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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

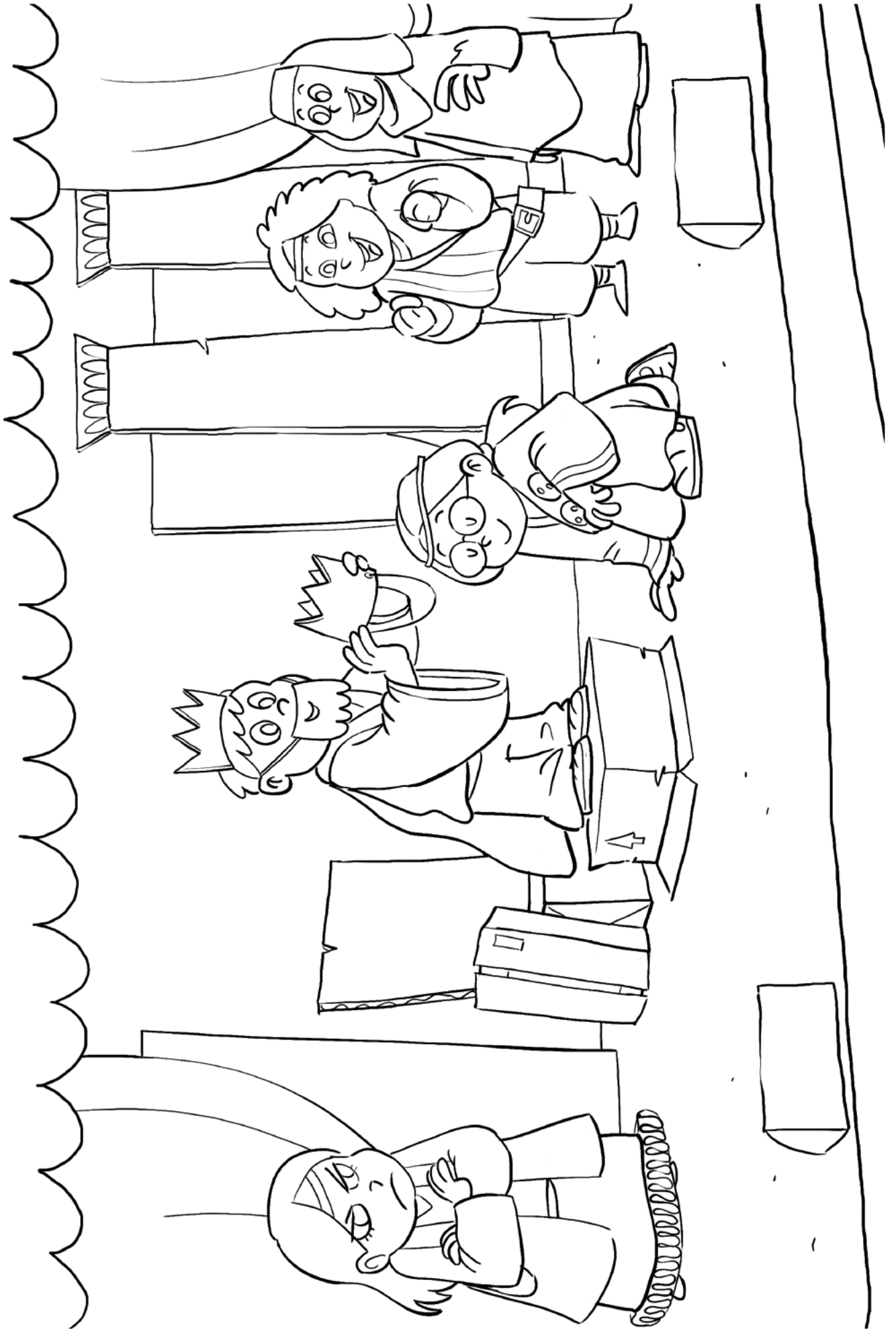


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BIBLE
BOOKLET
WEEK 1

BIG IDEA: God works behind the scenes.

BIBLE: Scene 1. Esther Becomes Queen: Esther 2:1-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17



Name: _____

2 Thessalonians 2:13—17

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden **UP**, **DOWN**, and **DIAGONAL**.

But we ought always to thank God for you, **brothers** and **sisters** loved by the Lord, because God chose you as **firstfruits** to be saved through the **sanctifying** work of the **Spirit** and through belief in the **truth**. He called you to this through our **gospel**, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the **teachings** we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us **eternal encouragement** and good **hope**, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Who encourages
us to do good?

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!)

WORSHIP AT HOME

"God is Real"
(Vineyard Kids)

"Praise You With My
Song (Esther's Song)"
(Little Big Heroes)



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WRITE THE BIG IDEA...

WRITE THE MEMORY VERSE...

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS (ESTHER 2)

Xexers

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ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN

(ESTHER 2:1-18)



"The king loved Esther more than all the other women,
and she obtained grace and favor in his sight..."

ESTHER 2:17

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:30

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. King Ahasuerus's "servants who attended him said, 'Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king.'" **ESTHER 2:2**

TRUE OR FALSE

2. "Then let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." **ESTHER 2:4**

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

3. "Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is, _____, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was _____ and _____." **ESTHER 2:7**

4. "So it was, when the king's command and decree were heard, and when many of the young women were gathered at Shushan the citadel, under the custody of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to the king's _____, into the care of Hegai the custodian of the women." **ESTHER 2:8**

5. "Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go into the king, she requested _____ but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised." **ESTHER 2:15**

6. "And she obtained favor in the sight of _____ who saw her." **ESTHER 2:15**

TRUE OR FALSE:

7. "The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti." **ESTHER 2:17**

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

8. "Then the king made a great feast, the _____ _____ _____, for all his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the generosity of a king." **ESTHER 2:18**

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN

(ESTHER 2:1-18)

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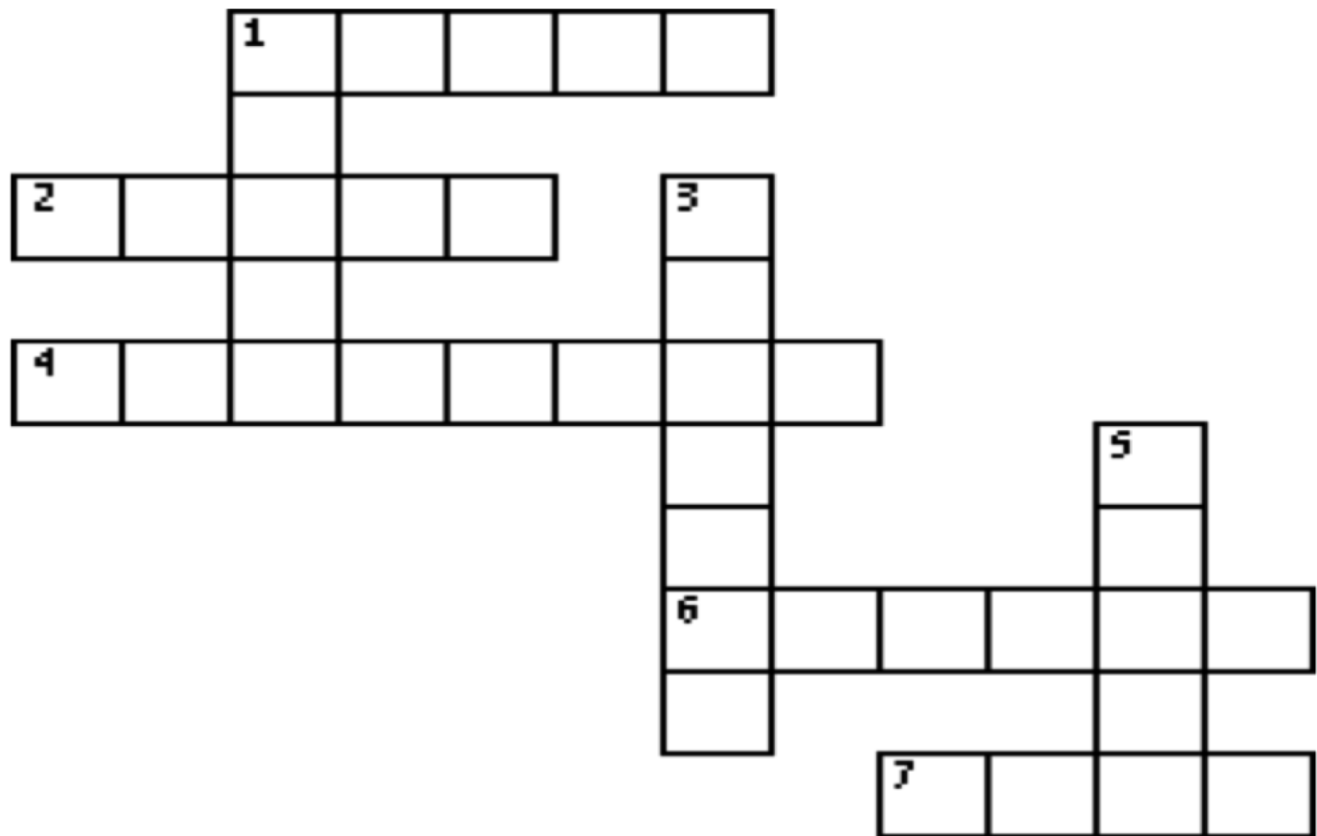
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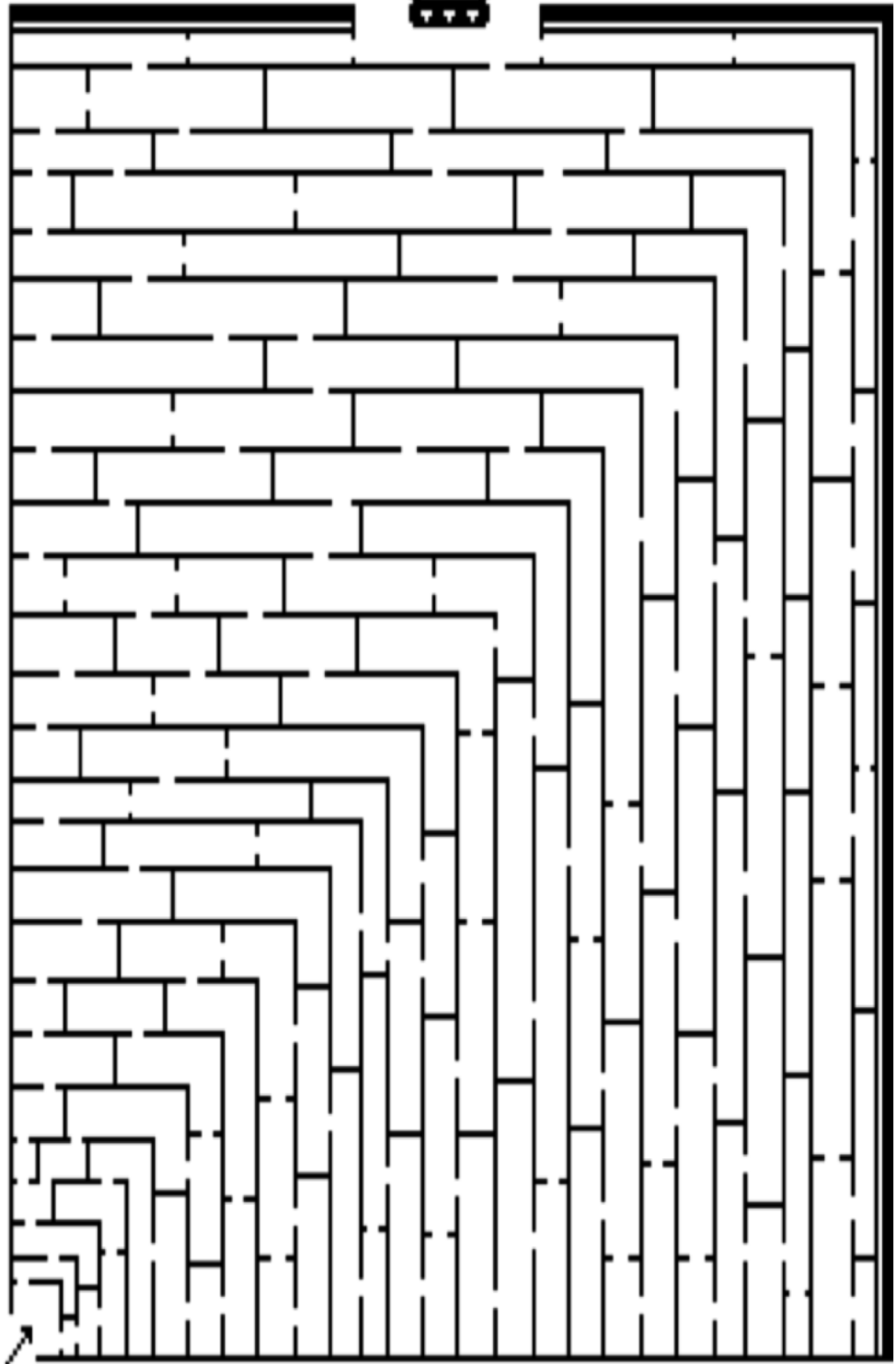
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Bring Esther to the king

ESTHER IS CHOSEN AS QUEEN

Esther 2:1-18

CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CROWNS

Students will make crowns to remind them that Esther was chosen as queen.

MATERIALS

1. Paper plates
2. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
3. Glue
4. Small Hard Candies
5. Glitter
6. Hole Punch
7. Pipe Cleaners



DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a paper plate to each student.
2. Have students cut the center of the plate as shown above.
3. Allow students to decorate their crowns with hard candies, glitter, markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
4. Punch holes on both sides of the paper plate.
5. Tie a pipe cleaner to each hole.
6. Put the crown on and twist the two pipe cleaners together to keep the crown on the student's head.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their crowns, inform students that Esther placed her trust in God as she stood up to Haman and requested that King Xerxes save her people (later in the book of Esther). There will be times when our students must place their trust in God so that they might stand up for their beliefs.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“...a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.” Proverbs 31:30

Behind the Scenes (Week 1)

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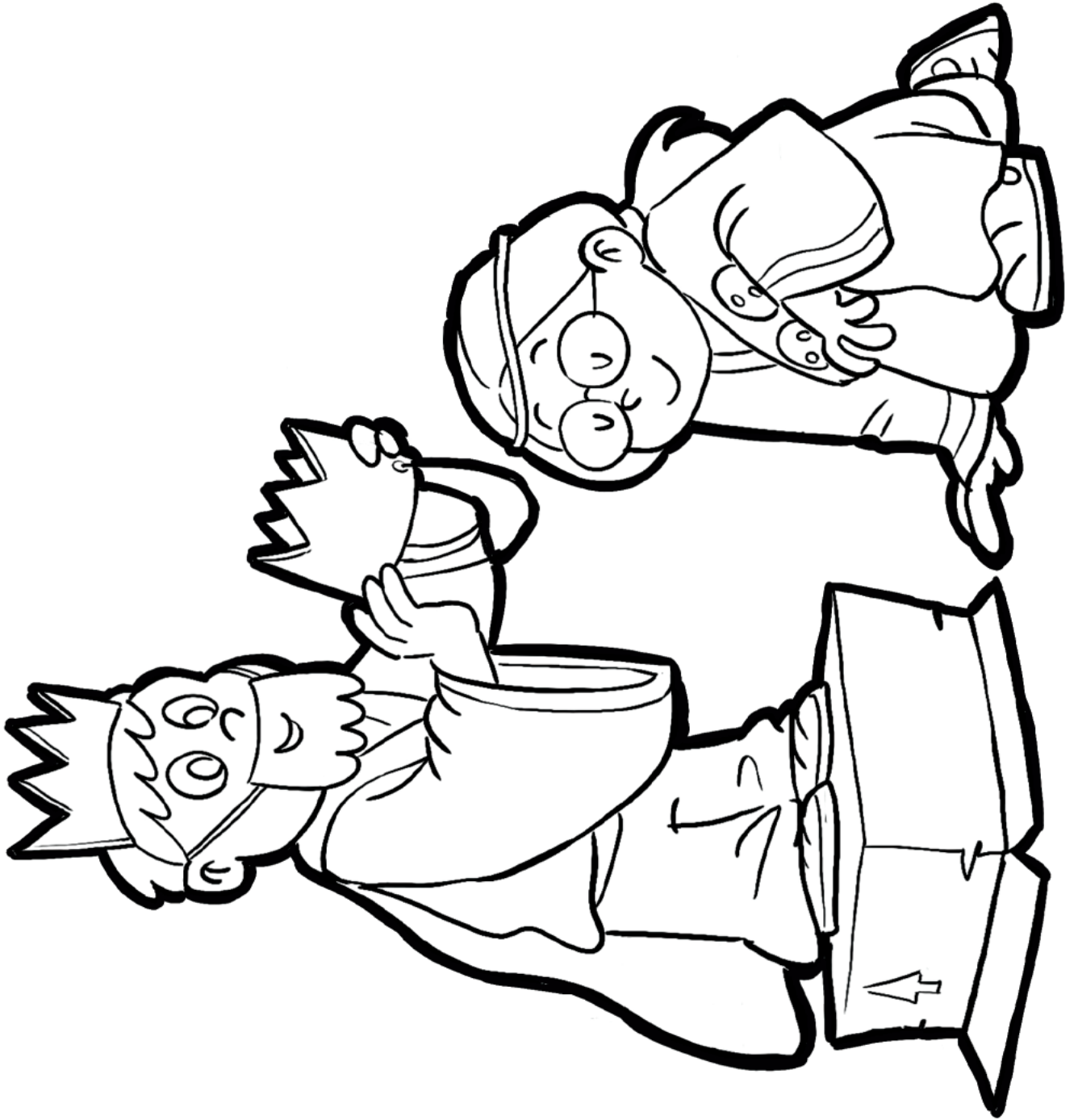
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