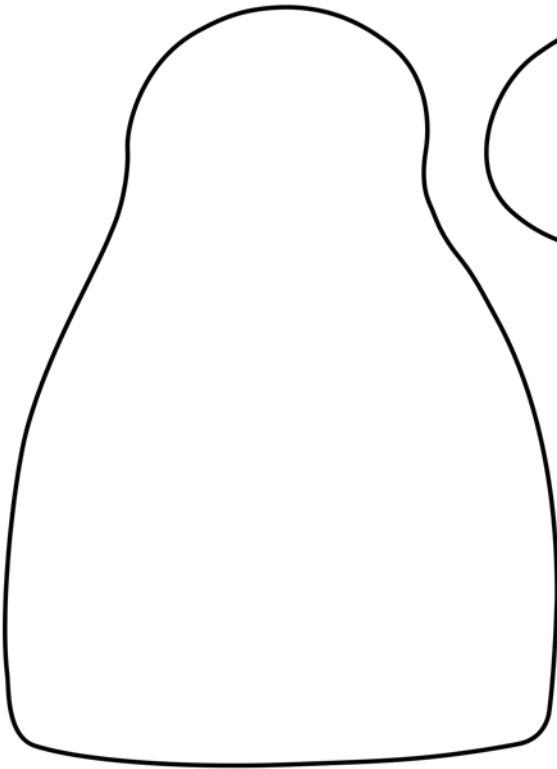
Mordekai Image



Beard  
gray  
Cut 1



Long Shirt  
red  
Cut 2



Body Front and Back  
blue  
Cut 2



Face



Right Arm  
blue  
Cut 1



Left Arm  
blue  
Cut 1



Right Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1



Left Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1

## Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - yellow, orange, skin tone (or colors of choice)
- Puffy paint - light blue
- Iridescent glitter glue
- Gems or pearls - color of choice (for headpiece)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Double-sided adhesive tape
- Hot glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Permanent marker or pen - black (fine tip)
- Craft Template: Queen Ester (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 Craft Template and felt pieces.

## Queen Ester Finger Puppet



P1

## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces, including the 'Queen Ester image' and 'face drawing.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. (P3)
- Keep the 'Queen Ester image,' 'body template,' 'left & right arm template,' 'headpiece template,' 'sash template,' and 'face drawing' for reference in placement or drawing as needed.
- Run double-sided adhesive tape around the edges of the 'body back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'body front' over it. (P4a, P4b)
- Using light blue puffy paint, embellish the hem on the 'body front' and 'left & right arm,' as well as the 'headpiece.' (P5a, P5b, P5c)
- Allow to dry.
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the 'sash' details. (P6)



P2



P3



P4a



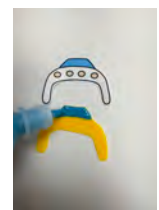
P4b



P5a



P5b



P5c



P6

## Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'sash' and place onto the 'body front' at the waist. (P7a, P7b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the 'left & right arm' and place the 'left & right hand' on the adhesive at the edge of the sleeve. (P8a, P8b)
- Flip the 'left & right arm' over and place onto the 'body front.' (P9)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the finger details. (P10)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the head area on the 'body front' and place the 'head' onto the adhesive. (P11a, P11b)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the 'headpiece' and place the 'headpiece' onto the 'hair.' (P12a, P12b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the face details. (P14)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, draw the necklace chain. (P15)
- Using light blue puffy paint, create the oval shape of the pendant. (P16)
- Allow to dry.
- Apply 4 drops of hot glue onto the 'headpiece' and place gems or pearls onto the glue. (P17a, P17b)
- Apply iridescent glitter glue over the puffy paint areas to embellish Queen Ester's clothing. (P18)
- Set the Queen Ester finger puppet aside to dry.



P7a



P7b



P8a



P8b



P9



P10



P11a



P11b



P12a



P12b



P13a



P13b



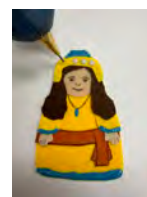
P14



P15



P16



P17a

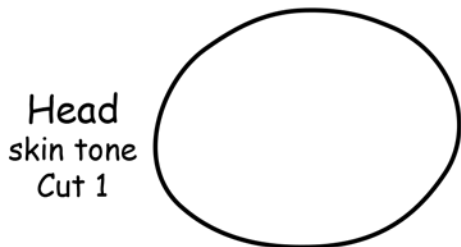


P17b



P18

- ..... = Black Marker
- ○ = Pearls or Gems
- = Light Blue Puffy Paint



Head  
skin tone  
Cut 1



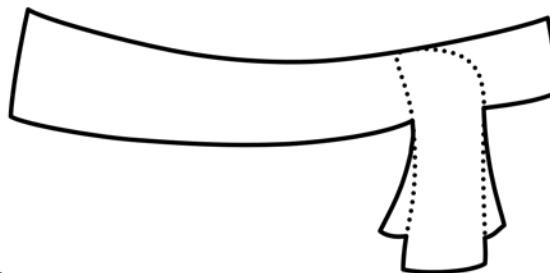
Headpiece  
yellow  
Cut 1



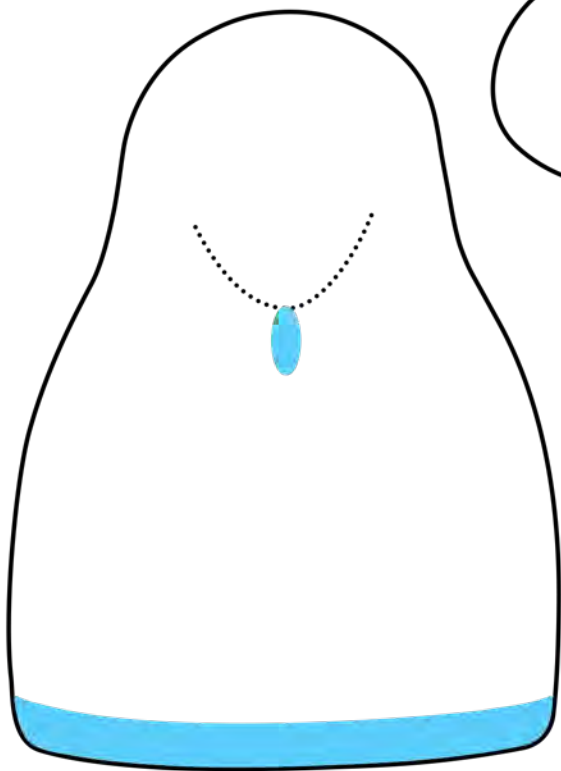
Ester Image



Hair  
brown  
Cut 1



Sash  
orange  
Cut 1



Body Front and Back  
yellow  
Cut 2



Face



Right Arm  
yellow  
Cut 1



Left Arm  
yellow  
Cut 1



Right Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1



Left Hand  
skin tone  
Cut 1

## Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Gem - color of choice (for hat)
- Glue stick
- Glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Permanent marker or pen - black (fine tip)
- Craft Template: Haman (color)

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

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

## Haman Stick Puppet



## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces including the 'Haman image' for reference in creating the craft. (P1)
- Run a glue stick onto the 'body back' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2a, P2b)
- Run a glue stick onto the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'body front' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)
- Run a glue stick onto the back of the 'left arm & right arm,' but not the hands, and adhere to the 'body front.' (P4a, P4b)
- Run a glue stick onto the head area on the 'body front' and place 'head' onto the glue. (P5a, P5b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker or pen, trace over the dotted lines on the 'hat.' (P6)
- Apply a drop of glue to the circle area on the 'hat' and place gem onto the glue. (P7a, P7b)
- Set the Haman stick puppet aside to dry.



P1



P2a



P2b



P3a



P3b



P4a



P4b



P5a



P5b



P6

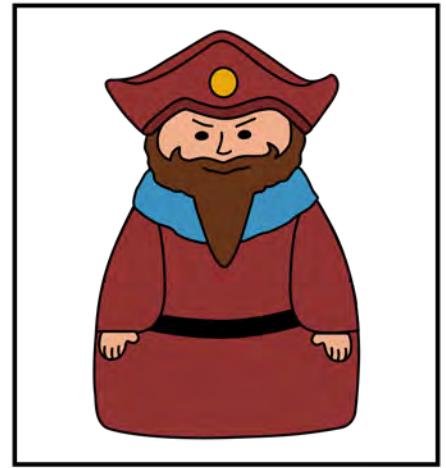


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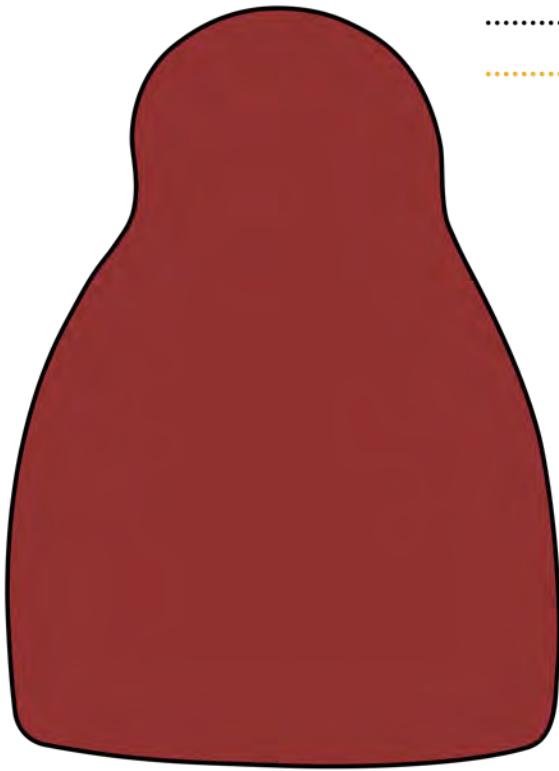


P7b

..... = Black Marker  
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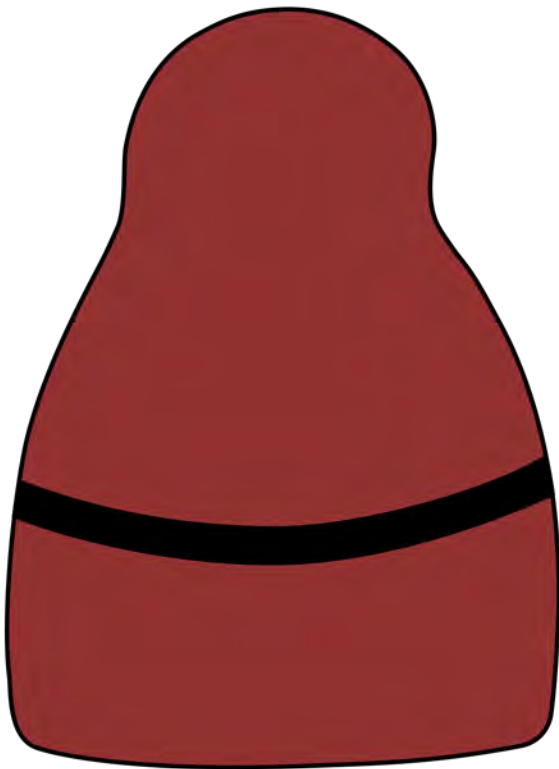
Haman Image



Body Back



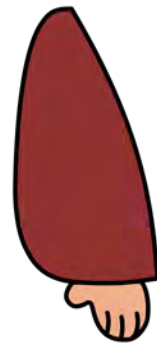
Head



Body Front



Right Arm



Left Arm

## Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Glitter glue - gold
- Gem - color of choice (for scepter)
- Toothpick
- Glue stick
- Glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Craft Template: King Ahashwerosh (color)

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

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

## King Ahashwerosh Stick Puppet



## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces, including the 'King Ahashwerosh image' for reference in creating the craft. (P1)
- Run a glue stick onto the 'body back' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2a, P2b)
- Run a glue stick onto the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'body front' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)
- Using gold glitter glue, trace over the dotted lines on the 'robe.' (P4)
- Allow to dry.
- Apply a strip of glue to the back of the 'scepter' and place a toothpick over it to strengthen the scepter. (P5a, P5b)
- Allow to dry.



P1



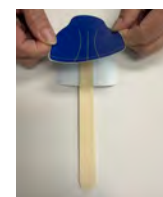
P2a



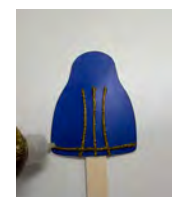
P2b



P3a



P3b



P4



P5a



P5b

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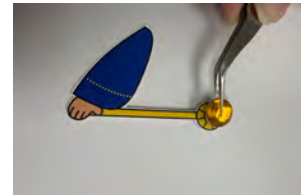
- Using gold glitter glue, trace over the dotted lines on the 'hat band.' (P6)
- Apply a drop of glue to the center of the gem area on the 'scepter' and place gem onto the glue. (P7a, P7b)
- Run a glue stick onto the back of the 'left arm & right arm,' but not the hands, and adhere to the 'body front.' (P8a, P8b)
- Run a glue stick onto the head area on the 'body front' and place 'head' onto the glue. (P9a, P9b)
- Using gold glitter glue, trace over the dotted lines on the 'sleeves.' (P10)
- Allow to dry.
- Set the King Ahashwerosh stick puppet aside to dry.



P6



P7a



P7b



P8a



P8b



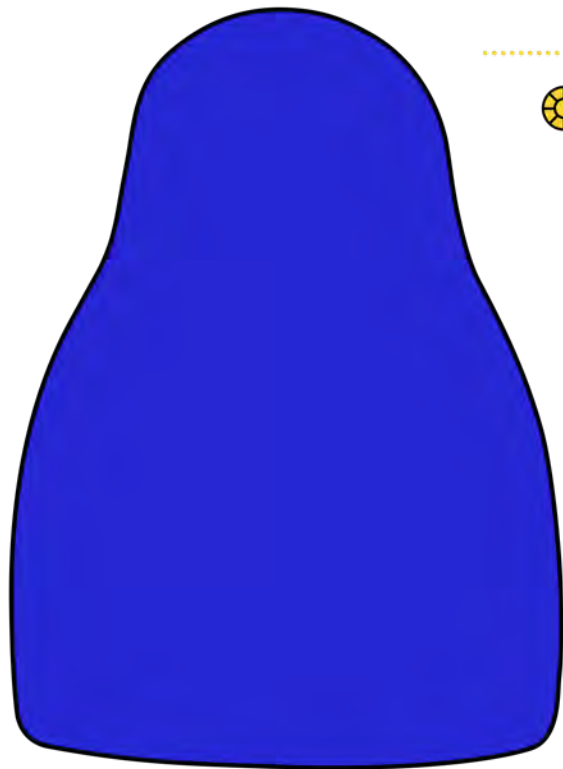
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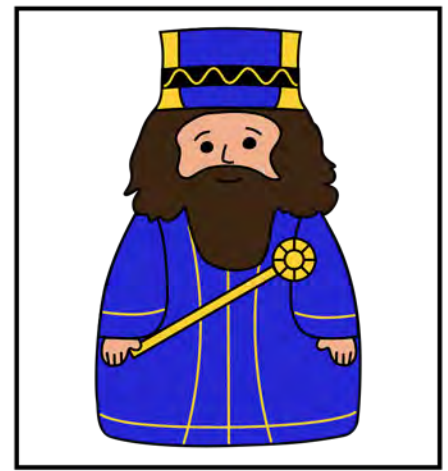
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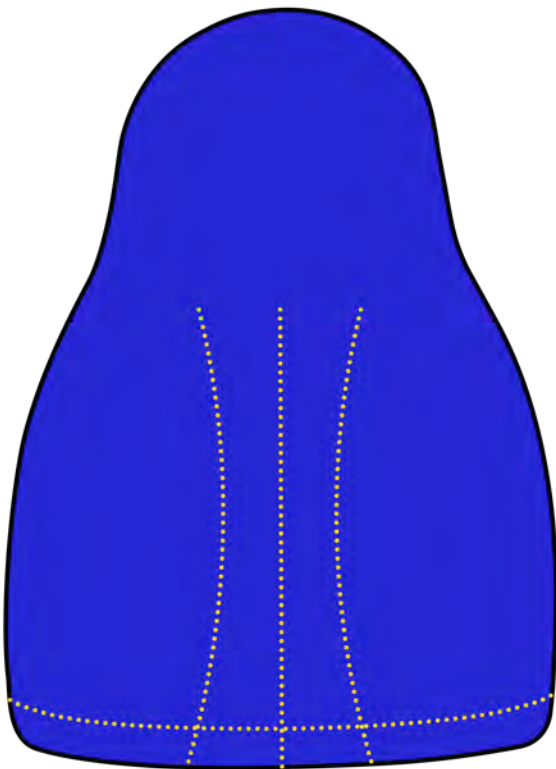
Body Back

..... = Gold Glitter Glue

⊗ = Gem



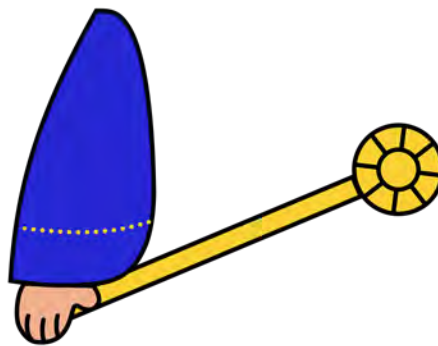
King Ahashwerosh Image



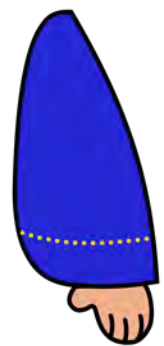
Body Front



Head



Right Arm and Scepter



Left Arm

## Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Puffy paint - red, yellow, green, blue
- Gem - color of choice (for turban)
- Glue stick
- Glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Mordechai (color)

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

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

## Mordechai Stick Puppet



## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces including the 'Mordechai image' for reference in creating the craft. (P1)
- Run a glue stick onto the 'body back' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2a, P2b)
- Run a glue stick onto the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'body front' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)
- Run a glue stick onto the back of the 'left arm & right arm,' but not the hands, and adhere to the 'body front.' (P4a, P4b)
- Run a glue stick onto the head area on the 'body front' and place 'head' onto the glue. (P5a, P5b)
- Apply a drop of glue to the oval area on the 'turban' and place gem onto the glue. (P6a, P6b)
- Using red, yellow, green, and blue puffy paint, create a sequence of dots on the hem of the 'long shirt.' (P7)
- Set the Mordechai stick puppet aside to dry.



P1



P2a



P2b



P3a



P3b



P4a



P4b



P5a



P5b



P6a

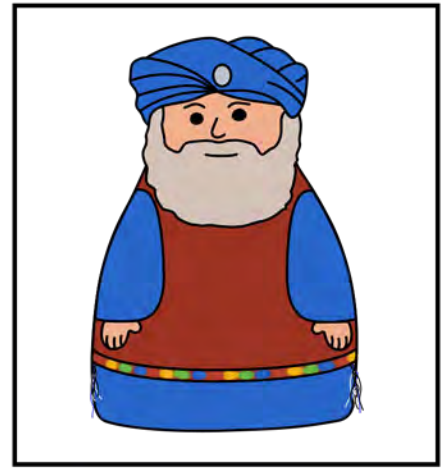


P6b

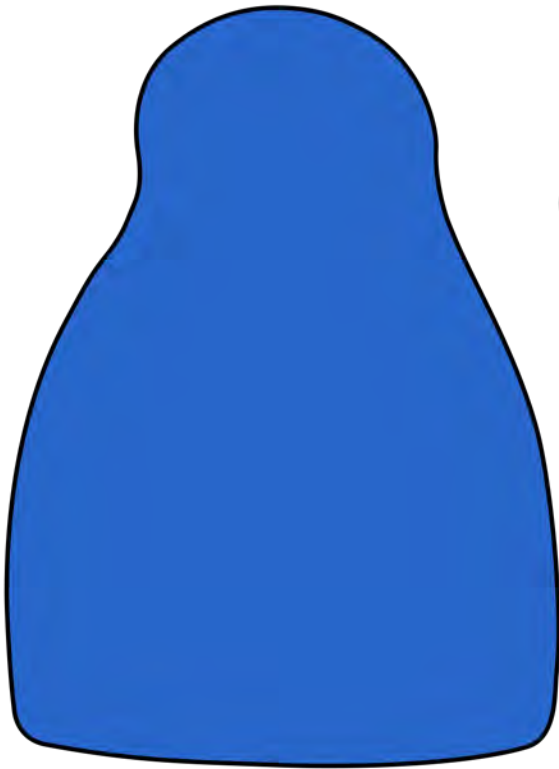


P7

- = Red Puffy Paint
- = Yellow Puffy Paint
- = Green Puffy Paint
- = Blue Puffy Paint
- = Gem



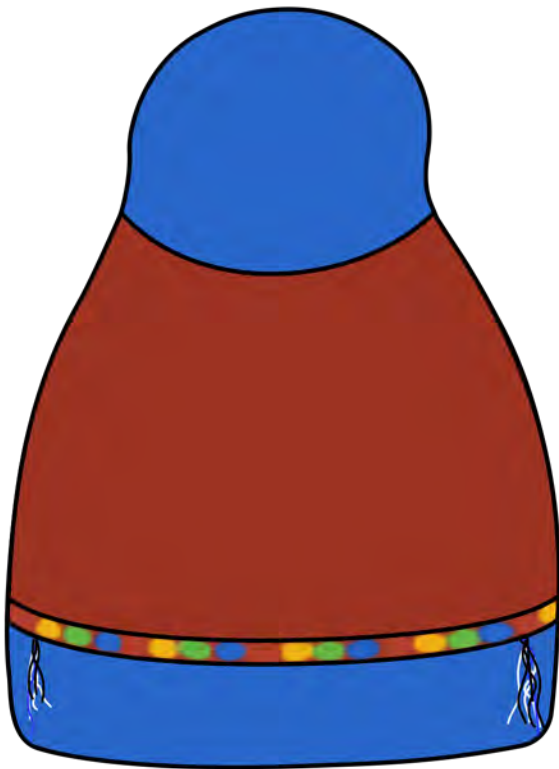
Mordekai Image



Body Back



Head



Body Front



Right Arm



Left Arm

## Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Iridescent glitter glue
- Gems or pearls - color of choice (for headpiece)
- Glue stick
- Glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Queen Ester (color)

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

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

## Queen Ester Stick Puppet



P1

## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Craft Template pieces, including the 'Queen Ester image' for reference in creating the craft. (P1)
- Run a glue stick onto the 'body back' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2a, P2b)
- Run a glue stick onto the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'body front' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)
- Run a glue stick onto the back of the 'left arm & right arm,' but not the hands, and adhere to the 'body front.' (P4a, P4b)
- Run a glue stick onto the head area on the 'body front' and place 'head' onto the glue. (P5a, P5b)
- Apply 4 drops of glue to the oval areas on the 'headpiece' and place gems or pearls onto the glue. (P6a, P6b)
- Allow to dry.
- Apply iridescent glitter glue to the light blue areas on the 'headpiece,' 'necklace,' 'sleeves,' and 'hem' of the 'body front.' (P7)
- Set the Queen Ester stick puppet aside to dry.



P2a



P2b



P3a



P3b



P4a



P4b



P5a



P5b



P6a



P6b

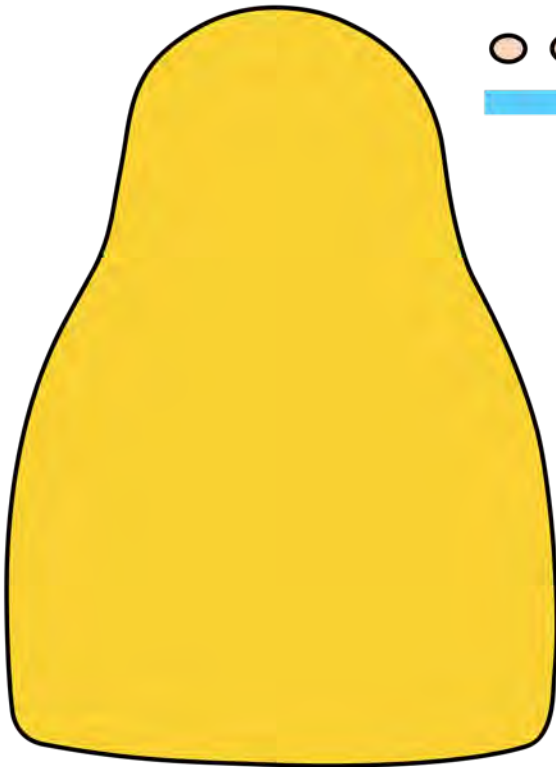


P7

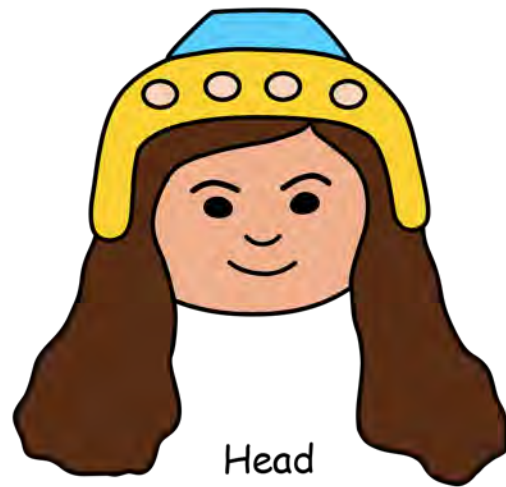
○ ○ = Pearls or Gems  
— = Iridescent Glitter Glue



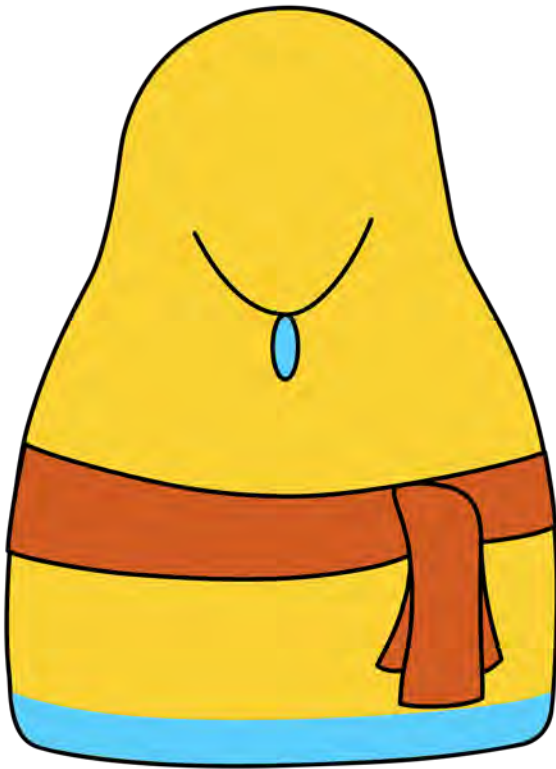
Ester Image



Body Back



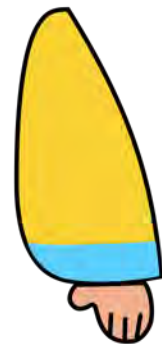
Head



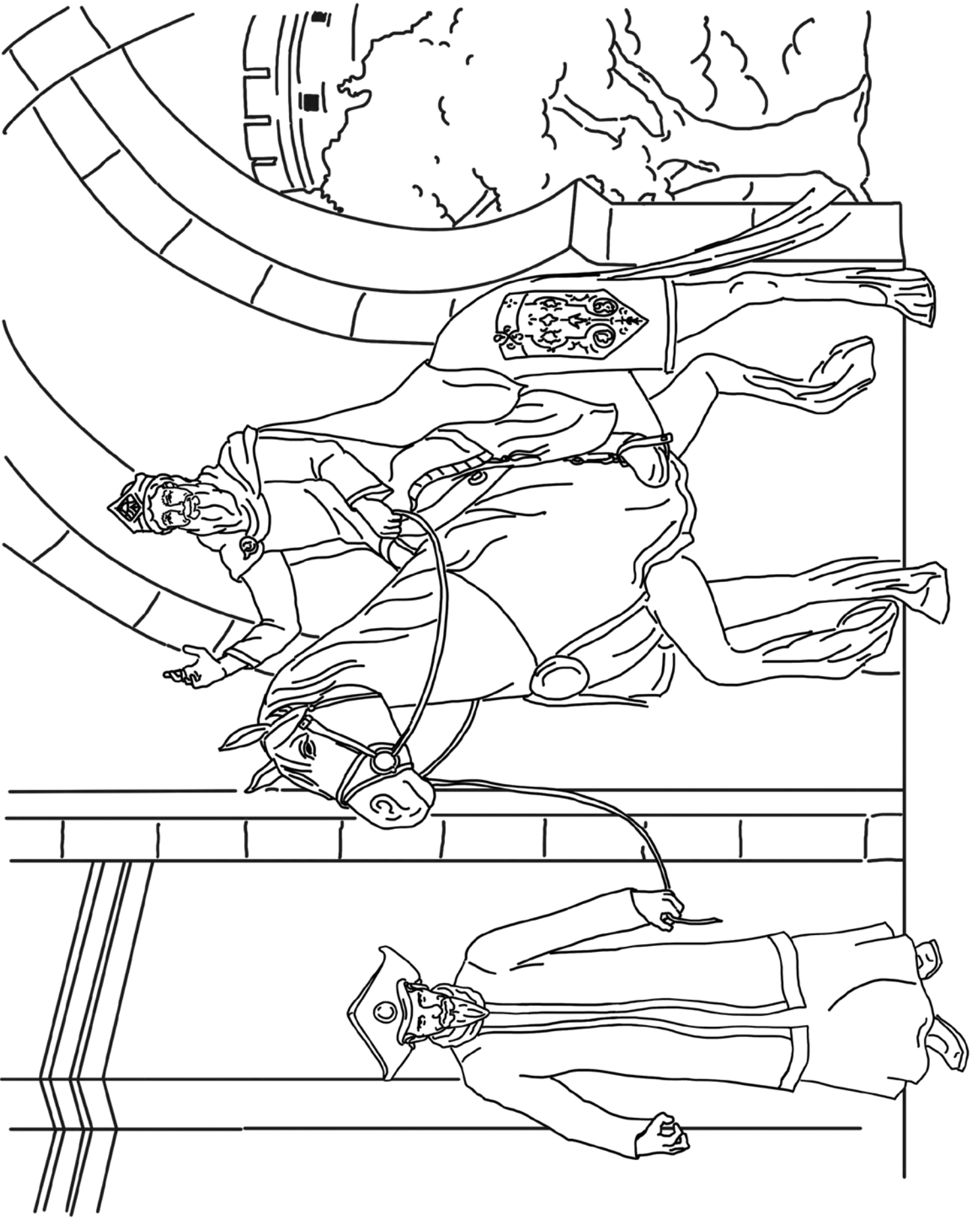
Body Front

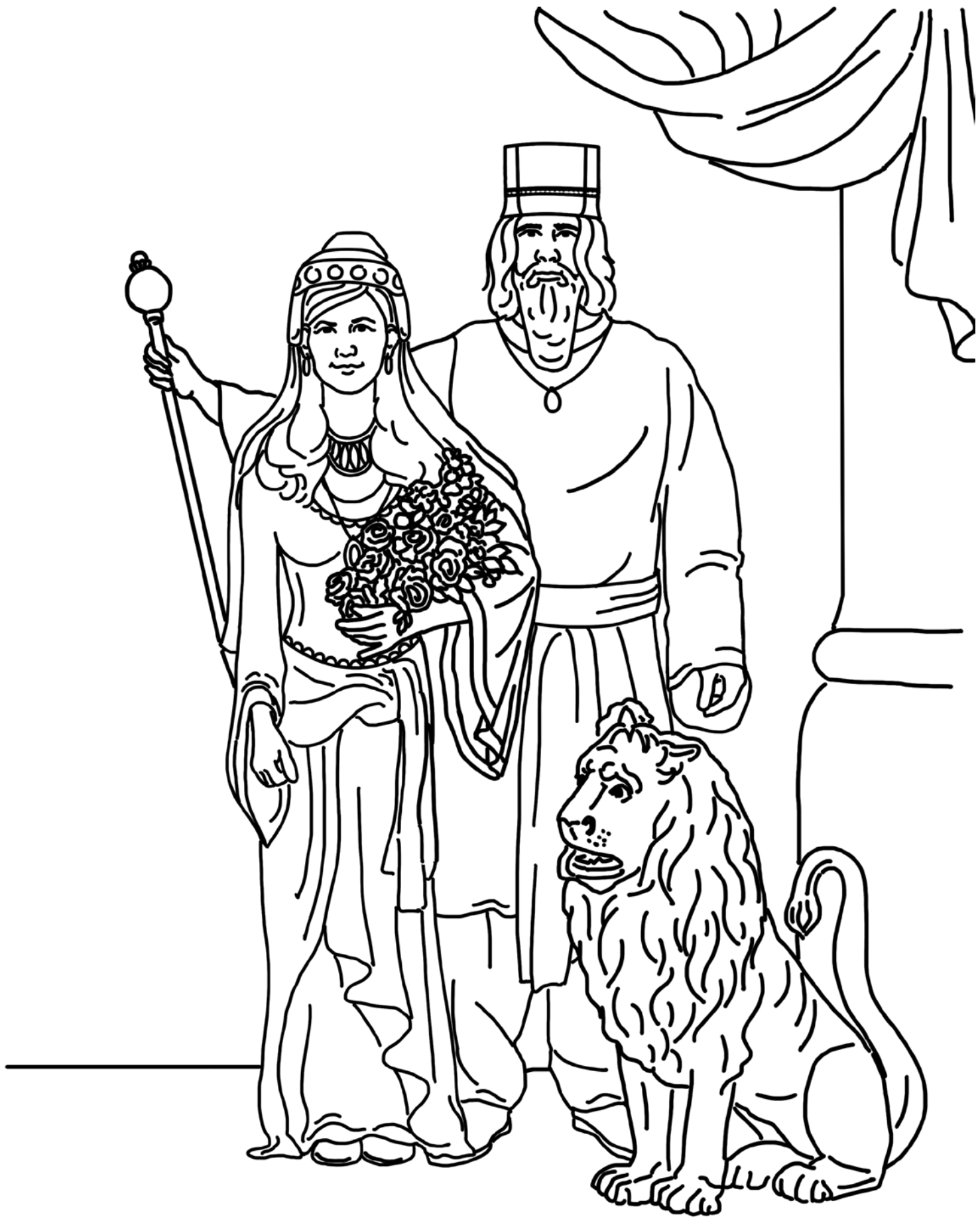


Right Arm



Left Arm





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# Sweetness of Torah

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## 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](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.

Here is a video link for this snack: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OP+kXa49sP8>

## 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.