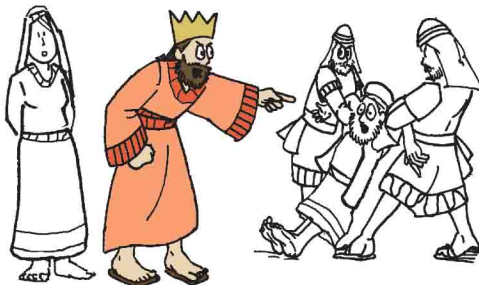


Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman." Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

For each letter given, write the letter that comes before it.  
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

One of the king's attendants said, "A gallows 75 feet high stands by Haman's house. He had it made for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

U I F L J O H T B J E ' I B O H  
 I J N P O J U T P U I F Z  
 I B O H F E I B N B O P O U I F  
 H B M M P X T I F I B E  
 Q S F Q B S F E G P S  
 N P S E F D B J U I F O U I F  
 L J O H T G V S Z  
 T V C T J E F E



# Esther's Request

Queen Esther had prepared a banquet.

Follow the spiral, crossing out every B, P, X, Y and Z.  
 Write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.



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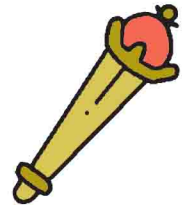
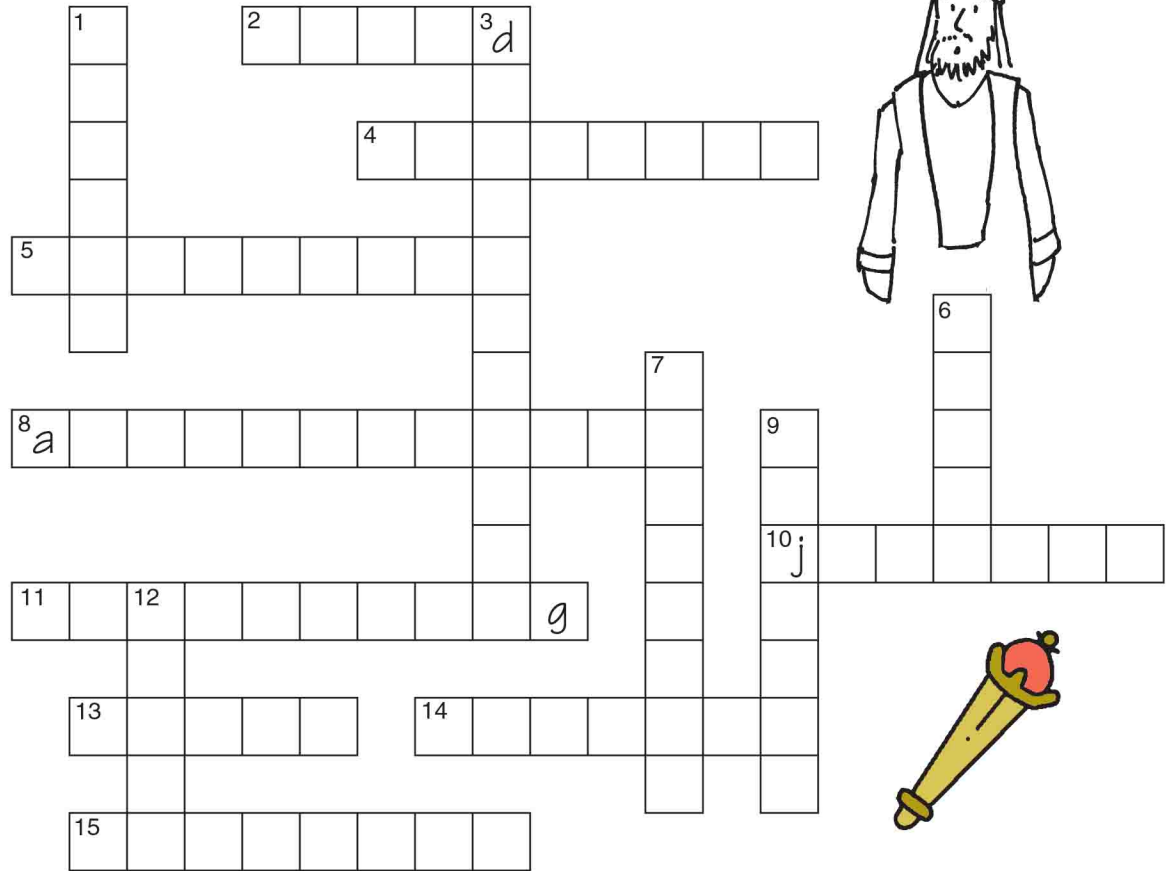
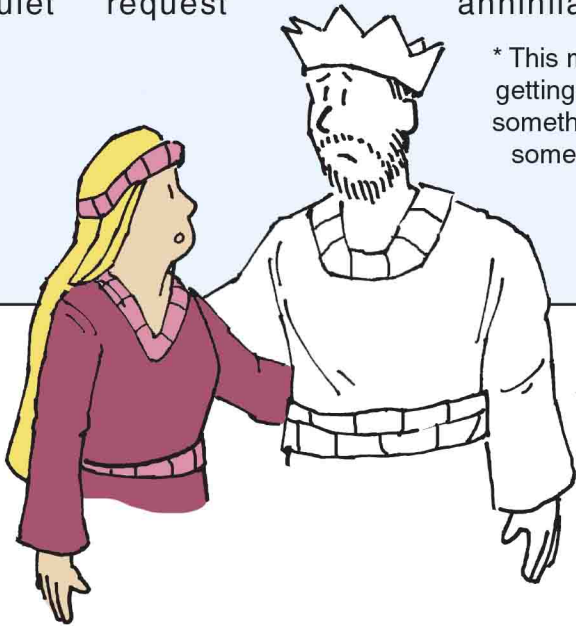
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The king asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

Fit the words into the puzzle. Do the math problems below the blanks and then transfer the words from the puzzle to the correct lines.

favor    people    answered    slaughter  
 found    justify    distress    disturbing  
 spare    majesty    petition    destruction  
 quiet    request          annihilation\*

\* This means getting rid of something or someone.



Then Queen Esther \_\_\_\_\_, "If I have \_\_\_\_\_ with you, O king, and if it  
 pleases your \_\_\_\_\_, grant me my life — this is my \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_  
 — this is my \_\_\_\_\_. For I and my \_\_\_\_\_ have been sold for \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would  
 have kept \_\_\_\_\_, because no such \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ the king."

King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?"