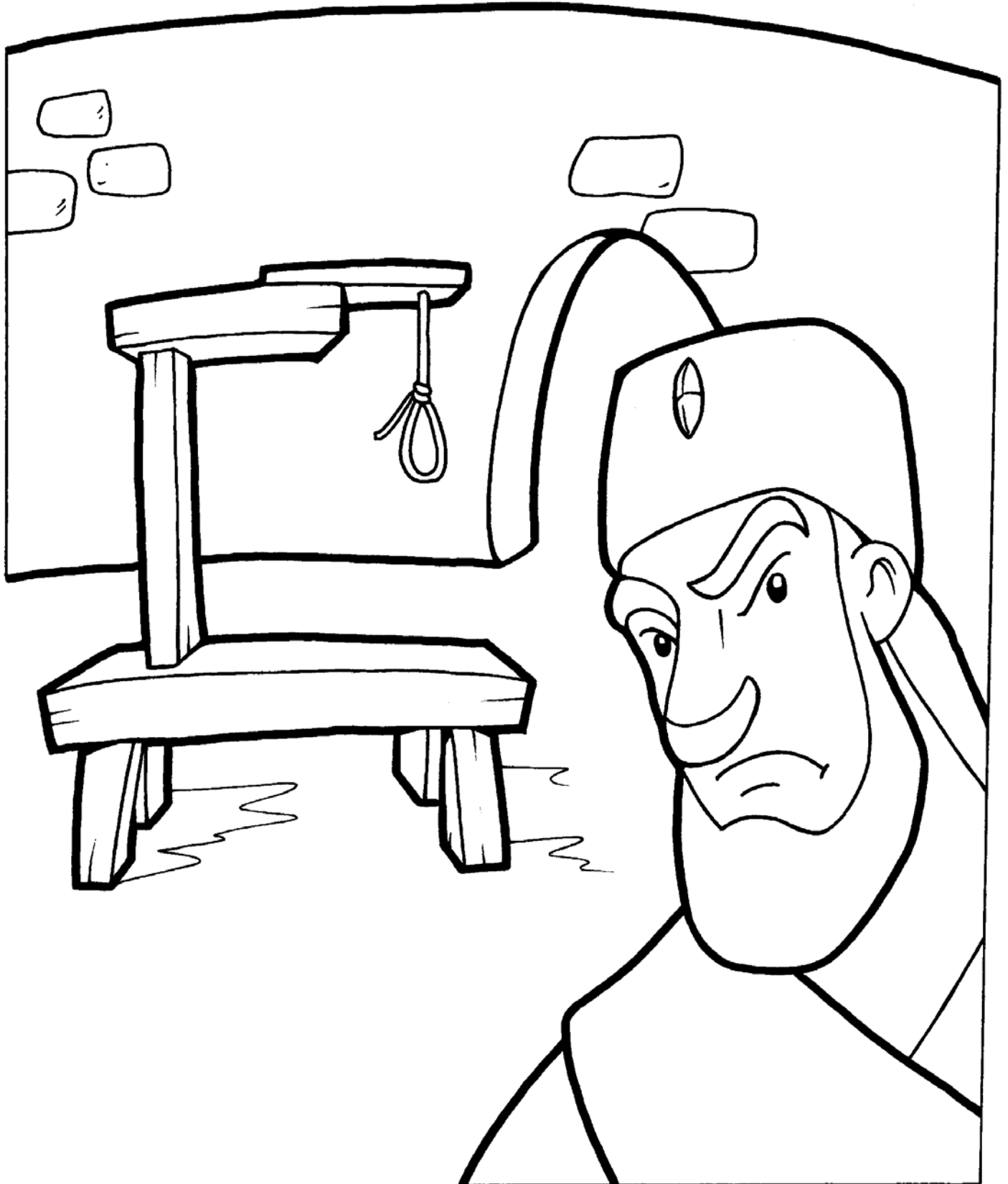


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 130: HAMAN'S ANGER AT MORDECAI
ESTHER 5:1-14

Esther and her women servants, and Mordecai and all the Jews in Susa had been fasting and praying for three days. On the third day, Esther put on her special robes. Then she stood in the inside area of the king's palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his throne in the hall, facing the place where people enter the throne room. When the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was very pleased. He held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So Esther went in to the room and went near the king. Then she touched the end of the king's gold scepter. Then the king asked, "What is bothering you Queen Esther? What do you want to ask me? I will give you anything you ask for, even half my kingdom." Esther said, "I have prepared a party for you and Haman. Will you and Haman please come to the party today?" Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly so that we may do what Esther asks." So the king and Haman went to the party Esther had prepared for them. While they were drinking wine, the king asked her again, "Now Esther, what do you want to ask for? Ask for anything, I will give it to you. So what is it you want? I will give you anything you want, up to half my kingdom." Esther answered, "This is what I want to ask for: If the king is pleased with me and thinks it is good to give me what I ask for, let the king and Haman come tomorrow. I will prepare another party for them. Then I will tell what I really want." Haman left the king's palace that day very happy and in a good mood. But when he saw Mordecai at the king's gate, he became very angry. Haman was very mad at him because Mordecai didn't show any respect when Haman walked by, and he didn't bow down to Haman. Mordecai was not afraid of Haman, and this made Haman very mad. But Haman controlled his anger and he went on home. Then Haman called together his friends and his wife, Zeresh. Haman started bragging about how rich he was. He was bragging to his friends about his many sons, and about all the ways the king had honored him. And he was bragging about how the king had promoted him higher than all the other leaders. "And that's not all," Haman added. "I'm the only one Queen Esther invited to be with the king at the party she gave. And the Queen also has invited me to be with the king again tomorrow. But all this means nothing to me. I cannot be happy as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate." Then Haman's wife Zeresh and all his friends had a suggestion. They said, "Tell someone to build a big wooden post to hang him on. Make it 75 feet tall. In the morning ask the king to hang Mordecai on it. Then go to the party with the king and you can be happy." Haman liked this suggestion, so he ordered someone to build the tall hanging post.

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MEMORY VERSE:

"He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, and the fool will be the servant to the wise of heart." PROVERBS 11:29

TRUE OR FALSE

1. On the third day Esther put on her special robes and stood in the inside part of the king's palace. TRUE or FALSE
2. When the king saw Queen Esther standing there, he was not happy to see her. TRUE or FALSE
3. King Xerxes told Esther to ask for anything she wanted. TRUE or FALSE
4. Esther said she wanted to have a party with the king, Haman, and all the people in the palace. TRUE or FALSE
5. King Xerxes said, "Find Haman quickly, and let us do what Esther asks." TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Was Haman happy that he got to go to Esther's party?
2. What happened when Haman went home and saw Mordecai? What did Mordecai do?
3. When Haman went home, what did he do? Did he invite all his friends and his wife over to brag?
4. What were some of the things Haman bragged about?
5. When Haman told Zeresh that he was still not happy because Mordecai did not respect him, what did Zeresh and his friends tell him to do?
6. Did Haman build a big hanging post after that?

Lesson 130 Activity

Make Your Own Scepter!

Materials:

Paper towel tubes (or you can tape together three toilet paper tubes with masking tape)
Scotch Tape
Glue (bottle & glue sticks)
Glitter, Stickers, Sequins
Crayons, Markers
Construction Paper

Instructions

Print out the scepter top patterns.

Cut the scepter top patterns out

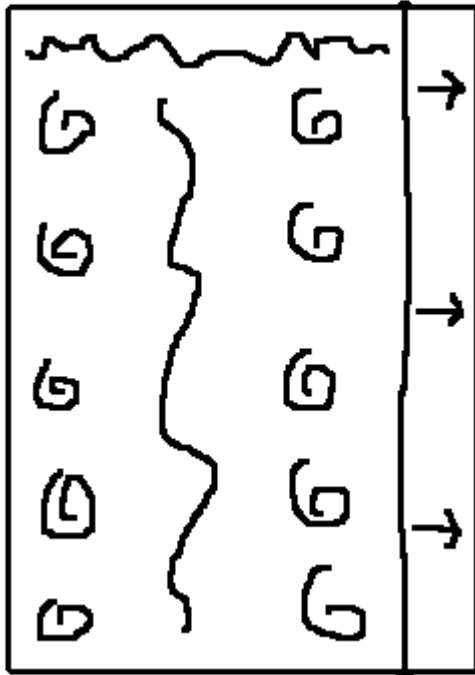
Trace the patterns onto either construction paper or card stock paper – trace as many as you can on a piece of construction or card stock paper – you will need two for each child's scepter.

Cut out the scepter tops and set aside. (older children can cut their own, but it may just be best to cut them yourself)

Give the children each two of the same scepter top and a piece of construction paper (or card stock paper) and have them decorate, color, glue glitter on, put stickers on, etc. TELL THEM TO LEAVE A COUPLE OF INCHES ON ONE SIDE (long-ways) BLANK – this will be overlapped and their decorations will just be ruined & not seen on that couple of inches.

Take the construction or card stock paper and tape it around the tube (long-ways), with the blank edge underneath. You can try using a glue stick instead of tape – you may have to tape it first until the glue dries.

Glue the scepter tops (one on each side) onto the top of the scepters!



(Be sure to leave a couple inches blank on the side of the paper!)

PRAYER Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to guard their hearts against bitterness, anger, and hatred and to be ready to forgive when they are wronged just as Christ forgave them. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

Lesson 130 Scepter Top Patterns

Top to Scepters

