

God **works** behind the scenes.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:3 (NIV)

God **helps** us do good behind the scenes.

God gives us **SUPPORT** behind the scenes

God gives us **peace** behind the scenes

# Behind the Scenes

4-WEEK SERIES ON THE LIFE OF ESTHER

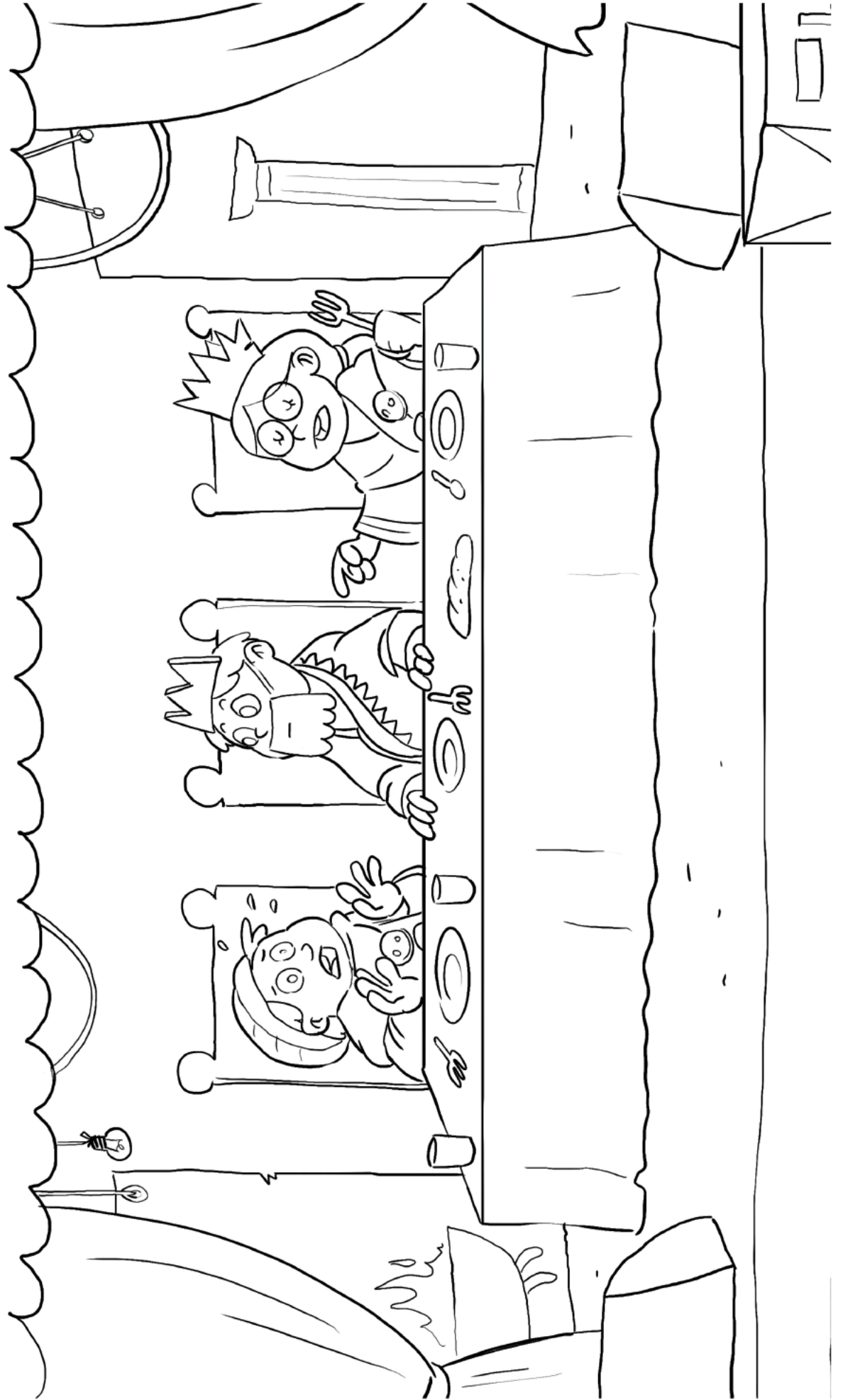


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BIBLE  
BOOKLET  
WEEK 4

**BIG IDEA:** God gives us peace behind the scenes.

**BIBLE:** Scene IV. Esther Talks to the King: Esther 5:1-8, 7:1-6; 8:1-8; Psalm 122:6-9



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Esther 8:1—8

S C E P T E R D D U W E E P I N G T  
M E E J K X J F E E T M T S E A M Q  
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N I I Y B H A M A N J C R Y E I I R  
D H J D G H A M M E D A T H A N O L  
R R W V H G F Y K A I L A Q F B T N  
Y W Y G F A G A G I T E C E N H P V

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden UP, DOWN, and DIAGONAL.

That same day King **Xerxes** gave Queen **Esther** the estate of **Haman**, the enemy of the Jews. And **Mordecai** came into the presence of the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her. The king took off his **signet ring**, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai. And Esther appointed him over Haman's estate. Esther again pleaded with the king, falling at his feet and **weeping**. She begged him to put an end to the evil plan of Haman the **Agagite**, which he had devised against the Jews. Then the king extended the gold **scepter** to Esther and she arose and stood before him. "If it pleases the king," she said, "and if he regards me with favor and thinks it the right thing to do, and if he is pleased with me, let an order be written overruling the dispatches that Haman son of **Hammedatha**, the Agagite, devised and wrote to destroy the Jews in all the king's provinces. For how can I bear to see disaster fall on my people? How can I bear to see the **destruction** of my family?" King Xerxes replied to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Because Haman attacked the Jews, I have given his estate to Esther, and they have impaled him on the pole he set up. Now write another **decree** in the king's name in behalf of the Jews as seems best to you, and seal it with the king's signet ring—for no **document** written in the king's name and sealed with his ring can be revoked."

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At my first **defense**, no one came to my support, but everyone **deserted** me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me **strength**, so that through me the message might be fully **proclaimed** and all the **Gentiles** might hear it. And I was **delivered** from the **lion's** mouth. 18 The Lord will **rescue** me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his **heavenly kingdom**. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Philippians 2:3 (NIV)

Read  
Psalm 122:8

What do you think it means to have peace within us? How does that help our family and friends?

In this four-week series, you will discover the most important character in Esther's story isn't always center-stage, but can often be found behind the scenes working, helping, giving support and giving peace.  
(Spoiler alert: It's God!)

"Raise a Hallelujah"  
(Community Kids)

WORSHIP  
AT HOME

"Strong and  
Courageous" (Justin  
Graves Band)



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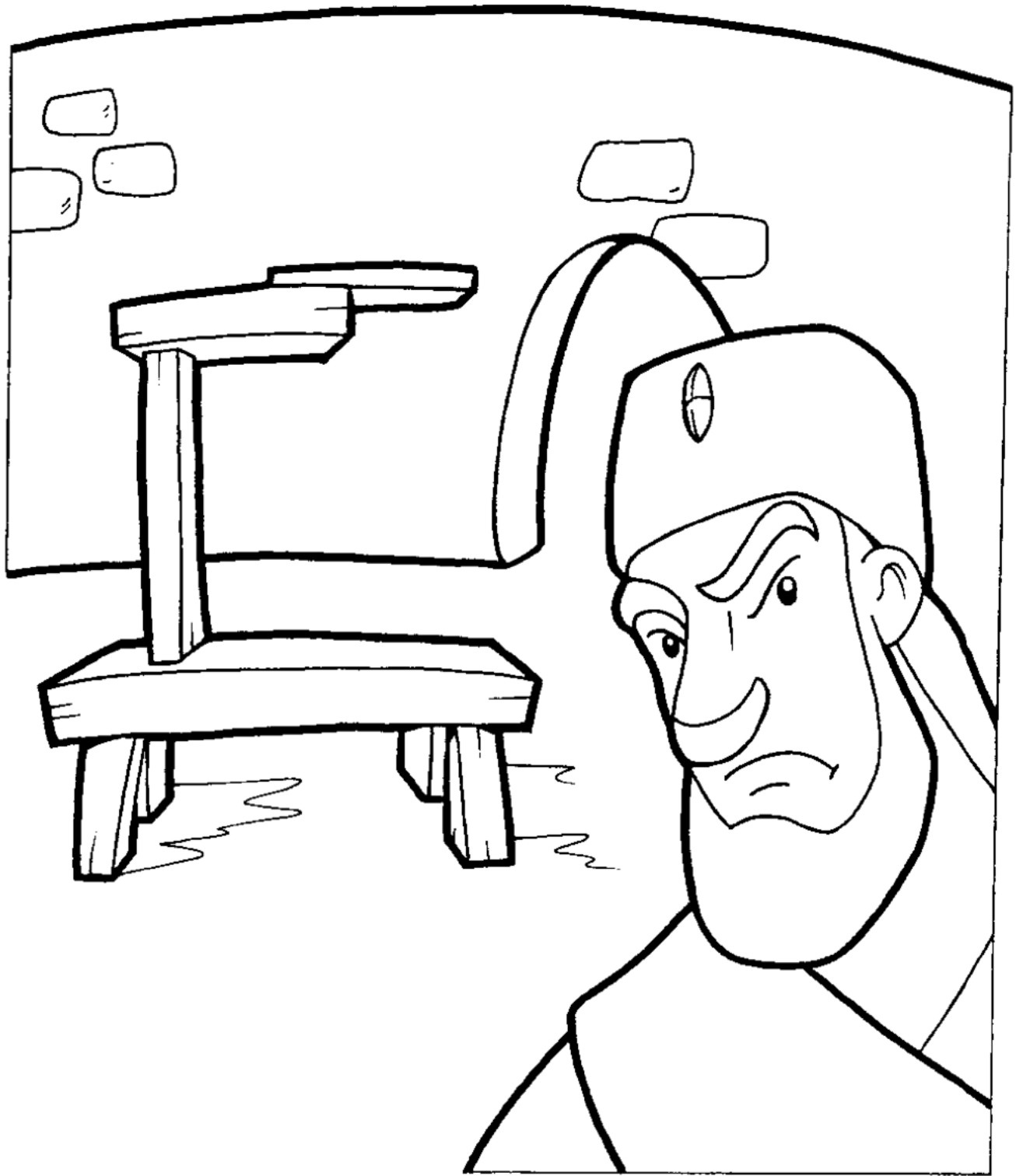
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# HAMAN'S ANGER AT MORDECAI (ESTHER 5:1-14)



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**ESTHER 5:14**

# HAMAN'S ANGER AT MORDECAI

## (ESTHER 5:1-14)

### 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

### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. "Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her \_\_\_\_\_ robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his \_\_\_\_\_ throne in the \_\_\_\_\_ house, facing the entrance of the house." **ESTHER 5:1**
2. "So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found \_\_\_\_\_ in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the \_\_\_\_\_ that was in his hand." **ESTHER 5:2**
3. Esther said, "If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the \_\_\_\_\_ which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said." **ESTHER 5:8**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

4. "So Haman went out that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai." **ESTHER 5:9**

TRUE OR FALSE

### UNDERLINE ALL OF THE CORRECT ANSWERS:

5. "Nevertheless Haman..." **ESTHER 5:10-11**
  - \* restrained himself and went home **ESTHER 5:10**
  - \* sent and called for his friends **ESTHER 5:10**
  - \* and his wife Mudpie **ESTHER 5:10**
  - \* told of his great riches **ESTHER 5:11**
  - \* the multitude of his chickens **ESTHER 5:11**
  - \* all the ways which the king had promoted him **ESTHER 5:11**
  - \* how he had advanced him above the officials and servants of the king **ESTHER 5:11**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

6. "Moreover Haman said, 'Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the banquet that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along with the king.'" **ESTHER 5:12**  
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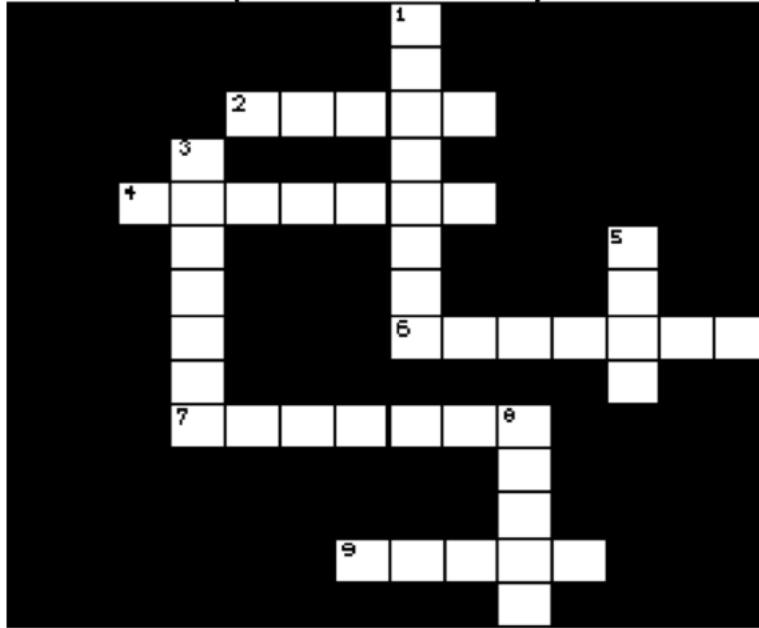
7. "Yet all this avails me \_\_\_\_\_, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." **ESTHER 5:13**
8. "Then his wife \_\_\_\_\_ and all his \_\_\_\_\_ said to him, 'Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet.' And the thing pleased Haman; so he had the \_\_\_\_\_ made." **ESTHER 5:14**





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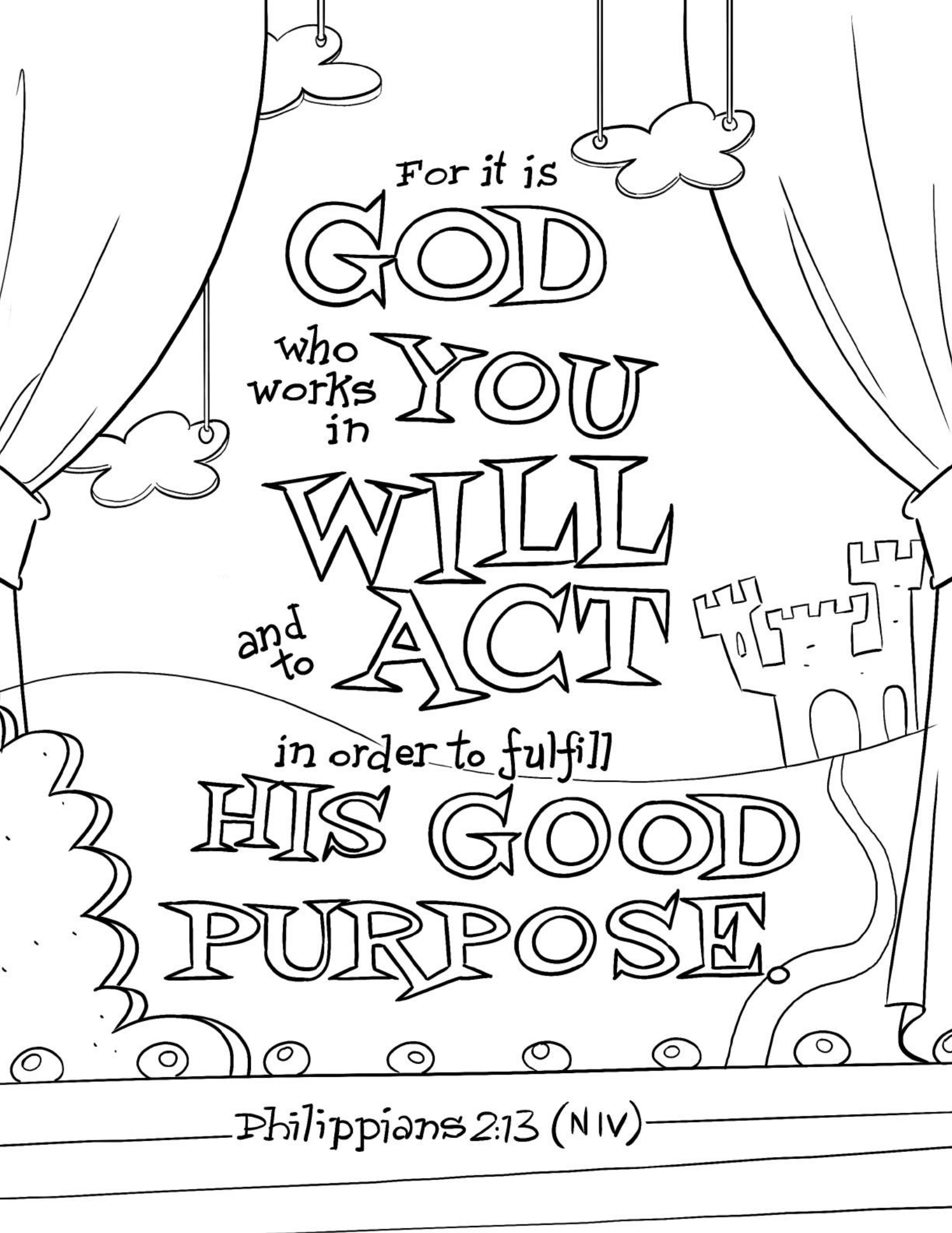
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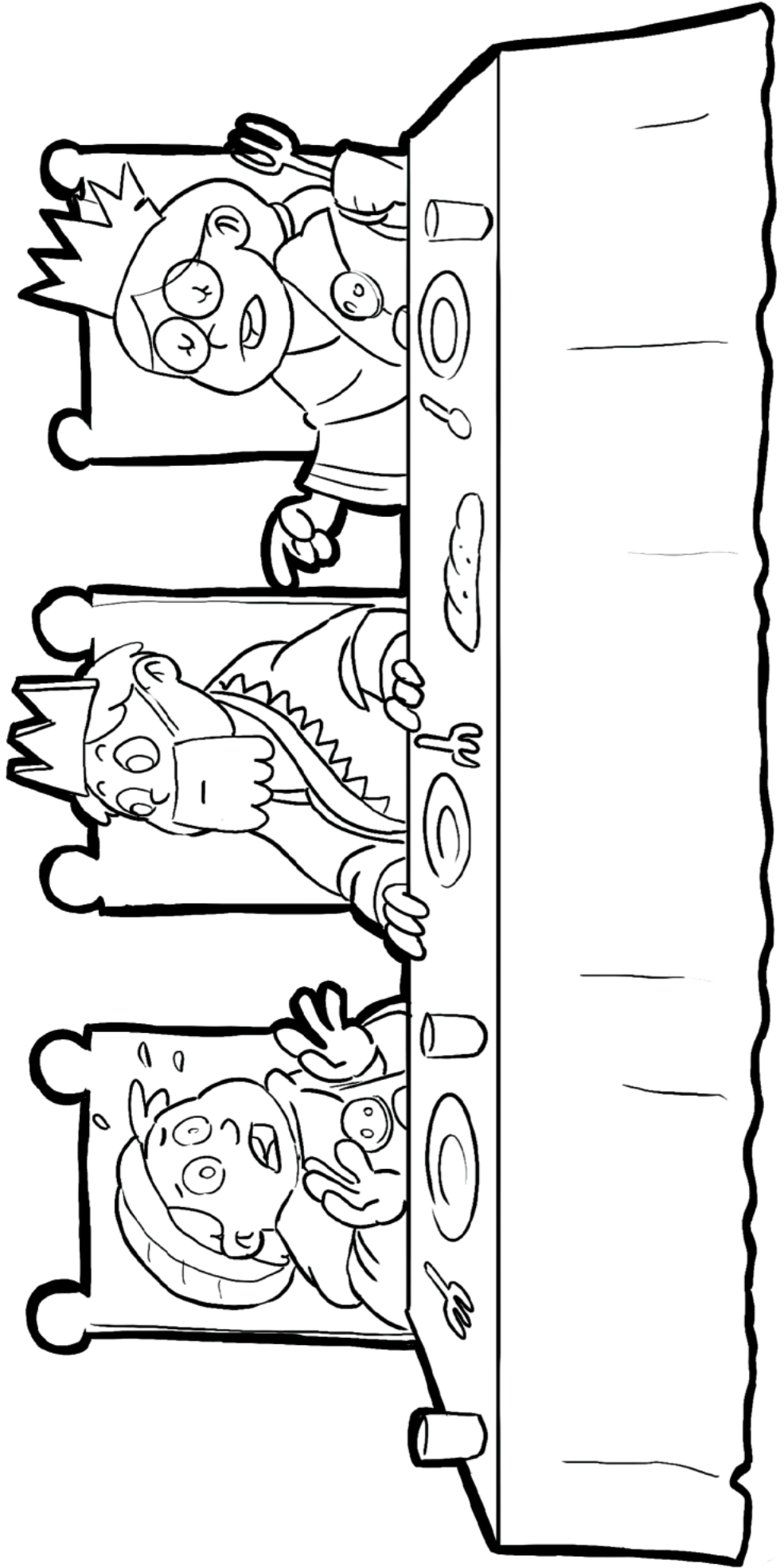
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