Lesson Plan

Queen Esther

THE SERIES: Standing Strong
THE POINT: For this moment
BIBLE STORY: Esther || Esther 4–7
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that Queen Esther showed courage when she helped save her people.
- They will understand that God can place us in situations where we can do what is right.
- They will learn that trusting God can help us be brave.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of Esther is found in the book of Esther. Esther was a young Jewish woman who became queen in the kingdom of Persia. At that time a man named Haman made a plan to harm the Jewish people. Esther's cousin Mordecai told her about the danger and asked her to speak to the king. Esther was afraid because approaching the king without permission could be dangerous. But Mordecai reminded Esther that she might have become queen "for such a time as this." Esther chose to be brave and trust God. She spoke to the king and told him about Haman's plan. The king listened to Esther and helped stop the evil plan. God used Esther's courage to save many people.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action." — Daniel 11:32b

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Trust the Lord! Be brave and strong and trust the Lord." — Psalm 27:14 (CEV)

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Teach simple actions for each part of the verse.

"Trust the Lord!"
Place hands on your heart.

"Be brave and strong"
Stand tall and make a strong pose.

"and trust the Lord!"
Point upward toward heaven.

Repeat the verse several times with the actions:

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- If you were the king or queen what is one 'decree' or rule you would make for your kingdom? e.g. Everyone gets free ice cream on fridays.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- In Bible times in Persia, there were lots of special rules about talking to the king. How do you think she was feeling when she spoke to the king?
- Mordecai told Esther she might have become queen "for this moment." What do you think that means?
- Sometimes we face moments when we need courage to do what is right. How can trusting God help us be brave like Esther?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

Esther was afraid when she realised she might need to speak to the king. But she chose to trust God and be brave. Because Esther was willing to do what was right, God used her to help protect her people. Sometimes we also face moments when we need courage — like standing up for someone, telling the truth, or making a good choice. God may place us in situations where we can help others and do what is right. When we trust God, He can help us be brave.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,
Thank You for helping us be brave. Help us trust You and do what is right, even when it feels hard.
Amen

Lesson Wrap-up

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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Supplies Needed

- For Such a Time As This watch page
- Scissors
- Colouring pencils
- Tape

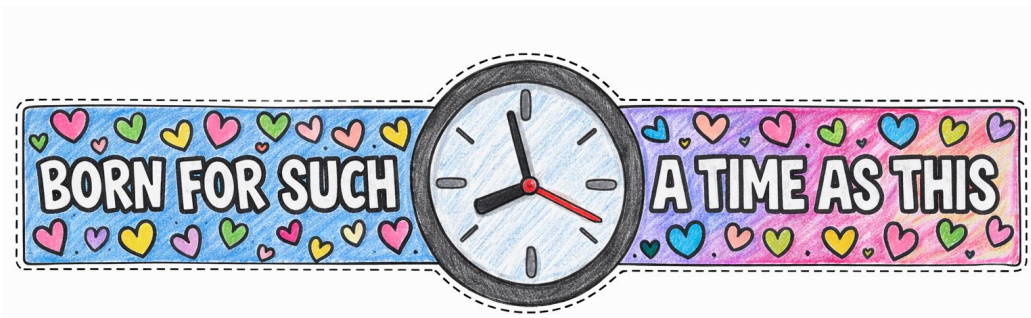
STEPS

Before the lesson print the 'For Such a Time As This' watch page, so there will be enough watch shapes for one for each child. Cut the page into sections, so children can cut out their own watch shape after colouring in.

- Give each child a section of 'For Such a Time As This' watch page.
- Children can colour in the watch shape and then cut it out.
- Children can help each other to place their watch shape around their wrist and attach the ends together with a little tape.

SEND IT TO THE LINK CREW

- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au





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BIBLE BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

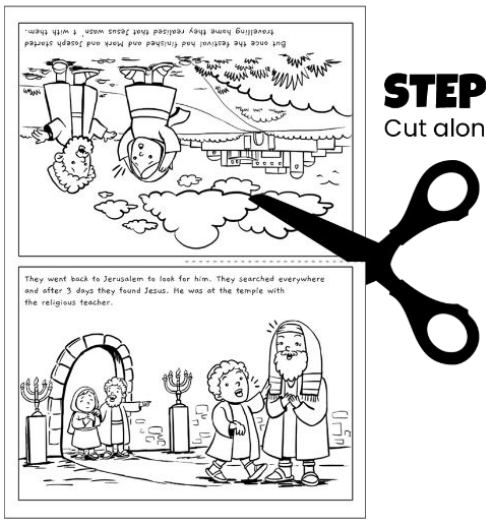
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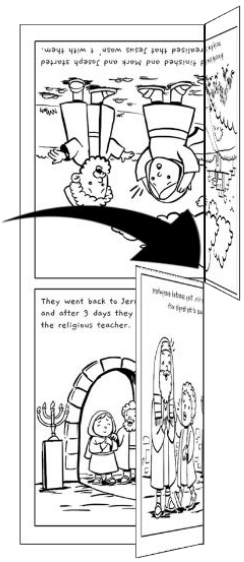
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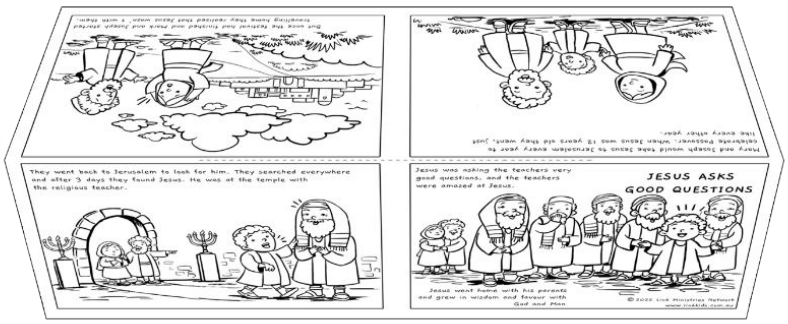
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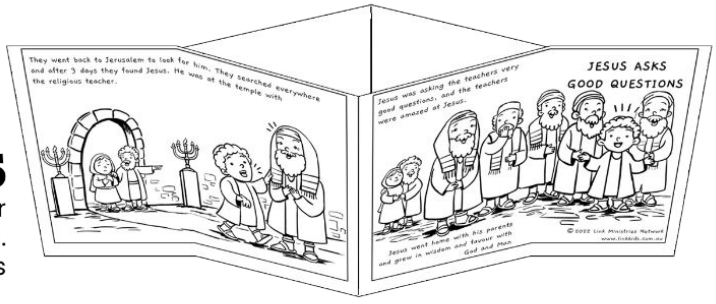
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STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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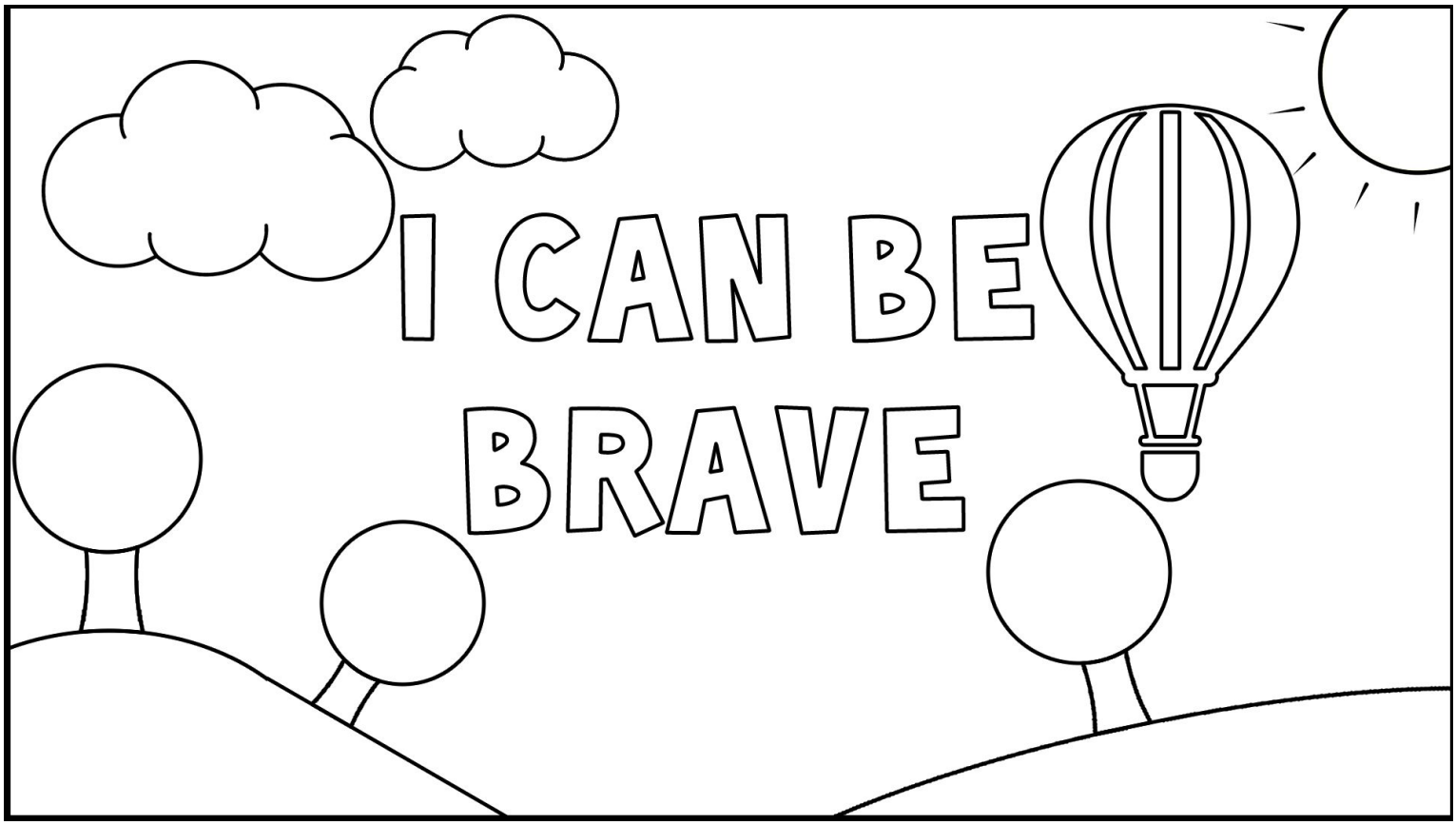
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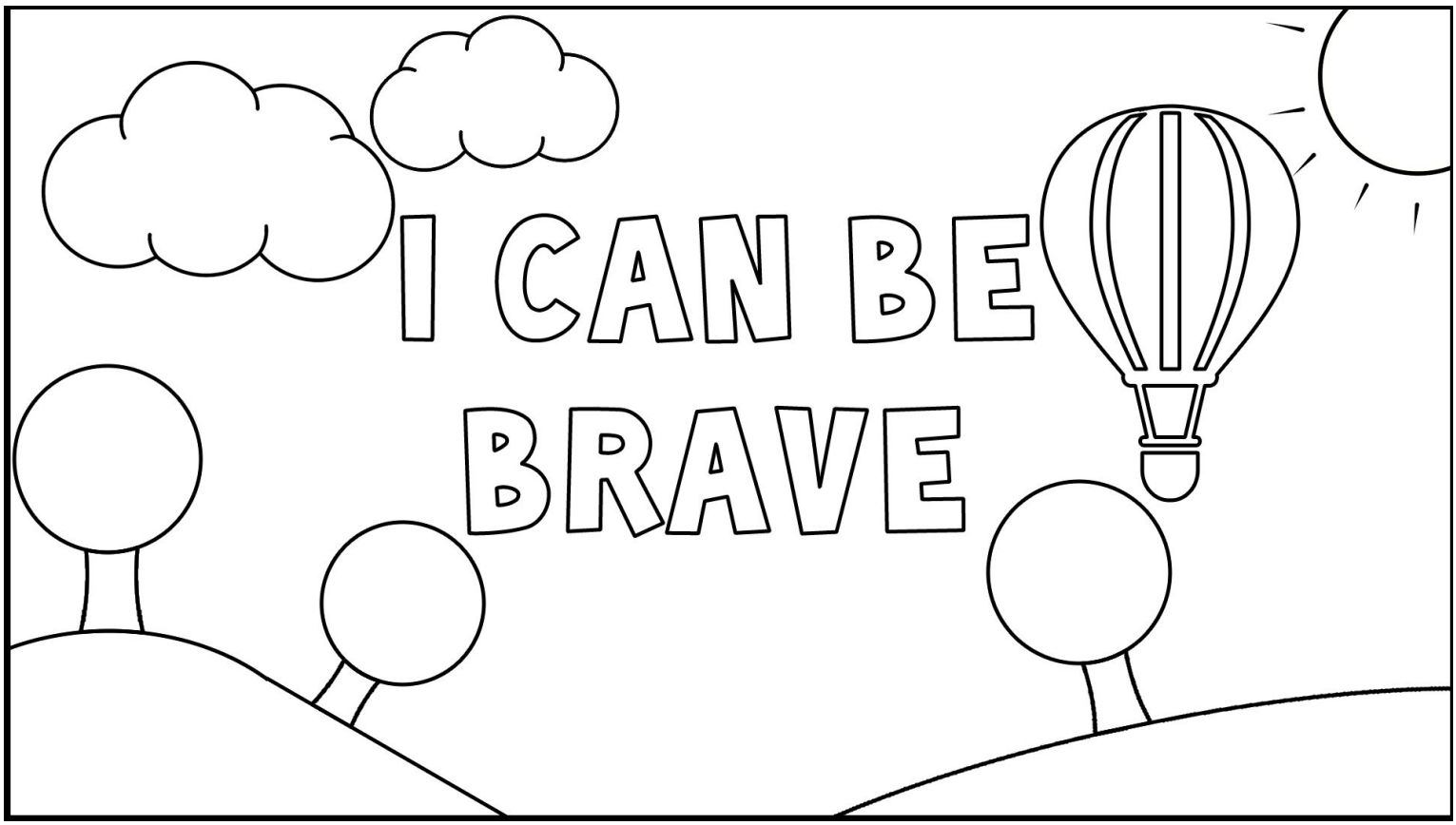
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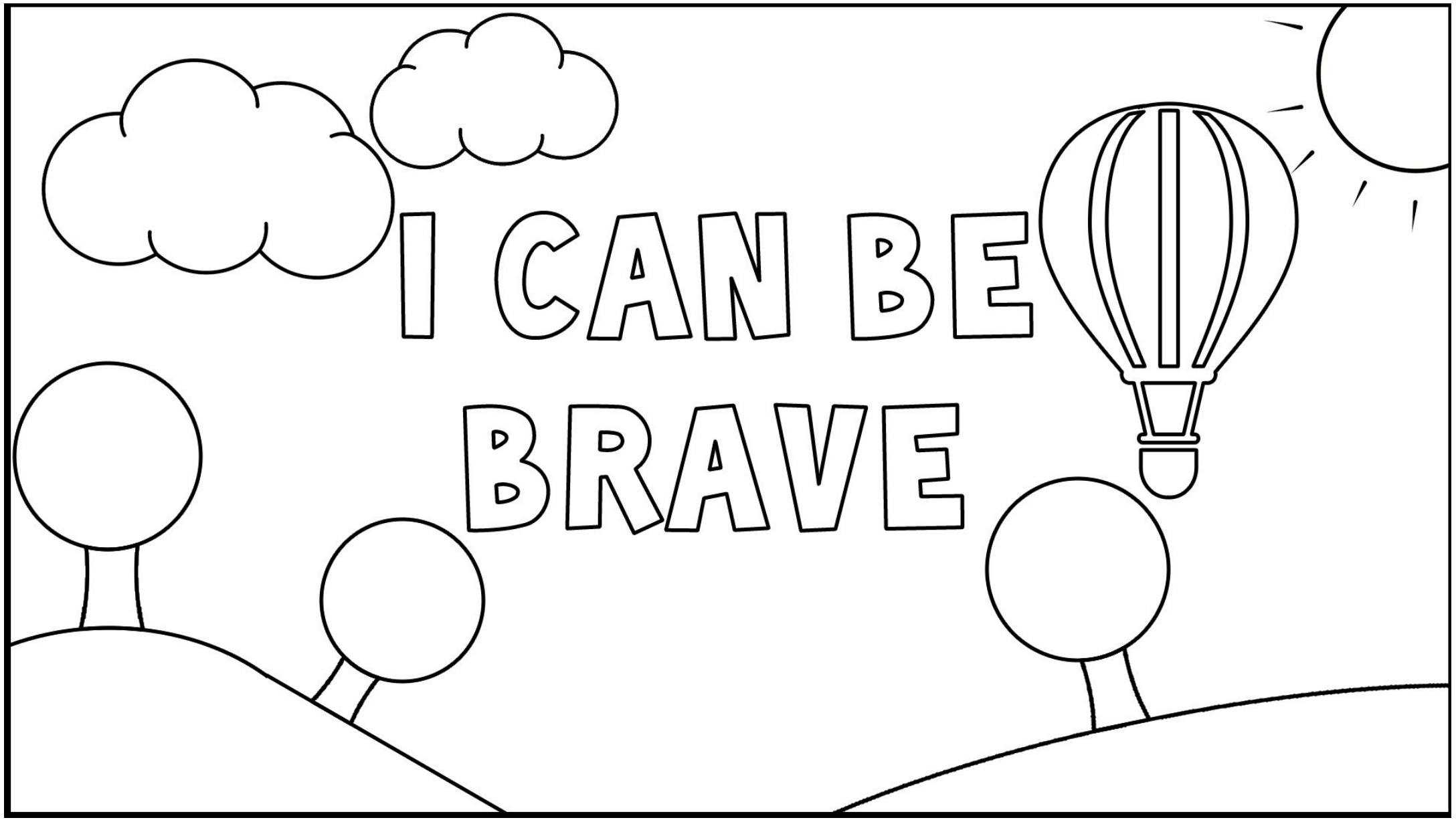
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ESTHER

When the King heard about Haman's plan he helped save the Jewish people, and punished Haman instead.

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But if Esther went to the king without being invited, the king could be very angry. But Mordecai reminded her, "Maybe God made you queen just for this moment." So Esther went to the king, and he was happy to see her.

There was a king who needed a new queen, so he held a big search and found a lady named Esther. Esther was Jewish, but she didn't tell anyone because her cousin Mordecai told her to keep it a secret.

There was also a man named Haman who didn't like the Jewish people, so he wanted to get rid of all of them! Haman tricked the king into signing a law that would hurt the Jewish people. Mordecai sent a message to Queen Esther and said, "You must help! Go to the king and ask him to stop this plan."