## Where's Esther?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Find and circle Esther among the other beautiful women.





#### KEY PASSAGE:

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

• Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful.

#### BIBLE STORY: ESTHER BECAME QUEEN

- Esther became queen but did not tell the king she was a Jew.
- The king's helper Haman planned to kill all the Jews.
- Mordecai, Esther's cousin, asked Esther to try to stop Haman.
- Esther asked the Jews to pray.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Could Haman's evil plan have stopped God from sending the Messiah? Can anything stop God's plan?
- Why do you think God put you in your family? neighborhood? church? city or town? Discuss how God has gifted your family to serve Him where you are.

#### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

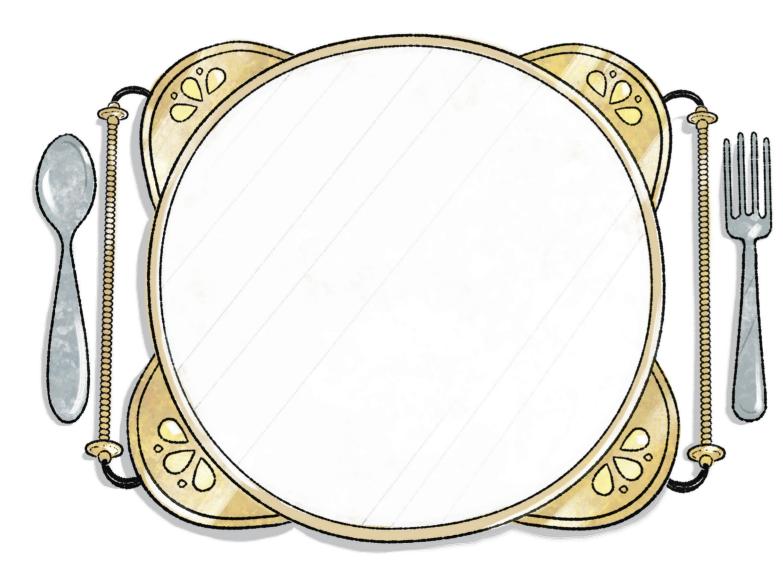
- If health allows, fast a meal as a family. Spend that mealtime in prayer for unbelievers.
- Keep a family prayer journal to record prayer requests and answered prayers.





## What's on Your Plate?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw what you would like to eat at a feast.





#### KEY PASSAGE:

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

• Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful.

#### BIBLE STORY: GOD SAVED HIS PEOPLE THROUGH ESTHER

- Esther went to the king to try to save God's people.
- The king held out his scepter so Esther could live.
- Esther told the king at her feast about Haman's evil plan.
- God used Esther to save His people.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What are some things God controls?
- When does it feel like God is not in control?
- What did Jesus do to show He has power over evil?

#### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Look up a recipe for hamantaschen and prepare the Jewish treat. Read about the Jewish holiday, Purim.
- Pray for the Jewish people to believe that Jesus is the Messiah whom God promised to send.





### MAIN POINT: GOD USED ESTHER TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.

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# Why Did It Happen?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw a line connecting the picture on top to the picture below that shows what happened before.





#### KEY PASSAGE:

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

• Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful.

#### BIBLE STORY: NEHEMIAH HEARD NEWS OF JERUSALEM

- Nehemiah heard God's people in Jerusalem were in trouble.
- Nehemiah prayed that God would help His people.
- The king sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem to rebuild the city.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Who is someone you know in need? How can you help him?
- Name a promise God has made.
- How can our family help each other remember God's promises?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Send a card to a neighbor who is going through a difficult time. Pray for your neighbor as a family.
- Ask your church leadership if there is someone in your congregation going through a difficult time. Brainstorm how your family can help and do it.

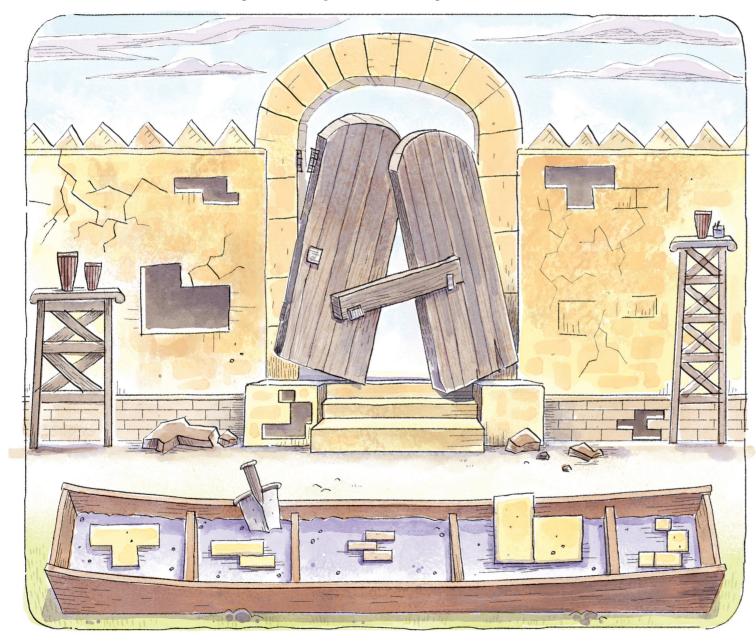




MAIN POINT: NEHEMIAH PRAYED THAT GOD WOULD HELP HIS PEOPLE.

## Repair the Wall

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw a line connecting each broken piece with where it goes on the wall.





#### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

• Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful.

#### BIBLE STORY: JERUSALEM'S WALLS WERE REBUILT

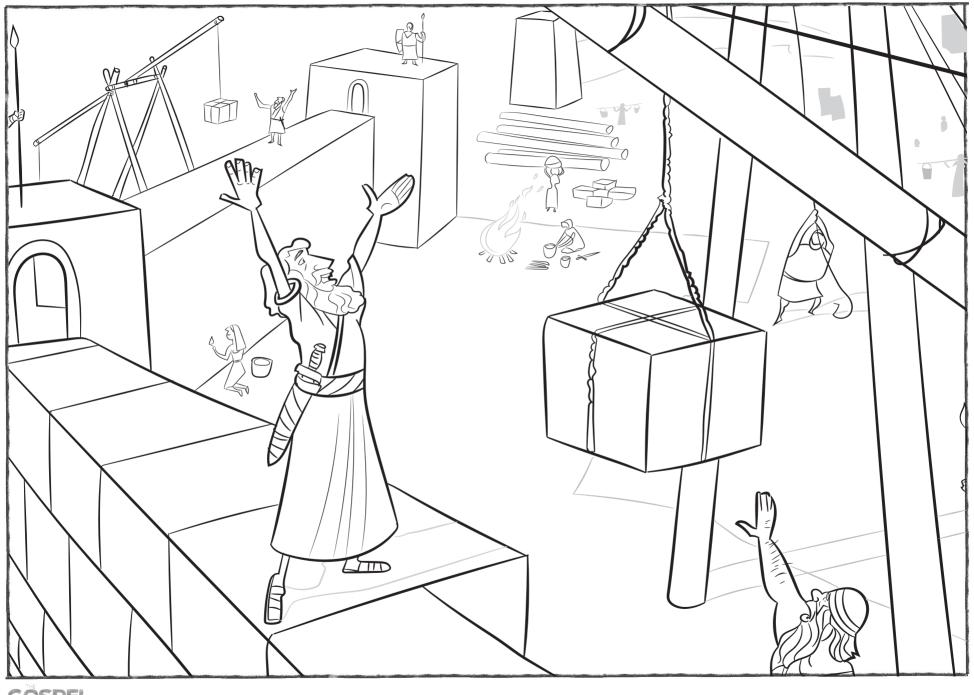
- God led Nehemiah to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem.
- Everyone worked together.
- Their enemies did not want God's people to repair the walls.
- God's people kept working and finished rebuilding the wall.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Talk about a time you worked together as a family to complete a task.
- What made Nehemiah a good leader for God's people?
- How does Jesus protect us from our enemies of sin and death?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Visit an elderly neighbor's home to help with repairs or other household tasks.
- Join a neighborhood beautification project to help clean up areas in your city that need attention.





MAIN POINT: GOD LED NEHEMIAH TO REBUILD THE WALLS.

## Find the Bibles

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle the Bibles in the picture below. How many Bibles are in the picture?





#### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

• Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful.

#### BIBLE STORY: EZRA READ THE LAW

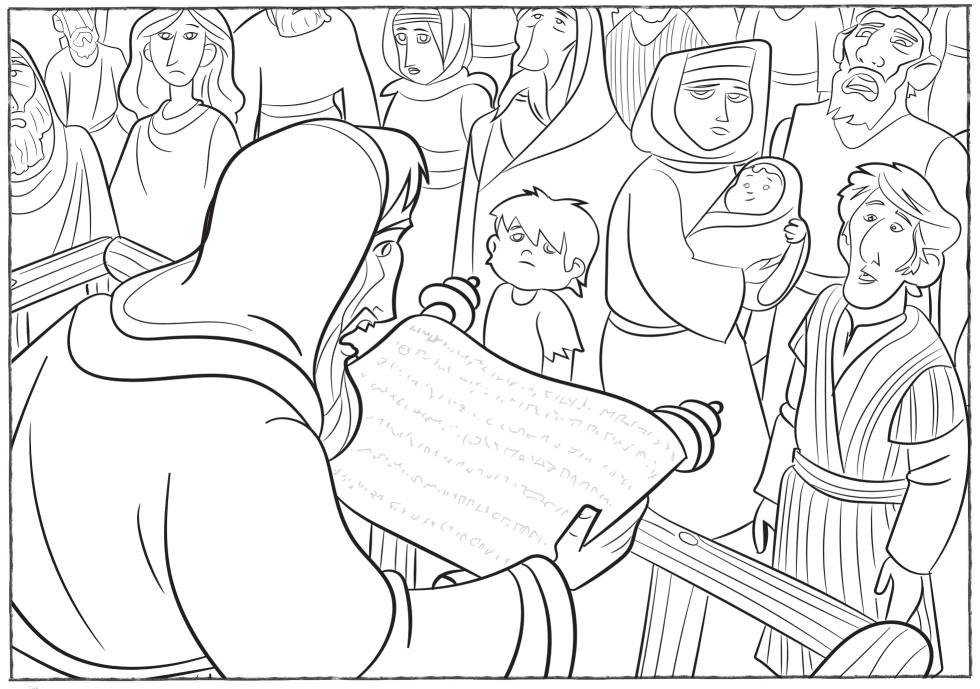
- Ezra taught the people God's Word.
- The people cried because they were sorry for disobeying God.
- Ezra, his helpers, and Nehemiah told the people to not be sad.
- The people had a feast because they were happy God gave them His Word.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What makes the Bible different from every other book?
- Who are some people who help us understand God's Word?
- Name something you learned about God or Jesus from the Bible.

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

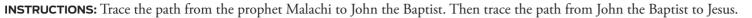
- Memorize a Bible verse through the course of the week. Practice your verse during family meals.
- Purchase Bibles to be sent to a place where people do not have ready access to God's Word.





## Trace the Path

Malachi



John the Baptist



#### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

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#### BIBLE STORY: MALACHI THE PROPHET

- God's people disobeyed Him.
- God sent Malachi to talk to His people.
- God told His people to repent.
- Malachi said another messenger was coming who would get people ready for the Messiah.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

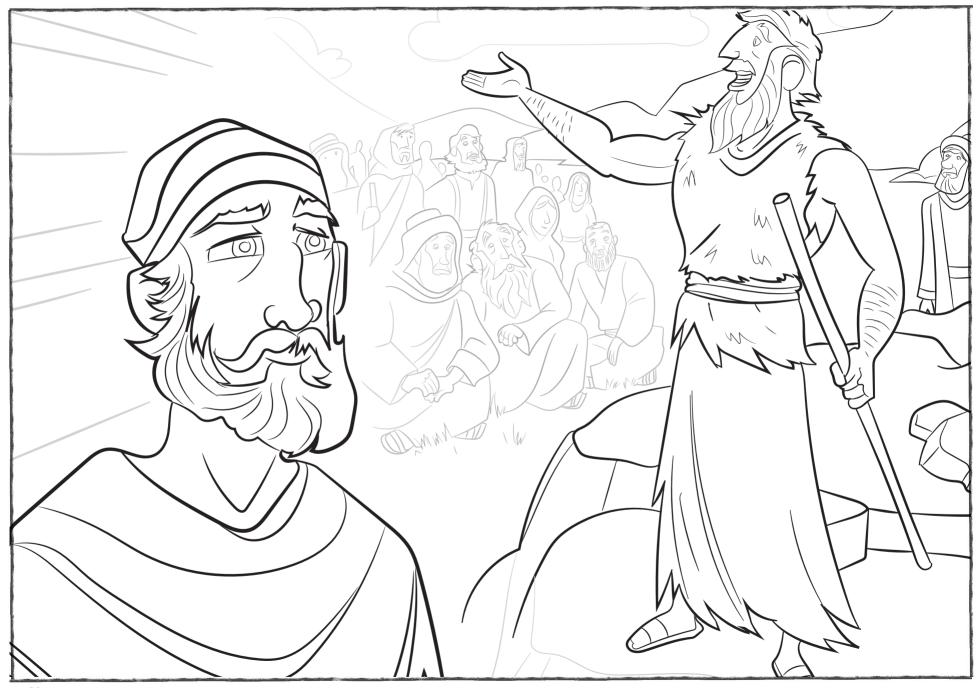
- Was it loving or unloving of God not to bless His people when they disobeyed Him?
- What were some of the things the people were doing wrong?
- Whom can we tell about Jesus so they will be ready when He comes back?

#### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Challenge family members to identify ways they can share what they have and then do it.
- Visit a local farm as a family. Observe the calves. Talk about how we will one day jump and play like calves at Jesus' return.

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Jesus





## MAIN POINT: GOD TOLD HIS PEOPLE TO REPENT.

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