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A long, long time ago, many Jewish people lived in the city of _____Noun_____ in the country of Persia. The king of this _____Adjective_____ country was named King Ahashverosh. The queen of the great country was named Queen _____Noun_____.

King Ahashverosh loved to give big parties in his palace. One night, he gave a big _____Noun_____ and wanted Queen Vashti to _____Verb_____ for his guests. Vashti did not want to dance, so she sent a _____Noun_____ that she would not attend the King's party. "Nobody says 'No' to the King," said an _____Adjective_____ Ahashverosh, " Vashti will no longer be my _____Noun_____!" And Ahashverosh sent Vashti away from the palace.

King Ahashverosh sent messages throughout his country calling all young _____Noun_____ to the palace so that he could choose a new queen from among them. One _____Adjective_____ lady was a Jewish girl named _____Noun_____. She did not want to go, but her cousin, Mordechai, said she must. "Perhaps some day you may be able to help the Jewish people," suggested Mordechai. The King chose the _____Adjective_____ and kind Esther to be his _____Noun_____.

The King had a chief assistant to help him with all his important work. His name was Haman. Haman was a _____Adjective_____, mean and _____Adjective_____ man. He would walk down the streets and tell everyone to bow down

to him. People were afraid of him so they _____Verb_____ to him as he ordered.

But there was one man who refused to bow down. "I won't bow down to any man," he said, "I bow down only to my God, and Haman is not my God." This brave man was a Jew named Mordechai and Haman did not like him. Haman decided to _____Verb_____ all the Jews because of Mordechai. Haman did not know that Queen Esther was Jewish.

One day, Mordechai was standing outside the palace walls when he overheard two guards _____Verb_____ about harming the King. Mordechai let the King know about it and saved him. The King was thankful and wanted to reward him. He gave Mordechai his best _____Noun_____ to wear and told Haman to lead Mordechai through the streets of Shushan on the King's beautiful white _____Noun_____. This made Haman even angrier and more determined to punish all the Jews.

One night, Esther invited the King and Haman to a _____Noun_____. She told the King that Haman wanted to hurt her. "I don't want to hurt you," exclaimed Haman, "You are my _____Noun_____." "Well," responded Esther, "you want to hurt the Jewish people and I am Jewish!" The King was shocked. He took Haman's job away from him and gave it to Mordechai. The Jews were very happy. They sang and danced and gave big parties.

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