

# Quirky Queen

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle the five items that do not belong in the picture.

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**KEY PASSAGE:**

Lamentations 3:22-23

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful even when we are not.

**BIBLE STORY:**

**ESTHER BECAME QUEEN**

- The king selected Esther to replace the queen. Esther did not tell him she was a Jew.
- Haman made a plan to kill God's people.
- Mordecai told Esther about Haman's evil plan.
- Esther agreed to help God's people.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- How can you see God at work in this story?
- How can you see God at work in your own life?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Play dress-up with your kids and re-enact the story. Discuss with them the ways God showed that He was in control even when Haman made an evil plan to hurt God's people.

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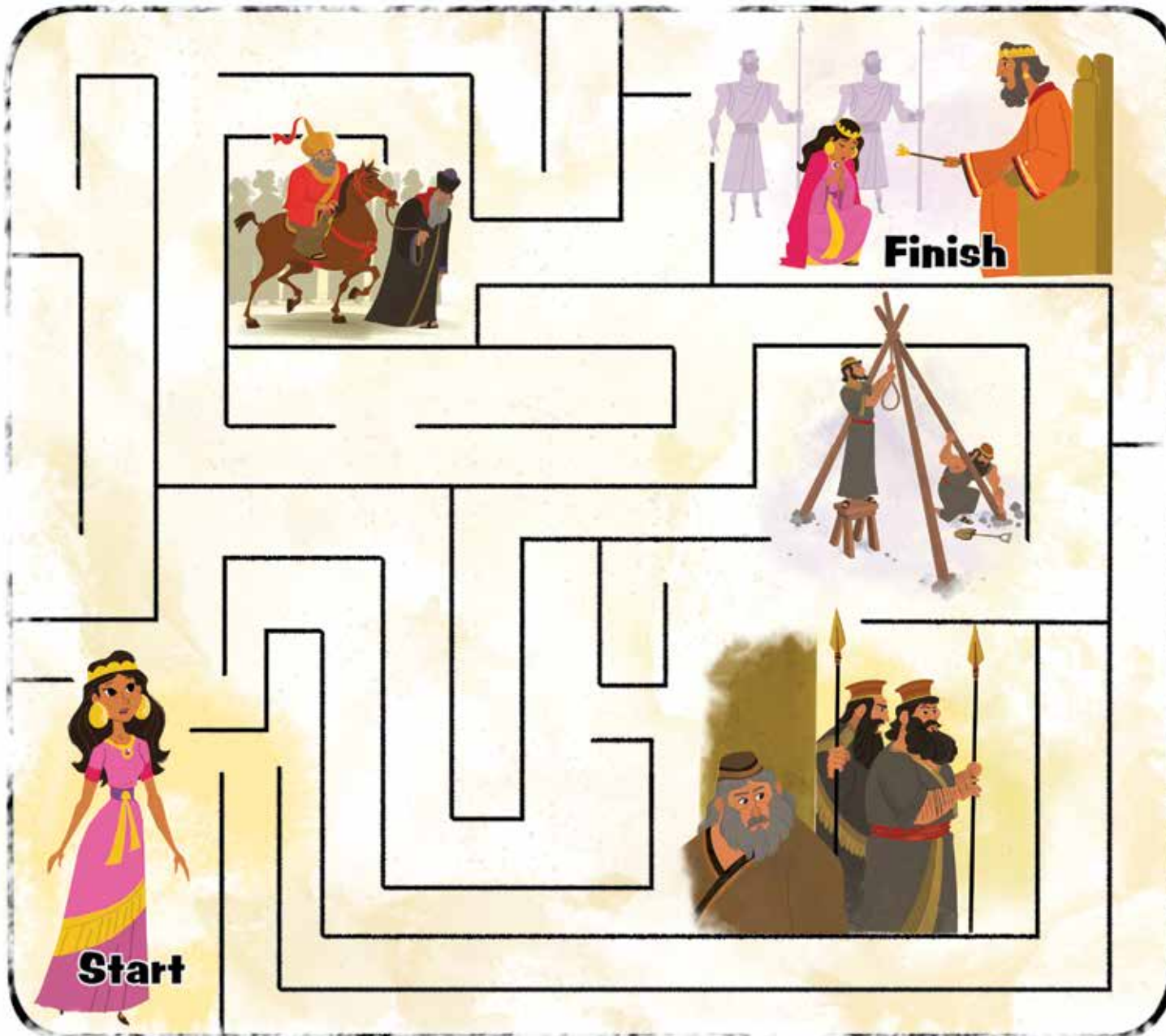




# Approach the King

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the maze to help Esther arrive in the king's throne room.



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

- Esther risked her life to go to the king.
- Esther invited the king and Haman to a feast.
- Esther asked the king to save her people, the Jews, from Haman's plan.
- God used Esther at just the right time to save His people.

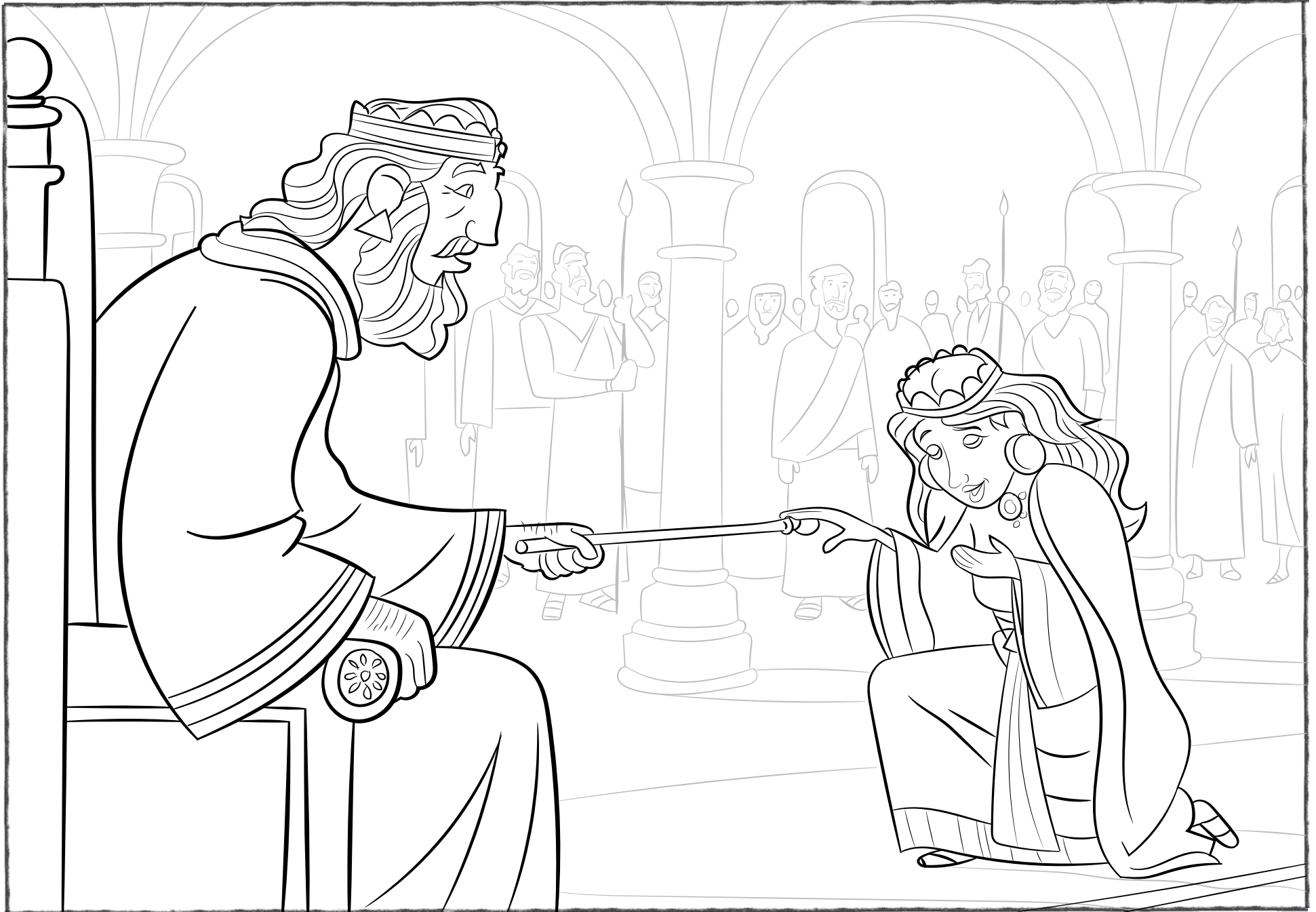
**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why was it dangerous for Esther to approach the king?
- Who else put His life at risk to save His people?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Play a game like "Mother, May I?" or "Red Light, Green Light" with your family. Talk to them about how Jesus' sacrifice gives us the ability to approach God without fear.

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**MAIN POINT: GOD USED ESTHER AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.**

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*God Saved His People Through Esther*  
Esther 5-10

# News for Nehemiah

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Find all the words from the word bank hidden in the grid below.

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**Nehemiah  
news**

**cup  
king**

**pray  
wall**

**faithful  
sad**

**travel  
Jerusalem**

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**BIBLE STORY:**

**NEHEMIAH HEARD NEWS OF JERUSALEM**

- Nehemiah heard about the destruction in Jerusalem.
- Nehemiah prayed that God would help His people rebuild Jerusalem's walls.
- The king of Persia saw how sad Nehemiah was and agreed to send him to rebuild the walls.
- Nehemiah encouraged the people to rebuild the walls.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why do we sometimes forget to pray about our problems?
- How can we know prayer really helps?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Build a Rube Goldberg machine to do some small task. Talk to your kids about ways we make things harder instead of seeking wisdom from God.

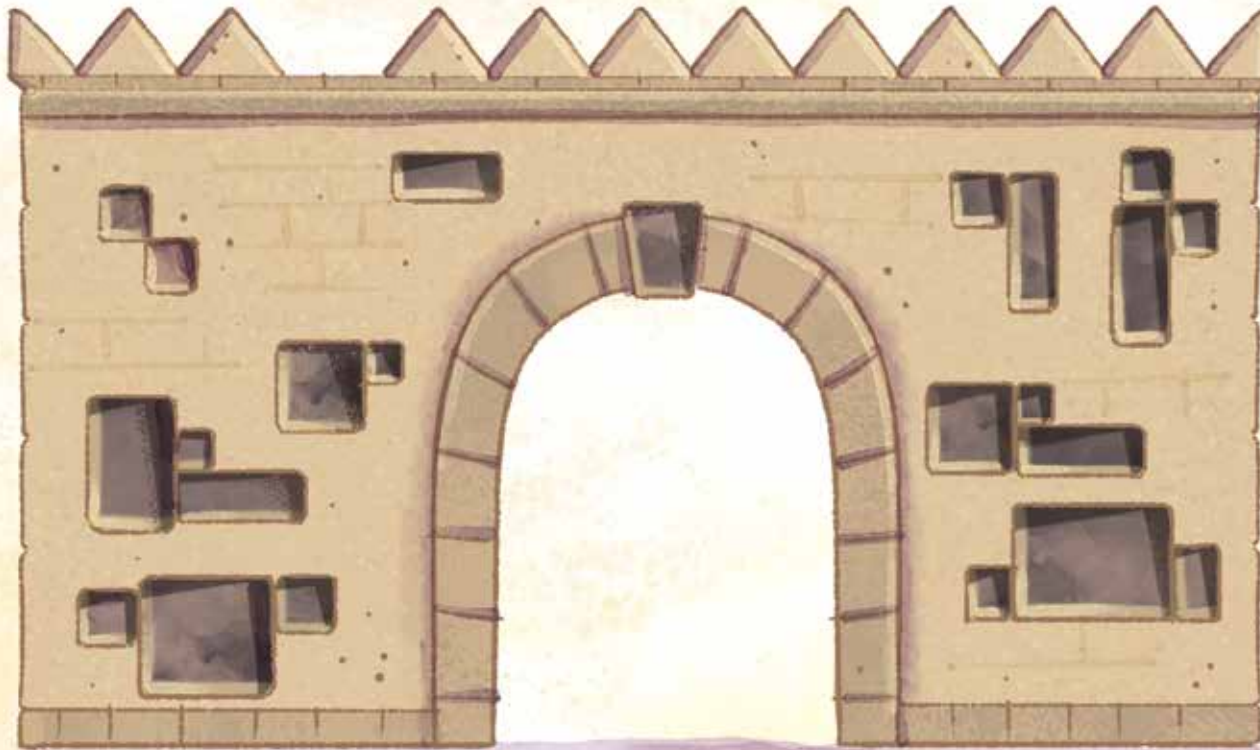




# Brick by Brick

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Match the gaps in the walls to the bricks that are the correct shape to fill them. Not all holes will be filled.



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**BIBLE STORY:**

**JERUSALEM'S WALLS WERE REBUILT**

- Enemies of God's people tried to stop them from rebuilding the walls.
- God used Nehemiah to lead His people as they rebuilt Jerusalem's walls.
- The people finished rebuilding in just 52 days. Their enemies knew God was with the Jews.

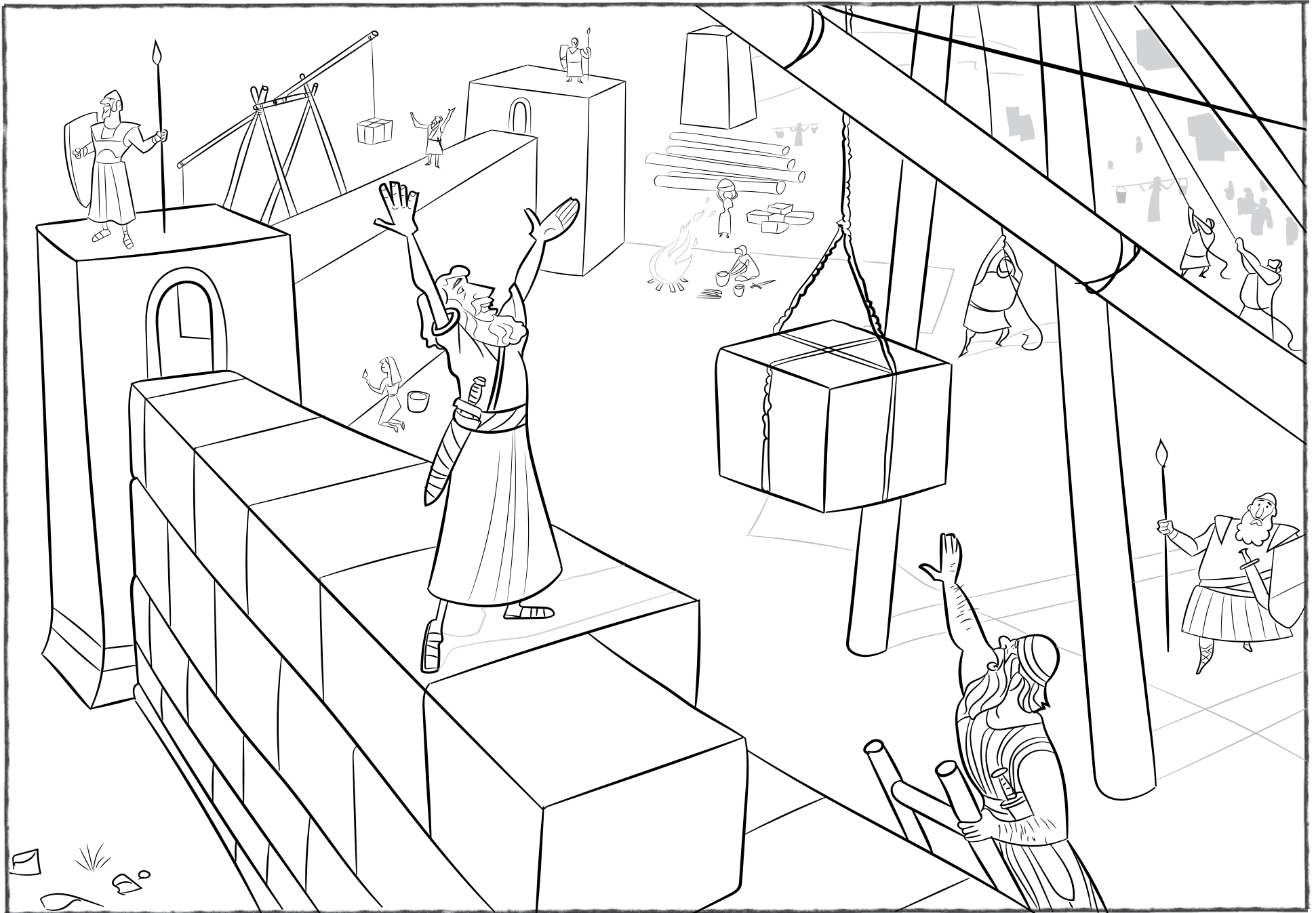
**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What can make us feel discouraged when we have difficult tasks to do?
- How does God's Word help us remain encouraged to work hard?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Build a pillow fort with your family. Talk about the importance of walls in Bible times. Discuss how Jesus protects us from enemies.

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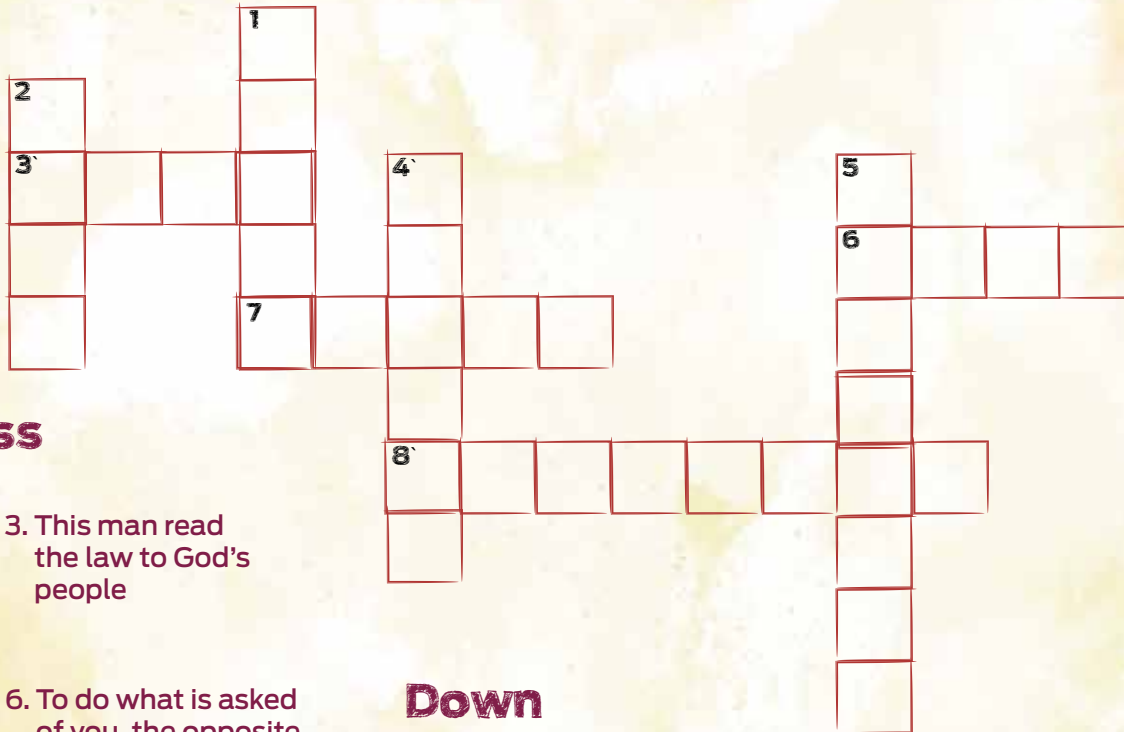




# Keyword Crossing

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the clues provided to fill in the crossword puzzle. Use the pictures to help you figure out the answers.



## Across



3. This man read the law to God's people



6. To do what is asked of you, the opposite of disobey



7. to help someone learn new things



8. another name for the Bible

## Down



1. a body part in our chest, sometimes we think of it when we talk about love



4. to make something into something different



2. You do this with words and books



5. having lots of power or great ability to do things

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## BIBLE STORY:

### EZRA READ THE LAW

- The people asked Ezra to read them God's law.
- Ezra read God's Word to teach the people how to obey God.
- The people were sad because they understood how sinful they were.
- Ezra told them to celebrate instead because God had helped them understand His words.

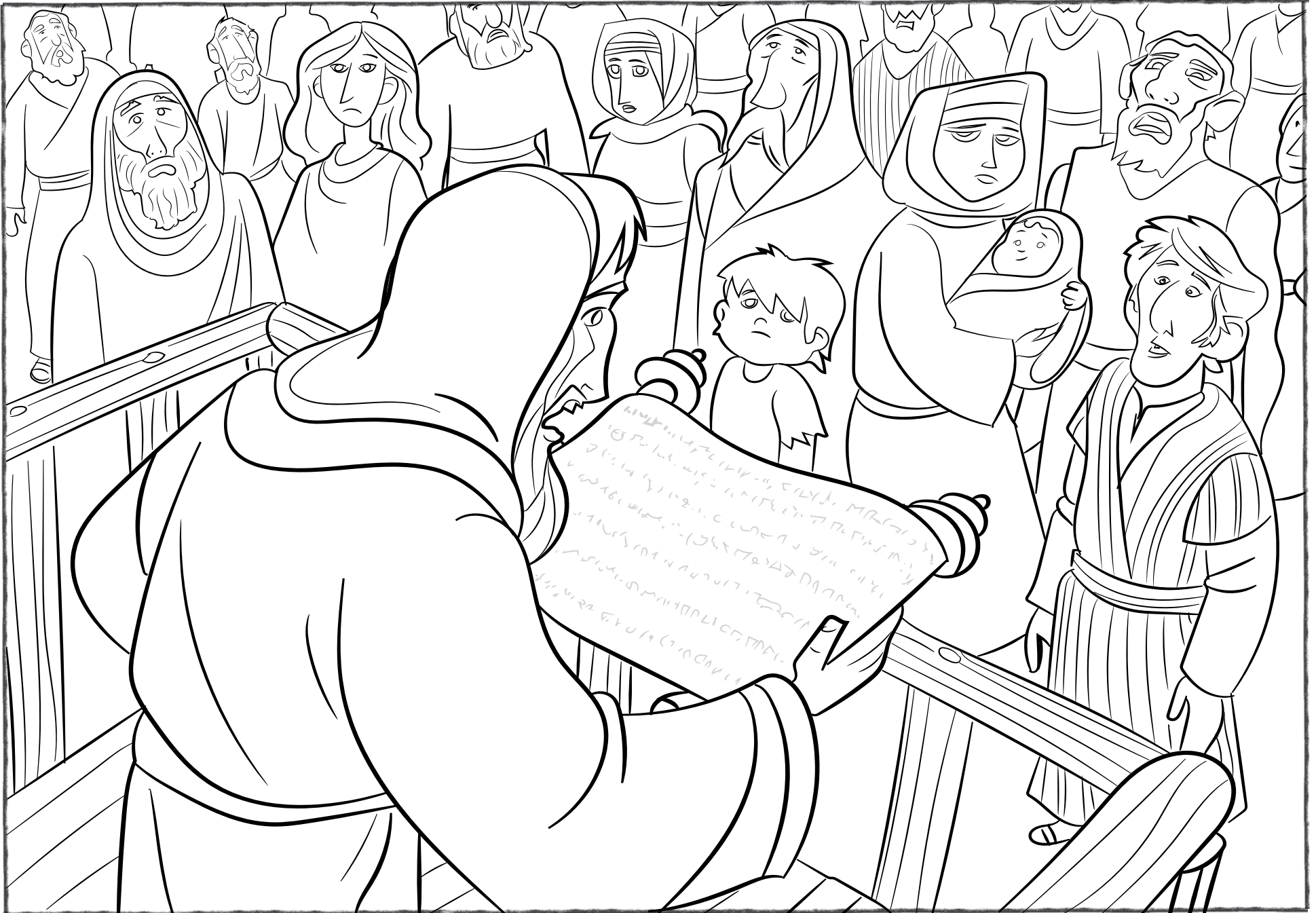
## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- When might we feel sad when reading God's Word?
- What do we know that is a reason to celebrate instead?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Challenge your kids to memorize a Bible passage. Plan a time for everyone to recite their passage to the family. Then eat a celebratory dinner.

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# Mmm's the Word

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Think of as many words as you can that begin with the letter *M*. Write or draw them in the space provided.

Draw an "M" word

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**BIBLE STORY:**

**MALACHI THE PROPHET**

- God's people were growing lazy in their worship and giving.
- God sent Malachi to warn them.
- Malachi said that God would send a messenger to prepare the way for the Messiah.
- God told His people to repent and get ready for Jesus.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What are ways we can grow lazy in worshiping God?
- How does God want us to give?
- Who was the messenger Malachi prophesied about?  
*(John the Baptist)*

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Volunteer as a family to clean up a walking trail or roadside in your city. Talk to your kids about what it meant for John to prepare the way for Jesus.

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