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# “Thou Art Come... for Such a Time as This

1. Courage/Being Brave – Talk about what the words “courage” and “bravery” mean. Share stories of brave things you’ve done before and ask for other examples of times anyone has been brave. Start with fun examples that aren’t necessarily gospel-oriented bravery to help get the discussion going.
  - The manual has a great definition: “Being brave means doing what is right even when you are afraid.”
  - Discuss times we might need to be brave when we choose the right and what might make us afraid to do so.
  - Look at pictures of Esther on pages 4-5 below and have them share what they know about her. What did she do that was brave and showed courage?
2. Esther – Tell the story of Esther using scriptures from the Book of Esther and any of the following:
  - [“Queen Esther: Brave in a Time of Danger”](#) short video from the church
  - [“The Story of Esther”](#) short video from Latter Day Kids
  - [“Esther the Queen”](#) story from The Friend magazine
  - [“Queen Esther Saves Jehovah’s People”](#) from The Liahona magazine
3. Finger Puppets – Use the finger puppets on page 6 below to retell the story of Esther (from *The Friend* magazine).
4. Scenario Strips (Being Brave Like Esther) –
  - Talk about how Esther was guided to help and be where she needed to be “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).
  - Discuss specific things WE might be needed for in our times. How can we have a positive influence on others when we make good choices?
  - Sing [“Dare to Do Right”](#) and talk about how the Lord can help us be courageous in doing what’s right.
  - Practice being brave and choosing the right like Esther. If you’re doing this with girls, it could be fun to have them wear queen dress-ups or wear a crown like one in [this link](#) while doing this. Cut apart the scenario strips on page 7 below. Take turns choosing one without looking and role-playing how you could show a brave/righteous response.
5. Friend Story – Read a story about showing courage, such as [“Brave on the Bus”](#) from The Friend magazine.
6. Scripture Draw – Esther showed courage when she said, “If I perish, I perish.” The manual says, “*The next time you consider the consequences of doing what is right, you might apply Esther’s courageous words in Esther 4:16 to your own situation. For instance, you might say, ‘When I choose the right, if I [lose friends], I [lose friends].’*”
  - Have them do the scripture draw on page 3 below.

7. Scepter and Jewels Snack – Use suckers and Smarties to make these Queen Esther treats while reviewing what happened with the king’s scepter when Queen Esther approached him. Testify of how prayers and fasting helped things end well for Esther and the Jews. Idea and image from [this website](#).

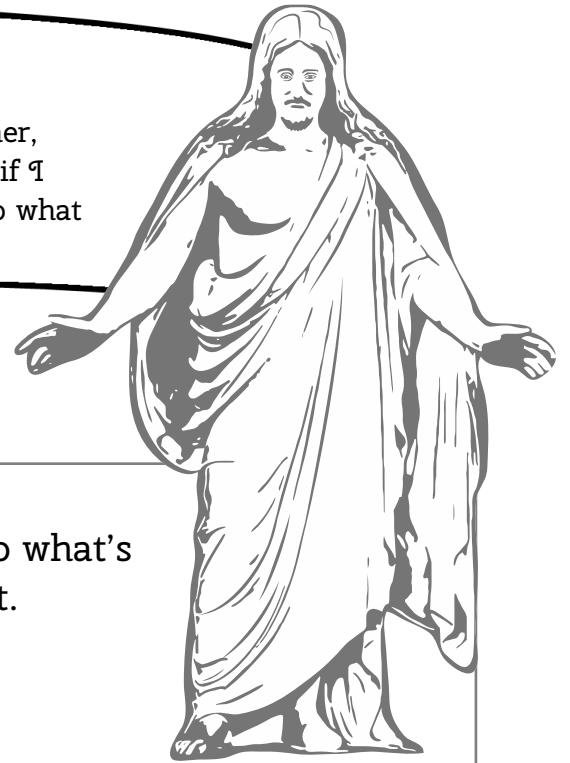


## *Additional Ideas:*

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### Esther 4:16

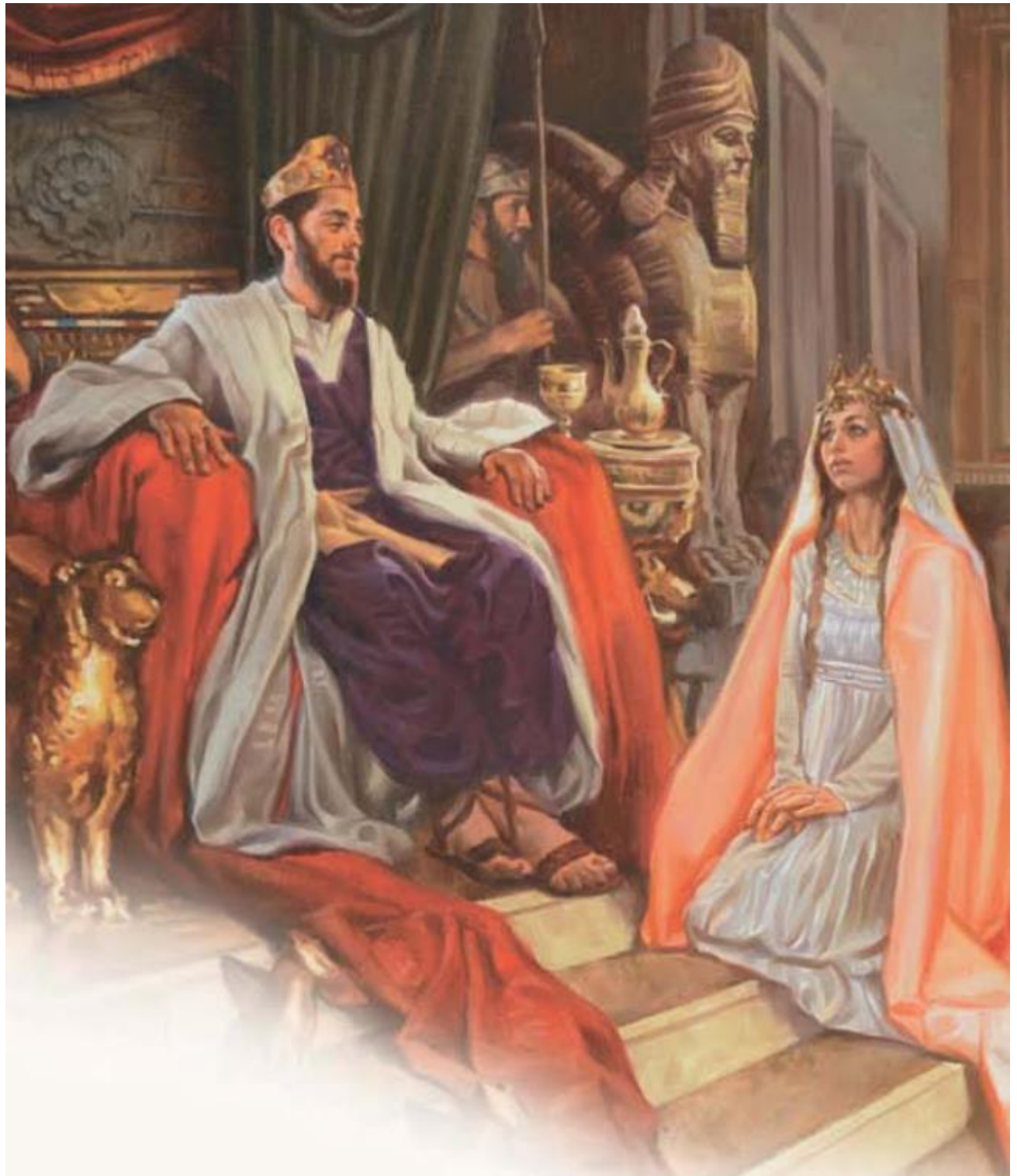
Even though she knew it could mean death for her, Esther said, "So will I go in unto the king,...and if I perish, I perish." She had faith and courage to do what was right.



Draw a picture of you having the courage to do what's right like Esther, even when it's difficult.









Esther



Mordecai



The King of Babylon



Haman

Scenario Strips:

You're at a friend's house and they offer you alcohol. They tell you that they've had some before and it didn't hurt them.

Your neighbor friend doesn't attend church on Sundays. On your way out of the door to church one Sunday, they ask you if you will stay home so you can play with them.

You're visiting a friend whose family is drinking coffee. They offer you some. You tell them you don't drink coffee, but then they start making fun of you for not drinking it.

You're with a group of friends who start looking at pictures on their phones. They show you some pictures that you know are inappropriate.

A friend dares you to steal something from a store.

It's late at night and you want to study your scriptures, but you are very tired.

You have set your tithing money aside, but at the store you see a new toy that you really want to buy. The only way you'll be able to afford it is if you use some of your tithing money.

Someone at school is making fun of people who believe in Jesus Christ.