

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

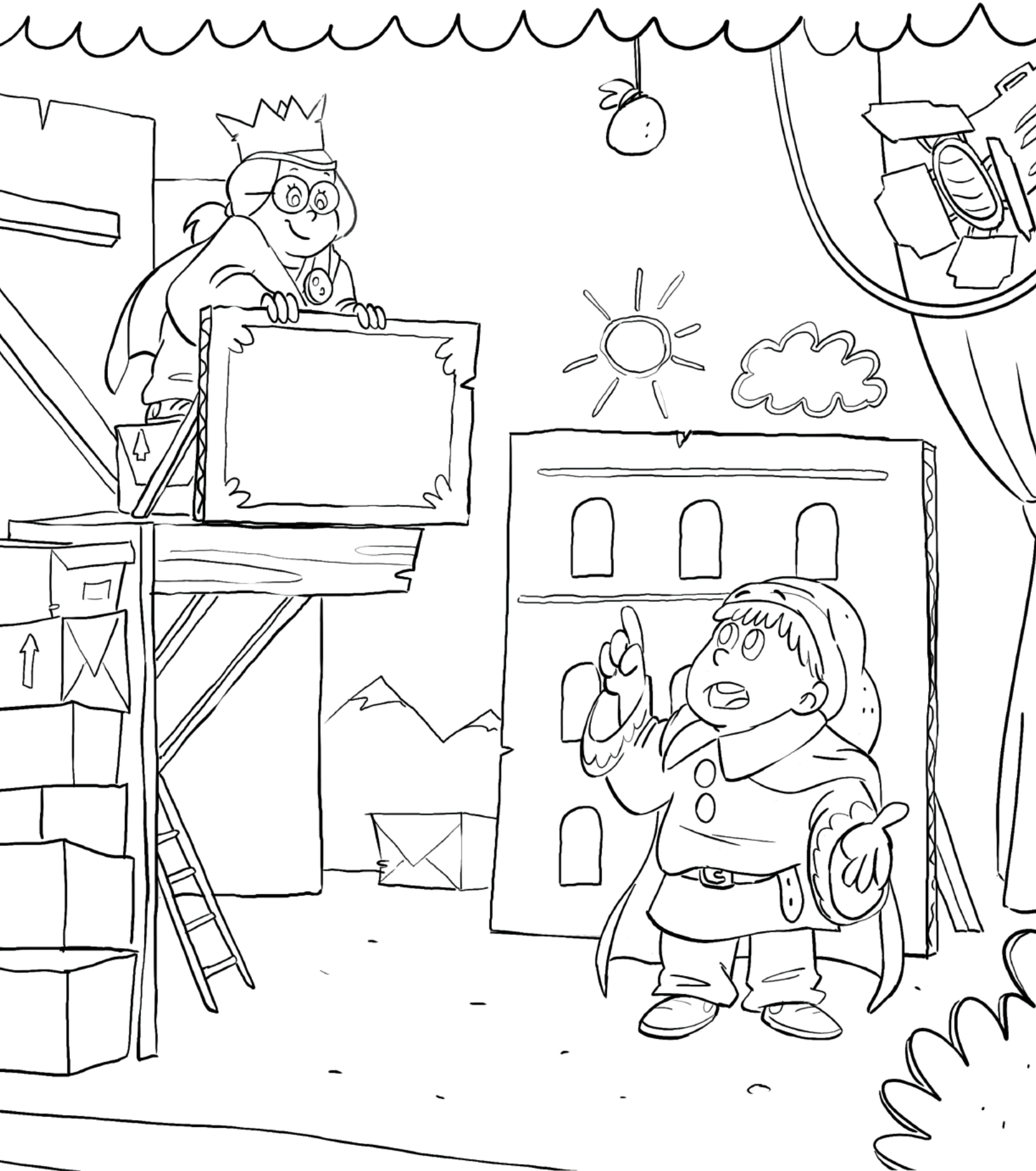


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BIBLE
BOOKLET
WEEK 3

BIG IDEA: God gives us support behind the scenes.

BIBLE: Scene III. Mordecai Asks Esther to Help: Esther 3:8-4:17; Colossians 1:9-17



Colossians 1:9—17

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden UP, DOWN, and DIAGONAL.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped **praying** for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the **knowledge** of his will through all the **wisdom** and understanding that the **Spirit** gives. so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great **endurance** and **patience**, and giving **joyful** thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the **inheritance** of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has **rescued** us from the **dominion** of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness** of sins.

(The **Supremacy** of the Son of God)

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all **creation**. For in him all things were created: things in **heaven** and on **earth**, **visible** and **invisible**, whether **thrones** or **powers** or **rulers** or **authorities**; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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Read
Colossians 1:9

How did Paul support the people who were living in Colossae?

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!)

"In You Alone"
(Lifetree Kids)

WORSHIP
AT HOME

"God is So Good"
(Yancy & Little Praise
Party)



Behind the
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WRITE THE BIG IDEA...

WRITE THE MEMORY VERSE...

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS (ESTHER 4)

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ESTHER PLEADS FOR HER PEOPLE

(ESTHER 4:1-17)



“When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;” **ESTHER 4:1**

“So Esther’s maids and her chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not.”

ESTHER 4:4

Costa Mesa Children's Ministry

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MEMORY VERSE:

"And so I will go to the king, which is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." ESTHER 4:16

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

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 - a. tore his clothes
 - b. put on sackcloth and ashes
 - c. went out into the midst of the city
 - d. cried out with a loud and bitter voice
 - e. all of the above

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning amongst the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes." ESTHER 4:3
TRUE OR FALSE
3. Mordecai sent a copy of the decree "which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people." ESTHER 4:8
TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

4. Esther sent back to Mordecai, "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to **(BED, DEATH)**, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may **(LAUGH, LIVE)**." ESTHER 4:11

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

5. "Then Mordecai told them to answer Esther: 'Do not think in your heart that you _____ escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at _____ time, relief and deliverance _____ arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house _____ perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as _____?' " ESTHER 4:13-14

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

6. "Then Esther told them to return this answer to Mordecai: 'Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and **(FAST, CRY)** for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will **(CRY, FAST)** likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.' " ESTHER 4:15-16

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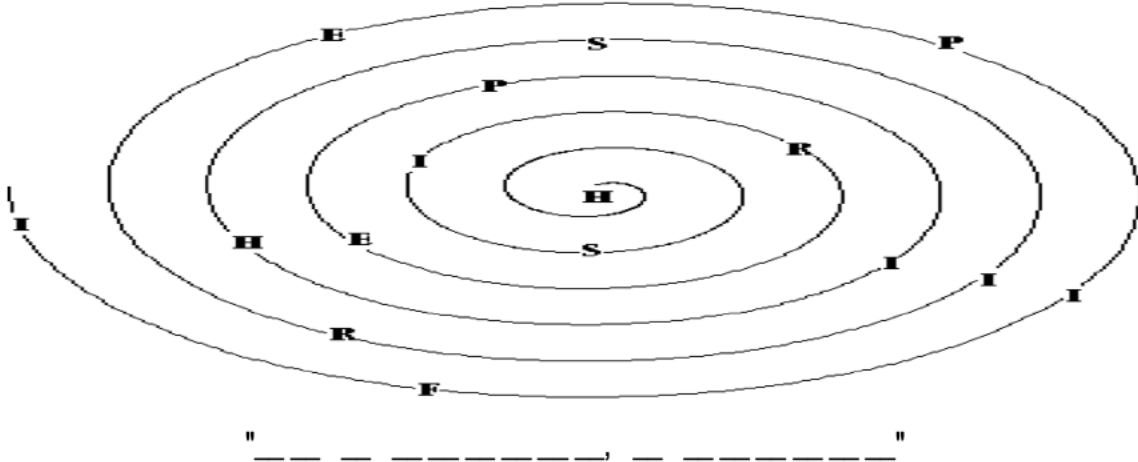
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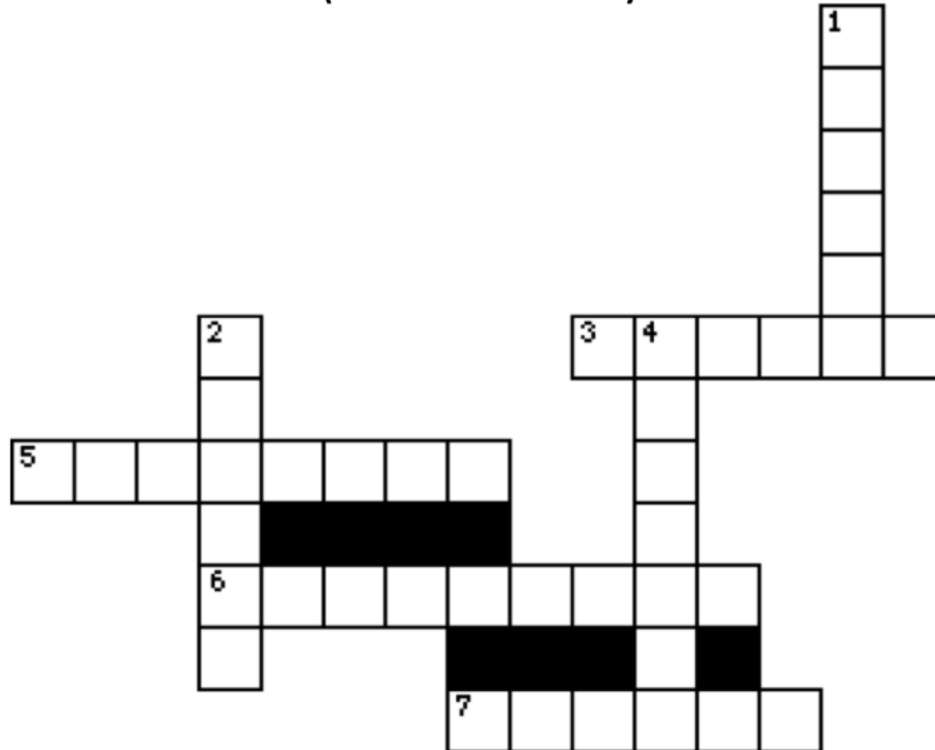
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WRITE THE LETTERS ON THE LINES BELOW
 AS YOU WORK YOUR WAY TO THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE



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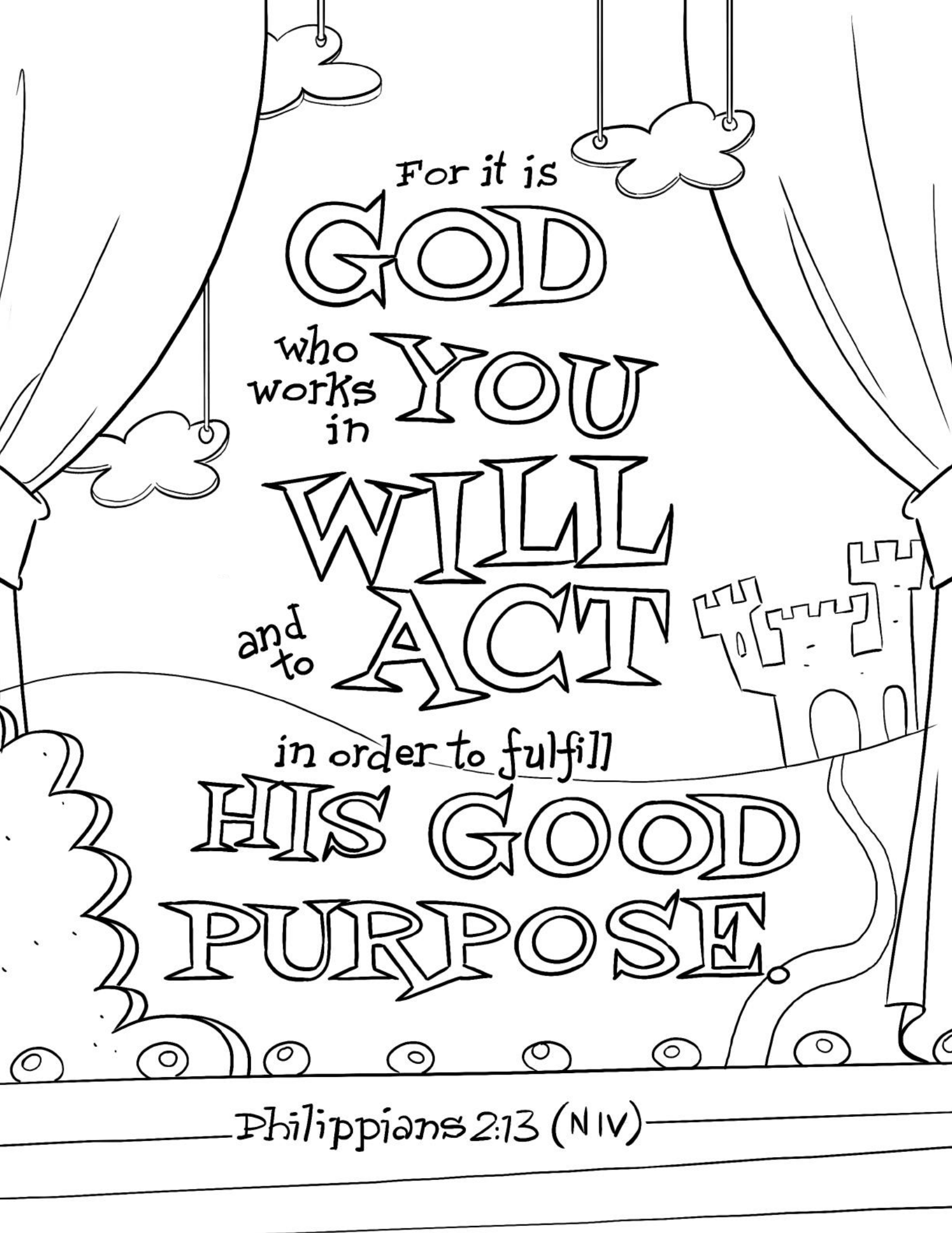
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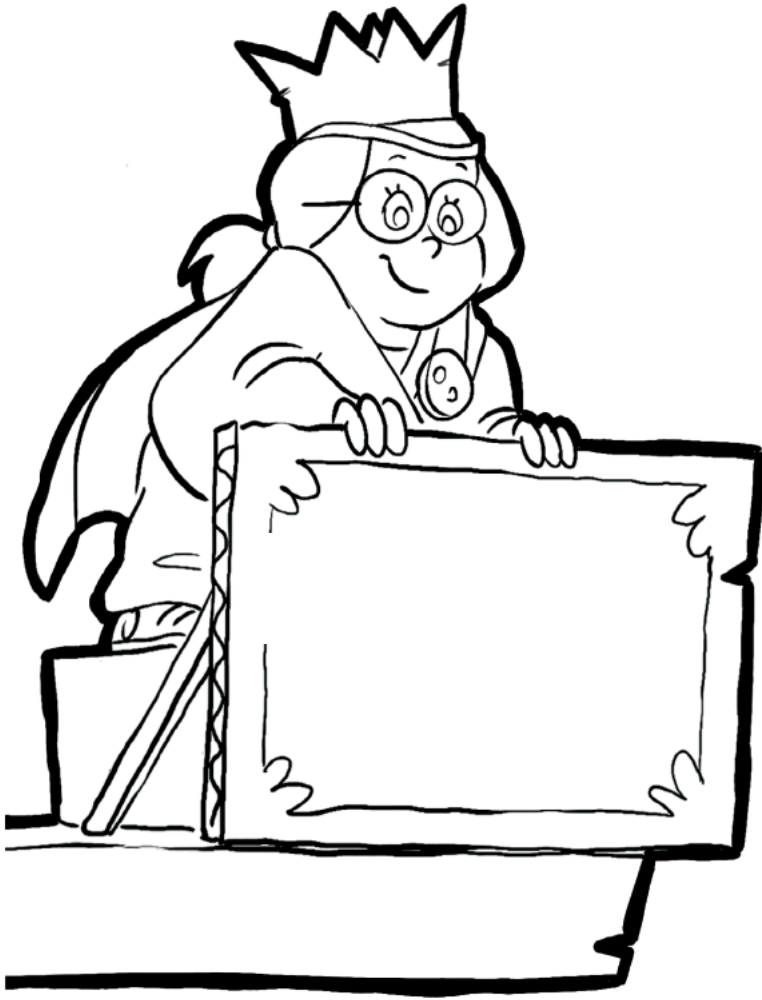
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