



The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

Psalms 145:20 (NIV)

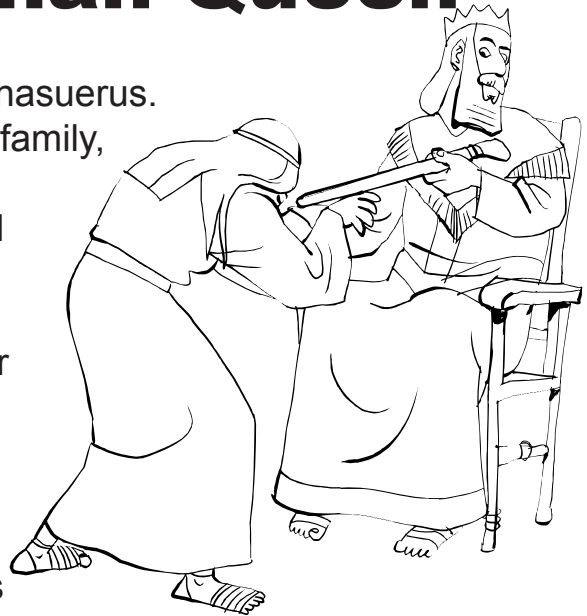
The Brave Orphan Queen

Esther 1 – 10

“Esther, you are my new queen!” said King Ahasuerus.

Esther was an orphan from a captive Jewish family, but now she was the queen!

While Esther went to live in the castle, an evil man named Haman planned to kill the Jewish people--God’s people from Israel--especially Esther’s cousin Mordecai. Mordecai told Esther about this evil plan and said maybe God made her queen so she could help save her people. The problem was, she couldn’t even talk to the king without permission. If she interrupted the king, she would be killed unless he held out his scepter to her and accepted her.



Esther knew the risk, but she prayed and went to talk with the king. When the king saw it was Esther, he held out his scepter. She was safe! Esther invited the king and wicked Haman to two big suppers. At the second supper, the king asked what he could do for Esther. She begged the king to save her and her people.

“Who wants to hurt you and your people?” asked the king.

“That wicked Haman right there!” Esther cried, pointing at Haman.

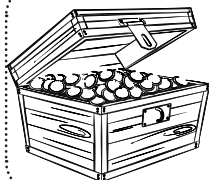
The king got rid of Haman and had him killed instead of the Jewish people. Then he gave all Haman’s stuff to Mordecai. God saved his people with the brave orphan queen Esther.

What did we discover?

- 1) Esther was a Jewish _____.
 ORPHAN PRINCESS CHEF
- 2) Evil Haman wanted to kill all the _____ people -- God’s people.
 BABYLONIAN EGYPTIAN JEWISH
- 3) Esther risked her own life to _____ her people.
 PAY SAVE FEED
- 4) Esther _____ for her life and the lives of her people and God saved them.
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How can I be part of God’s plan this week?



I have something important to do.
 God made me with a purpose that is bigger than I can imagine.



Father God, I want to complete Your plans.

