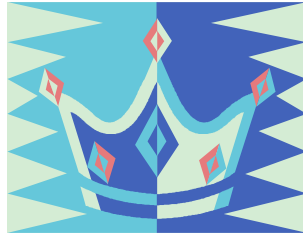


What Your Child Is Learning This Week

Jan 22nd 2012



This week we learned about

Esther, Queen of Persia

**Helping Them Remember....
With God's help, we can be brave!**



The Old Testament story of Esther is a beautiful story but not as familiar as the Old Testament stories of Noah, Moses, Adam & Eve, Jonah and others.

Esther was an orphaned Jewish girl with strong faith. She met the Emperor of Persia, King Xerxes, who married her and made her queen. The king was not aware of her deep faith in God. The King's helper Haman made a plan to get rid of all Jewish people. Esther prayed to God to help her save her people. Esther bravely implemented her plan, and her people were saved.



January 29th No Class
February 5th Class
February 12th Class
February 19th Class

New Ways to Pray

Today your daughter made Queen Esther's crown, or your son made King Xerxes' crown. Have your family pass around the crown and pray for specific things. Family members might ask God to heal someone who is sick, guide someone through something difficult, or help them to be kind. Take turns thanking God for all His wonderful gifts.

The Difference Faith Makes...

Esther is the Jewish Cinderella: ("Beautiful Jewish Orphan Becomes New Empress of Persia!"). But it is also the story of courage in the face of adversity, belief in the power of prayer, and faith in the wisdom of God. While we want our daughters to learn that they are as intelligent and resourceful as boys, there are important lessons here for our sons, too. Xerxes is a good husband and a good king. He treats Esther with respect; he admits he's wrong and works to correct his mistake. Through the story of Esther, all of us, parents and children alike, are reminded that even when things look hopeless, God has a plan—we just need to pray for enlightenment and keep the faith.

Sunday February 5th



**Feeding the Multitude:
The Miracle of the Loaves and
Fishes**

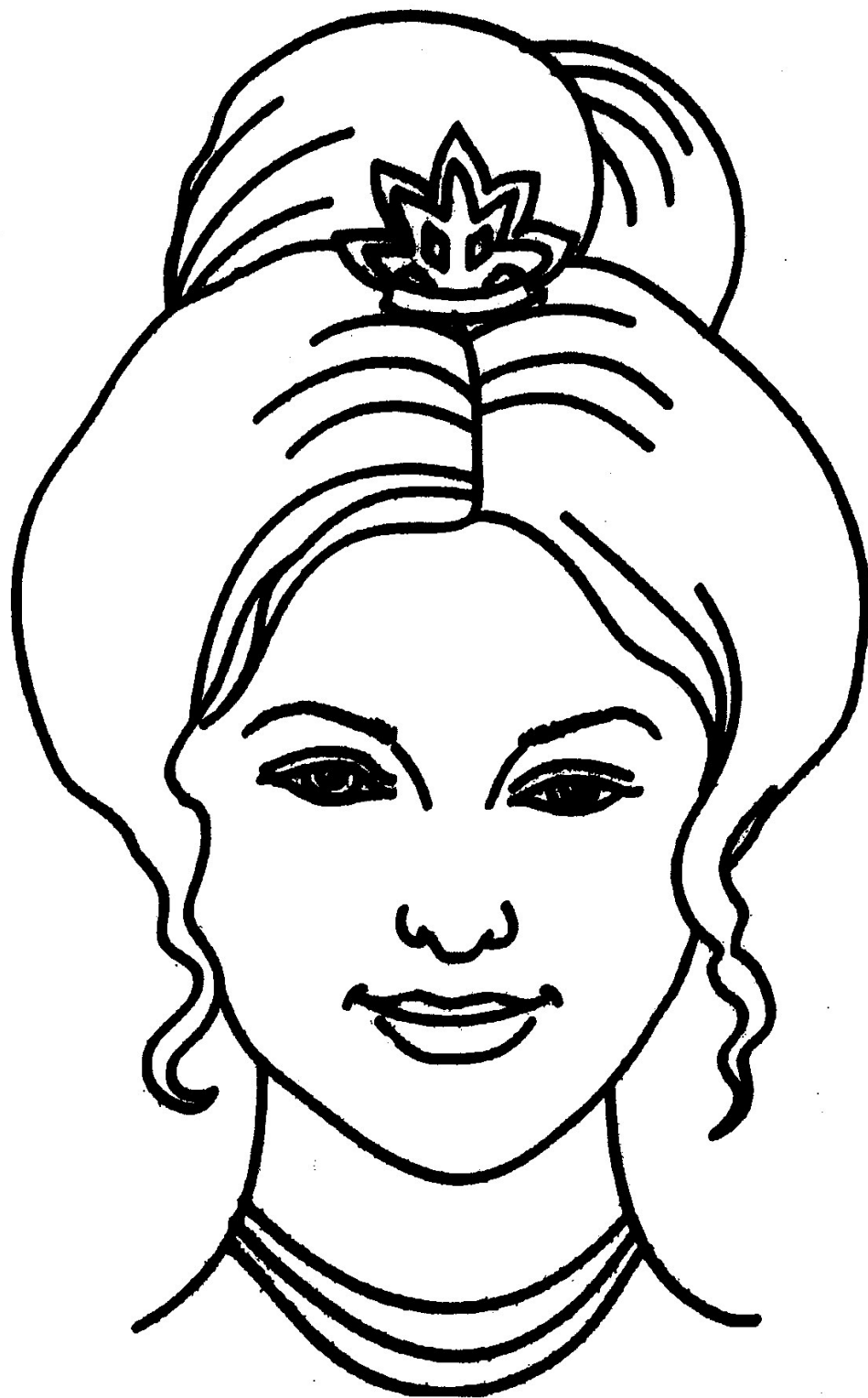


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Queen Esther



Xerxes promises to save the Jews

