

# ESTHER HELPED HER PEOPLE

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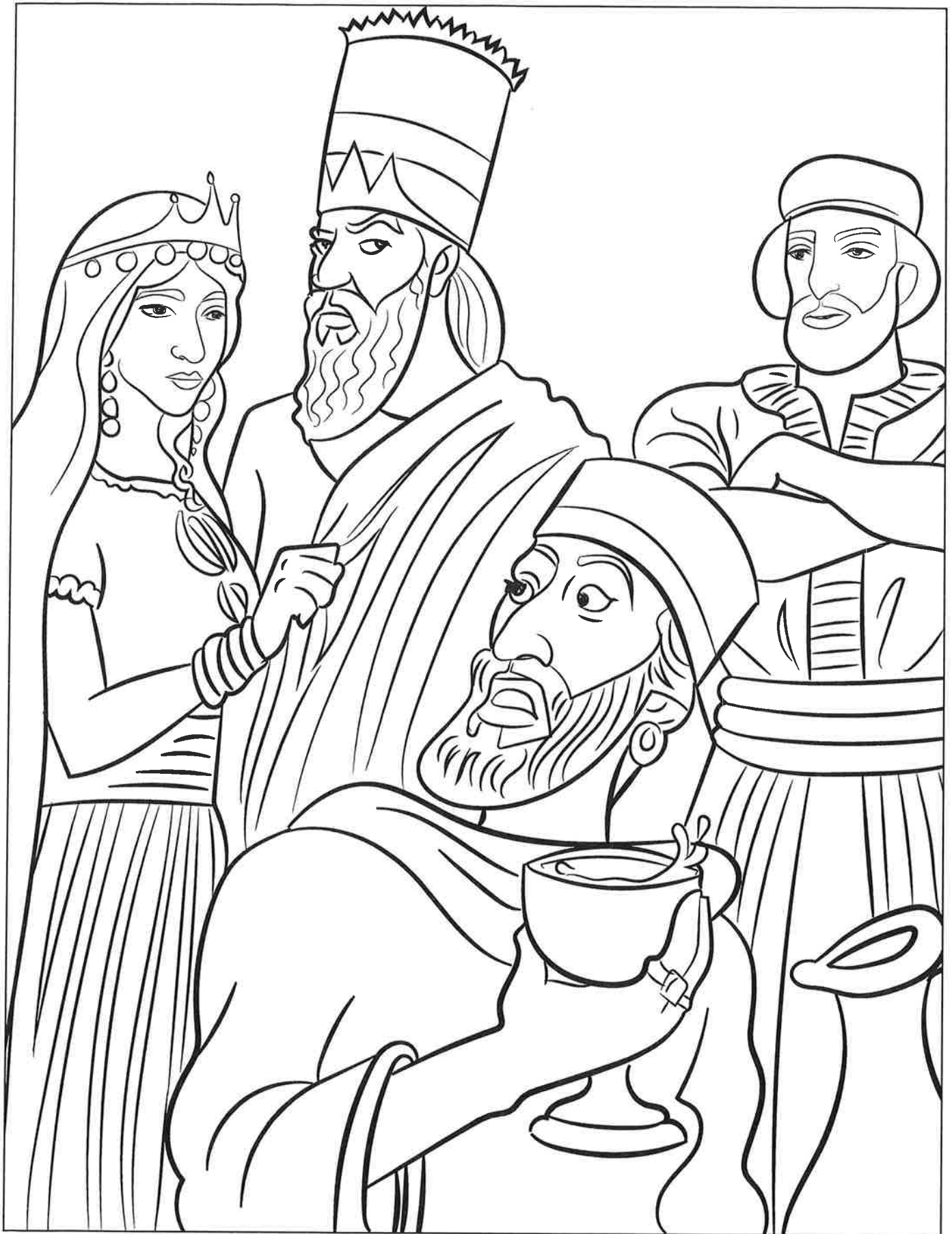
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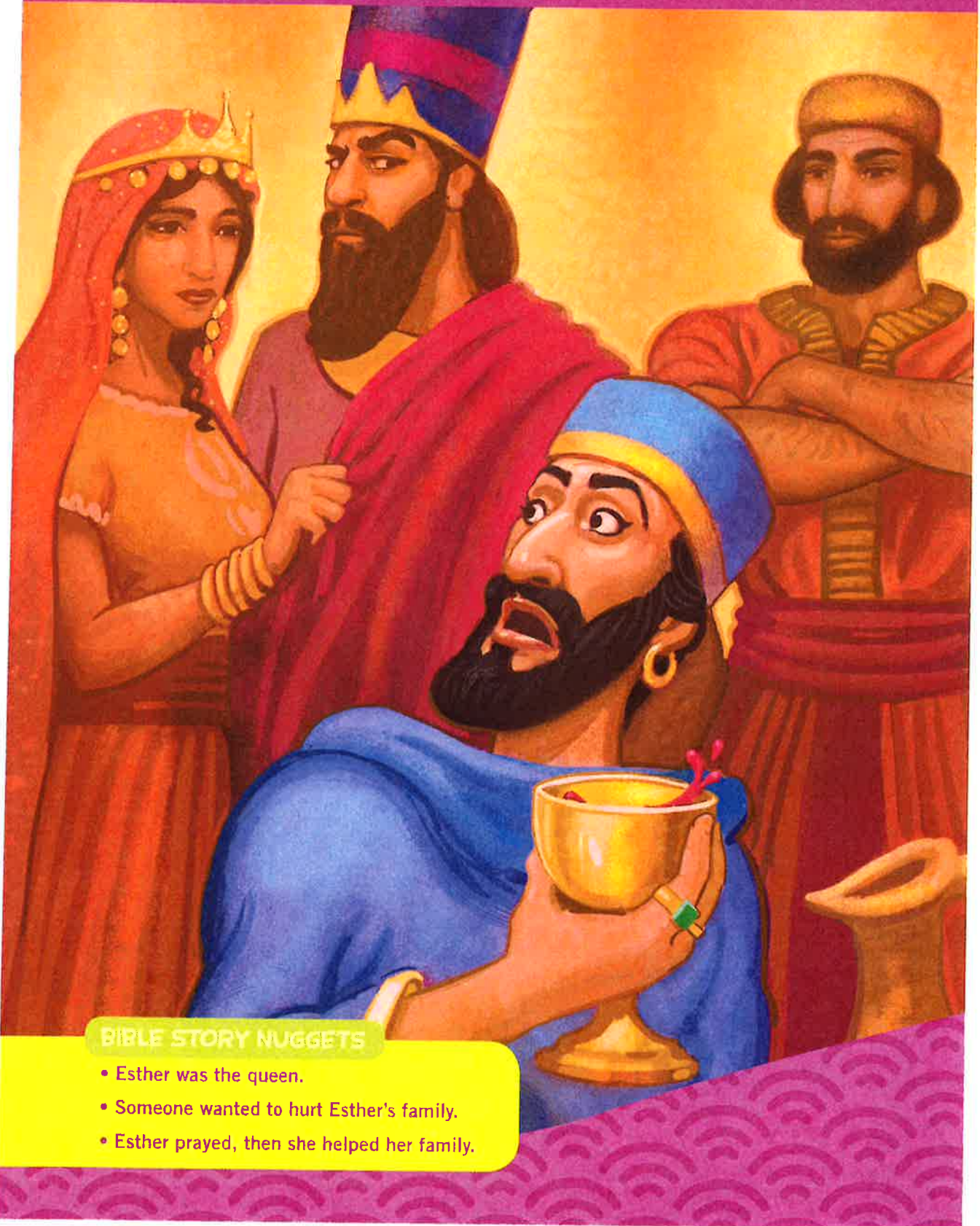


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Text Truth: Esther chose to help.



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## PARENTS,

Mordecai reminded Esther that her Hebrew family needed her. It is unlikely that your child will be called upon to “save” your family as Esther was, but there are ways even your young child can help your family. Teach your child how to do simple chores without complaining. Teach him to do what he can himself so he develops a sense of satisfaction.

Psalm 27:1 reminds us that God is our source of strength and help. It is He who helps us do what we are called to do.

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#### FAMILY ADVENTURE PRAY TOGETHER

Hold photographs of your family where your baby can see them. Name the people in your family. Guide your older baby or toddler to repeat the names if possible. Pray a brief thank-you prayer for the people in your family. Say: “Thank You, God, for our family. Thank You that we can help one another. Thank You for helping us when we are afraid.”

#### FAMILY ADVENTURE DO FAMILY CHORES

Families are teams working together. Choose a few simple chores and guide your child to do those chores to assist the family. Your child can pick up his toys, fold washcloths, and wipe tables with a damp cloth. He can help set the table or water flowers. Say: “Esther helped her family because she loved them. We show love when we help our family.”