

The Esther Script

Use this script with the **Mystery** on page 30. The numbers on the sentences correspond to the numbers on the drawing.

1) King Xerxes wanted a new queen. (Draw a small crown.)

2) He looked this way (draw one eyebrow) and that way (draw the other eyebrow). He looked everywhere. (Add two small dots for pupils, not too close to the eyebrows; see instruction 8.)

3) The king sent messages all around his kingdom. (Draw the circle of the face.) Finally, he found a Jewish girl called Esther to be his queen, but she did not tell the king she was Jewish. (Point to the fact that there is no mouth; she is silent.)

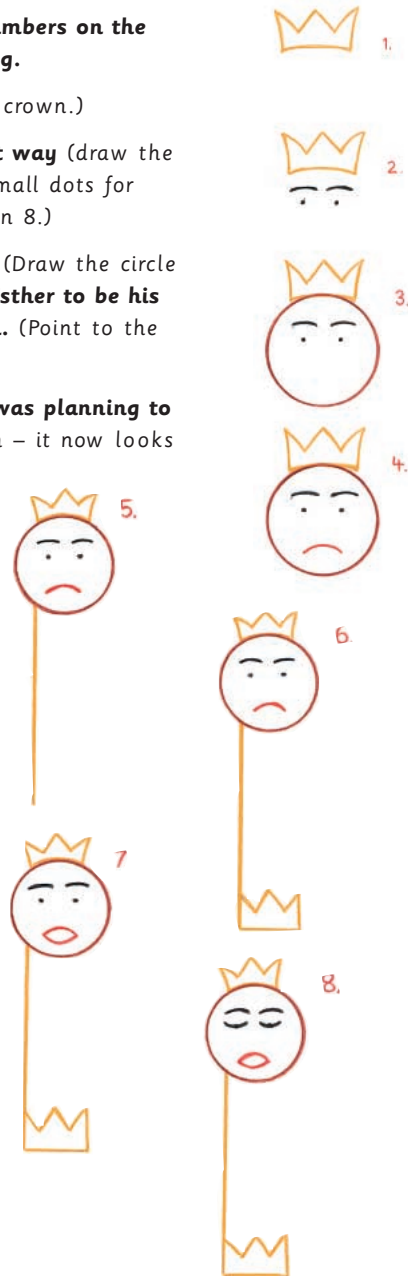
4) Haman, the Prime Minister, hated the Jews. He was planning to kill them. (Draw a down-turned curve for the mouth – it now looks like the miserable face of Haman.)

5) Haman went to the king. (Draw a long line down one side to represent his walk to the king's chamber.)

6) He tricked the king into giving him permission to kill the Jews. (Draw a crown at the bottom of the picture for the King.)

7) Esther's cousin, Mordecai, heard about the wicked plot and he told Esther. She was shocked and upset. (Add an up-turned curve to create a rounded mouth.)

8) Mordecai asked her to go to the king and ask his help. 'Maybe this is why you became Queen,' he said. 'You are in a position to help us.' Esther was frightened. She knew that if she went to the king without permission she might die, for that was the law! Even though she was afraid, she was determined to go. (Draw two bottom curves for the eyes as if Esther has her eyes shut; the lines of the curves should obliterate the dots drawn earlier.)



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9) Esther was frightened. (Add top curves to the eyes and a few lashes. Add dots for pupils.) But she knew she must help.

10) Esther went to the king. (Draw a long line to the crown to represent her walk to the king's chamber.) She knew that if the king did not hold out the golden sceptre she would die!

11) The king held out the sceptre and she knew she was safe. (Go round the large face circle in gold - point out the complete golden sceptre shape.)

12) The king asked what she wanted. Esther asked the king and Haman to a feast. The King was pleased. (Add a curve to one side of the mouth.) Haman was delighted. (Add a curve to the other side of the mouth.)

13) When they got to the feast, Esther pointed at Haman. (Draw an arrow for the nose.)

14) She looked at the king. (Add irises to the eyes.) 'That man is trying to kill me and my people,' she said.

15) The king had Haman arrested and executed. Esther and her people were safe. (Draw internal lip line to create smile.)

16) Everyone celebrated! (Draw squiggly lines for hair like streamers, throw some streamers.)

