

Bible Stories for Young Children

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ESTHER

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**Esther and her
uncle Mordecai
lived in Susa.
This is where
King Xerxes lived.**

**This king wanted
a new queen.**

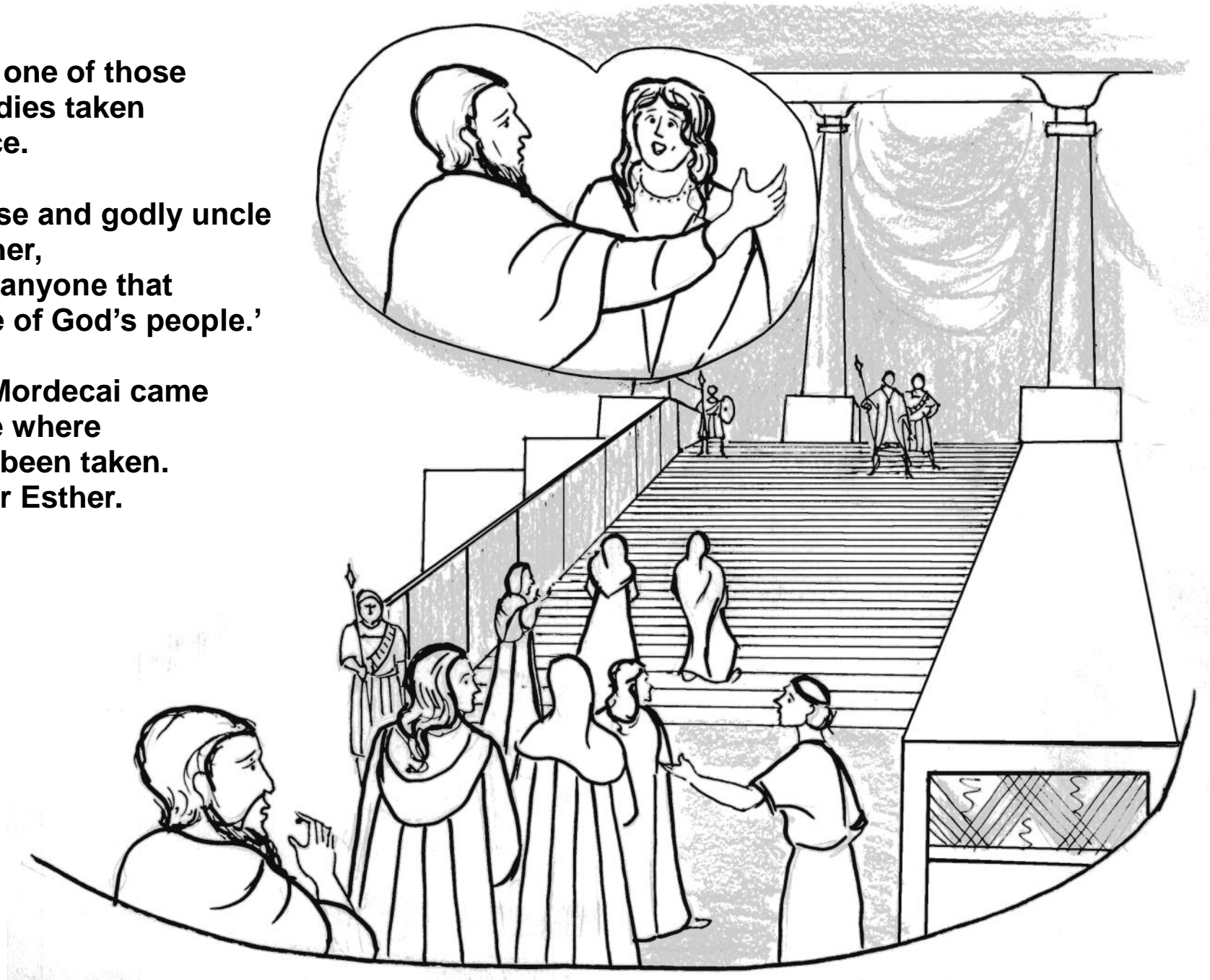
**So his helpers went
looking everywhere
for beautiful ladies
and brought them
to the palace.**



Esther was one of those beautiful ladies taken to the palace.

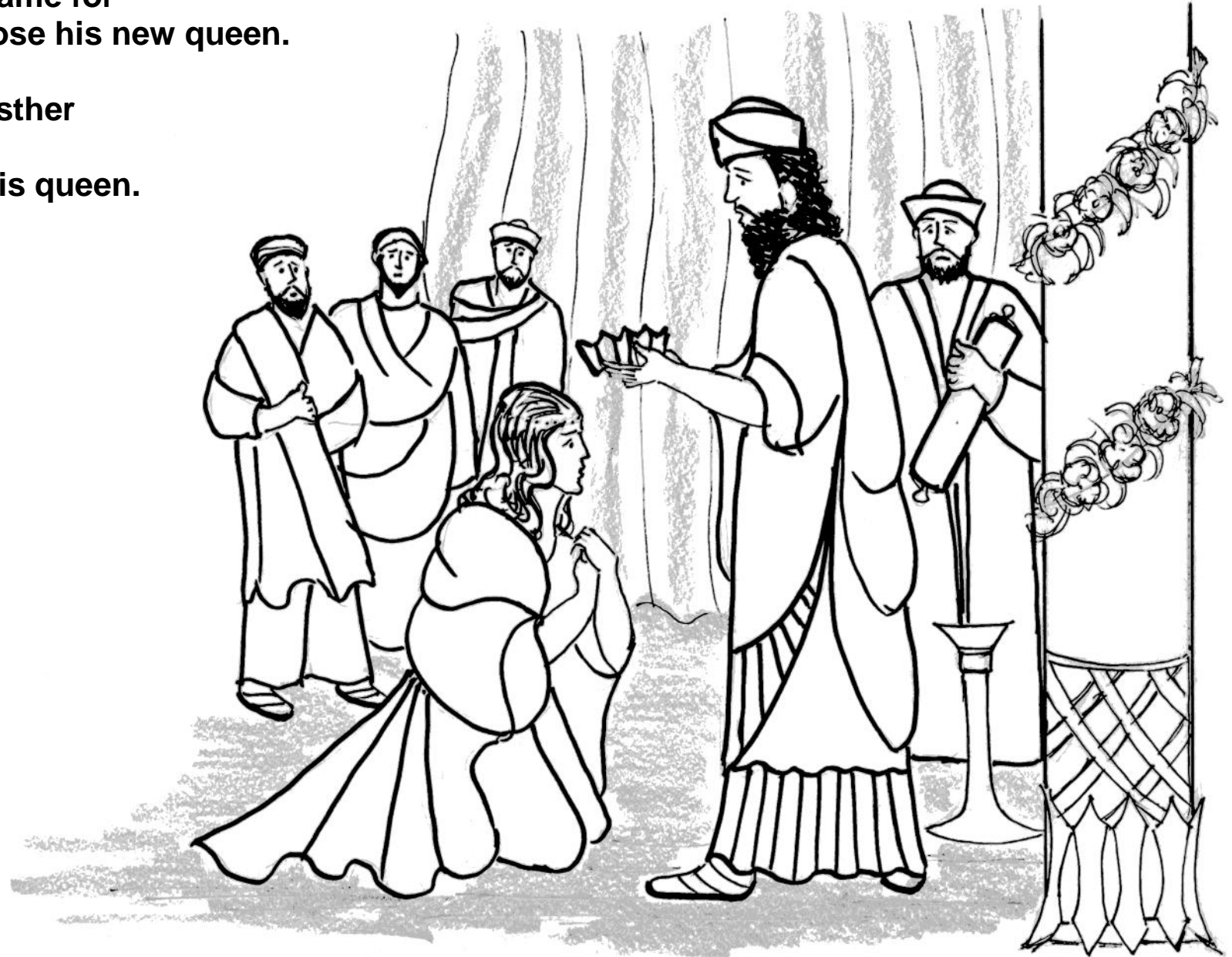
Esther's wise and godly uncle said to Esther, 'Do not tell anyone that you are one of God's people.'

Every day Mordecai came to the place where Esther had been taken. He cared for Esther.



**Then the time came for
the king to choose his new queen.**

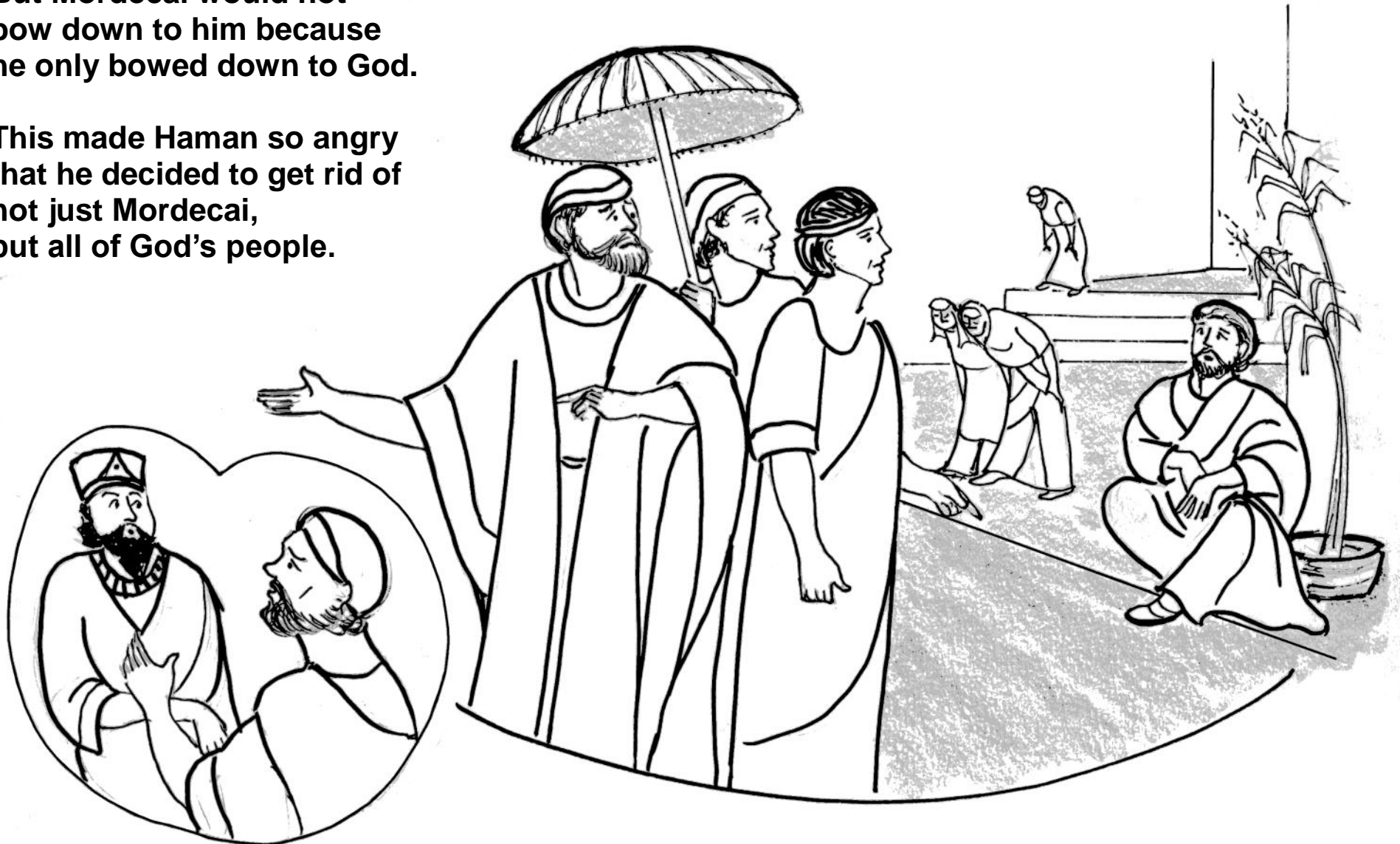
**When he saw Esther
he loved her
and made her his queen.**



Now the King had an officer called Haman,
who thought he was very important.
He loved people bowing to him.

But Mordecai would not
bow down to him because
he only bowed down to God.

This made Haman so angry
that he decided to get rid of
not just Mordecai,
but all of God's people.

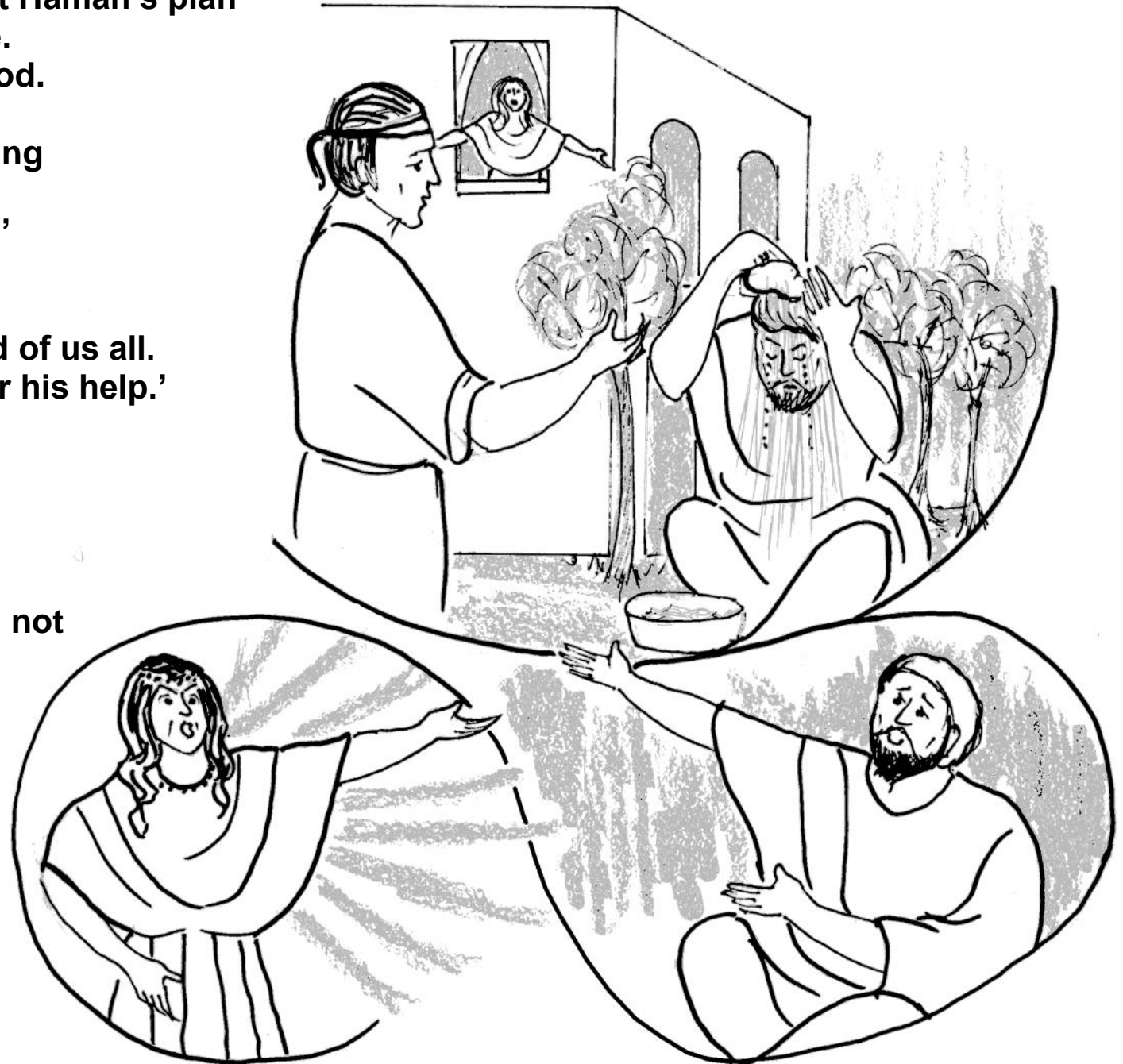


**Mordecai found out about Haman's plan
to get rid of God's people.
He cried and prayed to God.**

**Esther saw her uncle crying
and asked him,
'What are you crying for?'**

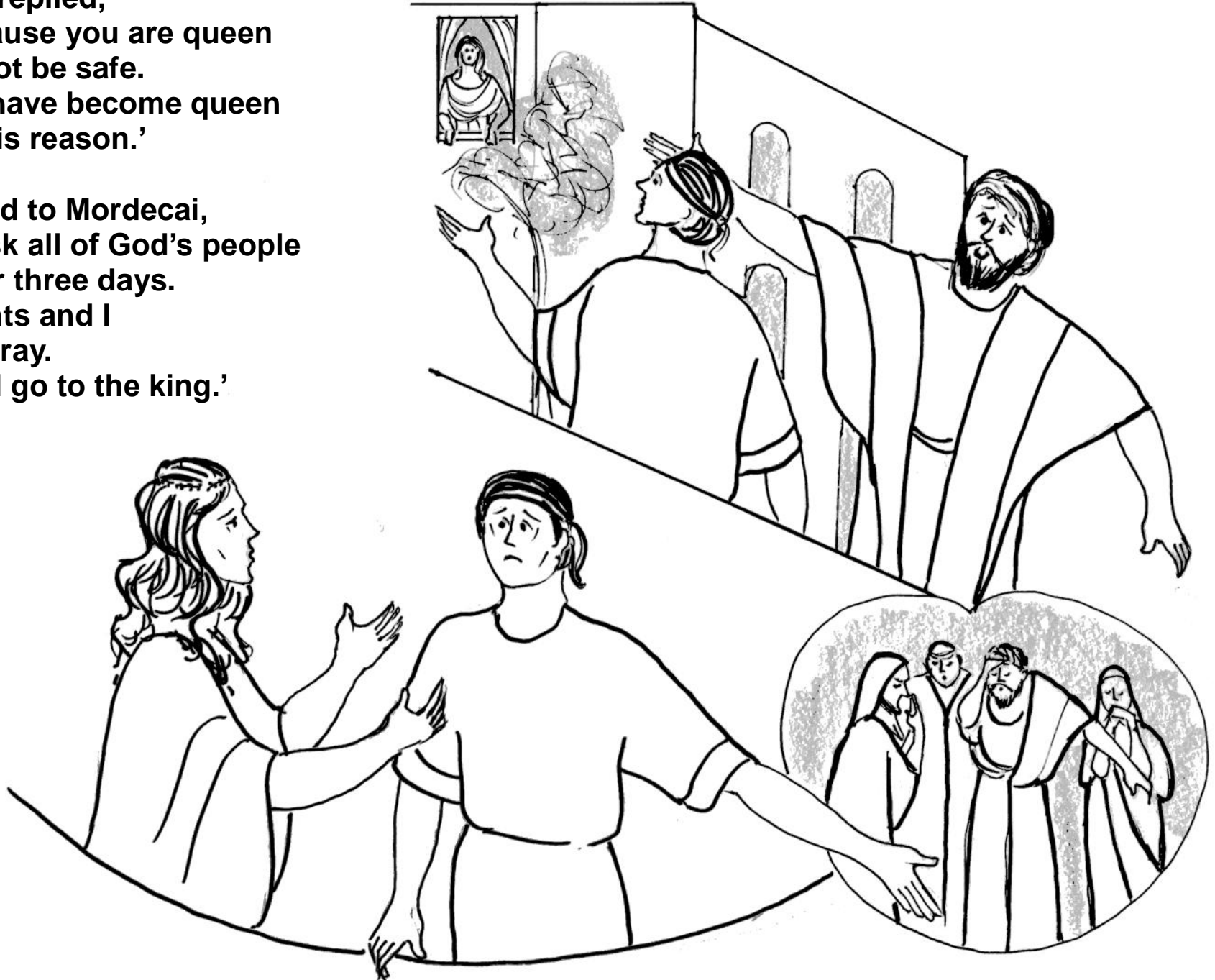
**Mordecai said,
'Haman is going to get rid of us all.
Go to the king and ask for his help.'**

**Esther said,
'Nobody is allowed
to go to the king
unless he asks for them.
If I go to him and he does not
hold out his sceptre
I will be killed.'**



**Mordecai replied,
'Just because you are queen
you will not be safe.
You may have become queen
for just this reason.'**

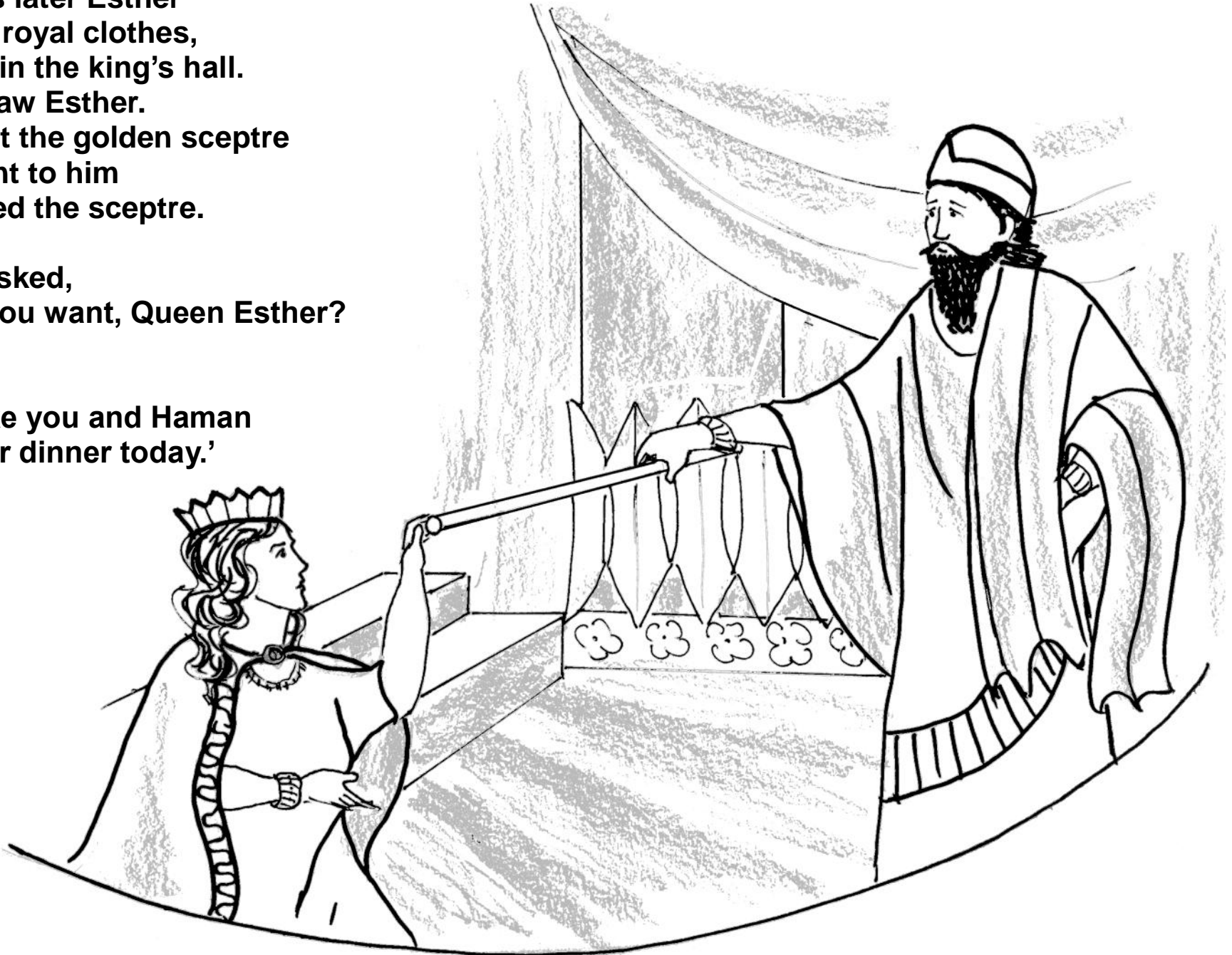
**Esther said to Mordecai,
'Please ask all of God's people
to pray for three days.
My servants and I
will also pray.
Then I will go to the king.'**



Three days later Esther
put on her royal clothes,
and stood in the king's hall.
The king saw Esther.
He held out the golden sceptre
so she went to him
and touched the sceptre.

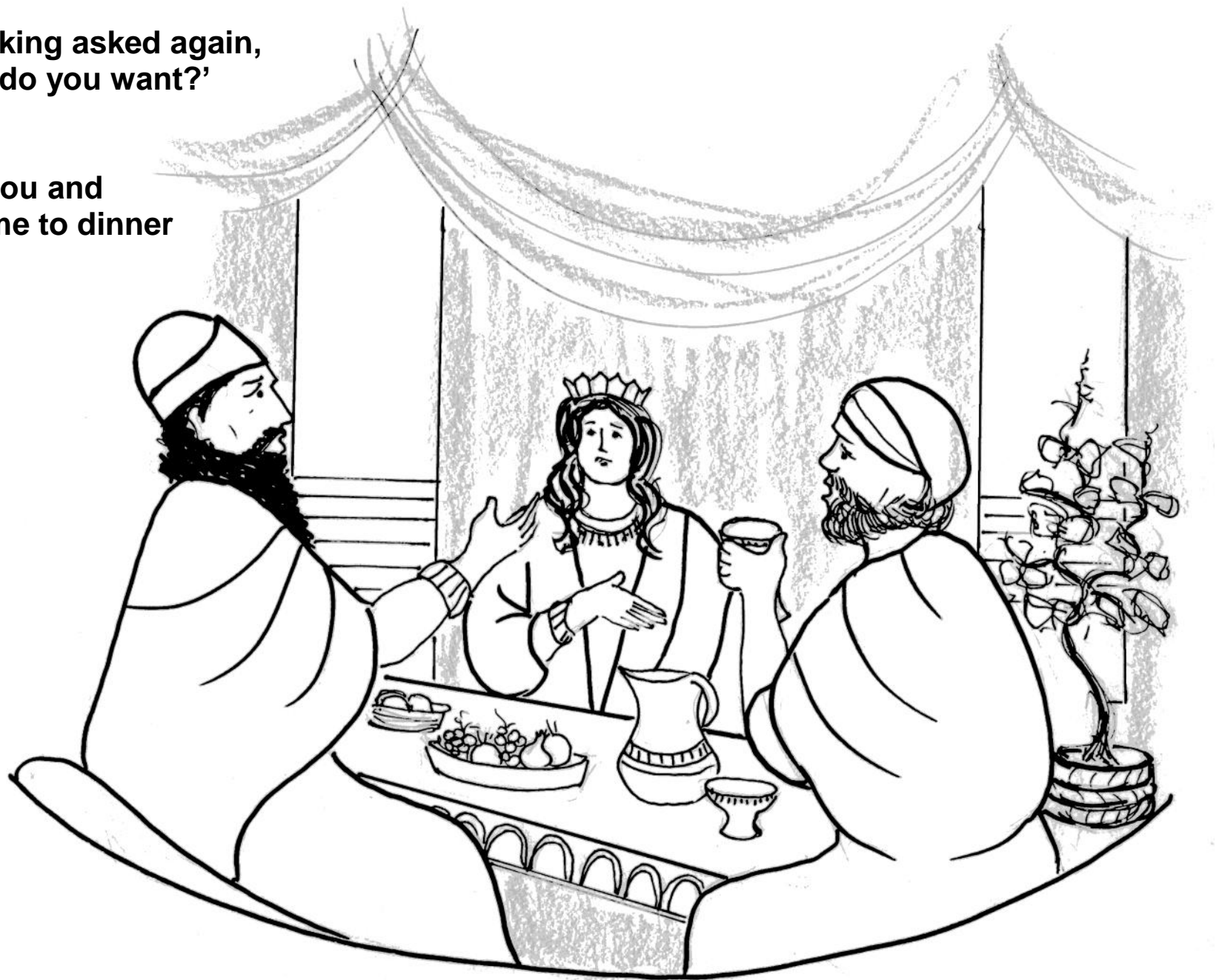
The king asked,
'What do you want, Queen Esther?

She said,
'I would like you and Haman
to come for dinner today.'



**At dinner the king asked again,
'Esther, what do you want?'**

**She said,
'I would like you and
Haman to come to dinner
tomorrow.'**



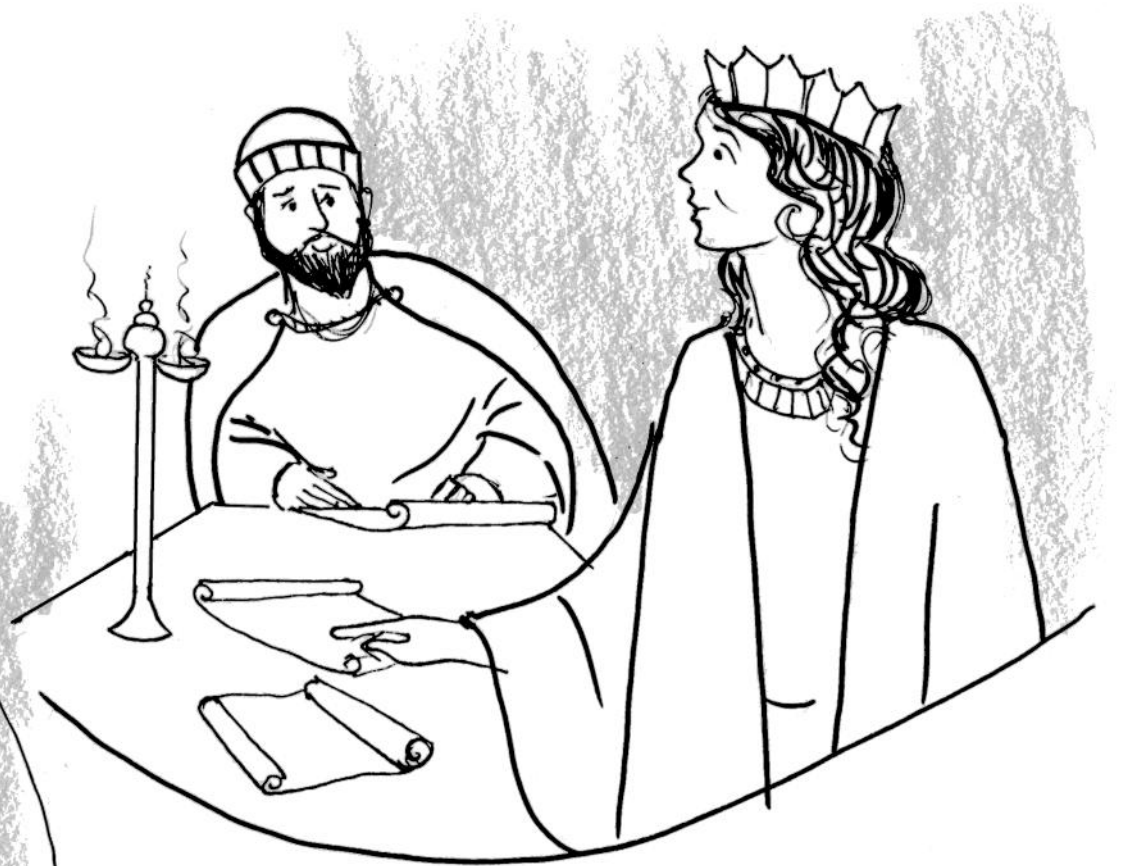
**At dinner the next day,
the king asked again,
'Esther, what do you want?'**

**She said to the king,
'Haman wants to
get rid of all my people.'**



**The king was sorry to hear
what Haman was going to do.**

**So the king, with Mordecai's help,
made a plan
to save God's people.**



**When God's people were saved
they were so thankful
they made a joyful feast
to the Lord
and gave thanks to Him
for saving them.**

