



# Queen Esther

## Lesson 15

**Listen carefully to this story found in Esther 1-2.**

There once was a king named Ahasuerus who gave a big party for all his princes and attendants, the officers of the army and the princes in the surrounding area. This party lasted for six months and the king used this time to display his riches and all his splendor. At the end of the six months, the king gave a big banquet and invited everyone in his kingdom to come to the king's palace to eat and drink. At the end of the banquet, the king sent for Queen Vashti. He wanted to show everyone how beautiful she was, but the queen refused to come. This made the king angry. He asked his advisors what the law said he should do since the queen did not obey him. They said that she should not be allowed to be queen anymore since she didn't listen to the king. So the king did as they suggested and sent Vashti away. But after a while, he became lonely and wished for another queen.

The king's attendants went out into all the land to search for a beautiful young lady to be the next queen. They gathered up all the beautiful ladies and took them back to the king's palace to take turns standing before King Ahasuerus so that he could choose the one he liked the best. One of the beautiful ladies was a young Jewish girl named Esther who lived with her Uncle Mordecai. Esther went back to the king's palace where she was treated very kindly and given perfume, makeup, food and helpers to take care of her. Esther did not tell anyone that she was a Jew, as her Uncle Mordecai had told her not to tell anyone this. Everyday Mordecai came to the palace court to check and see how Esther was doing. After Esther had lived there for a whole year, it was her turn to go in and see the king. When the king saw Esther, he loved her more than any of the other women and was very kind to her. He chose her to be his next queen and set the royal crown on her head.

Mordecai continued to come everyday and sit at the king's gate so that he could check on Esther. One day, while he was sitting at the gate, he heard two of the king's workers making a plan to hurt the king. Mordecai told Queen Esther and she told the king so that the king was not hurt. Mordecai showed his love for Esther by checking on her everyday and by protecting the king. God wants us to show love also.



## LEARN



### Answer these questions about the story you just heard.

1. What did the king do at the beginning of our story? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did the party last? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did the king ask to come to the party on the last day? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did she come? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How did the king look for a new queen? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who became the next queen? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How did Mordecai show love? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How can you show love this week? \_\_\_\_\_

### Memory Verse

Memorize this verse to help you remember our story on Queen Esther.

***Love is patient, love is kind.***  
**1 Corinthians 13:4 NIV**

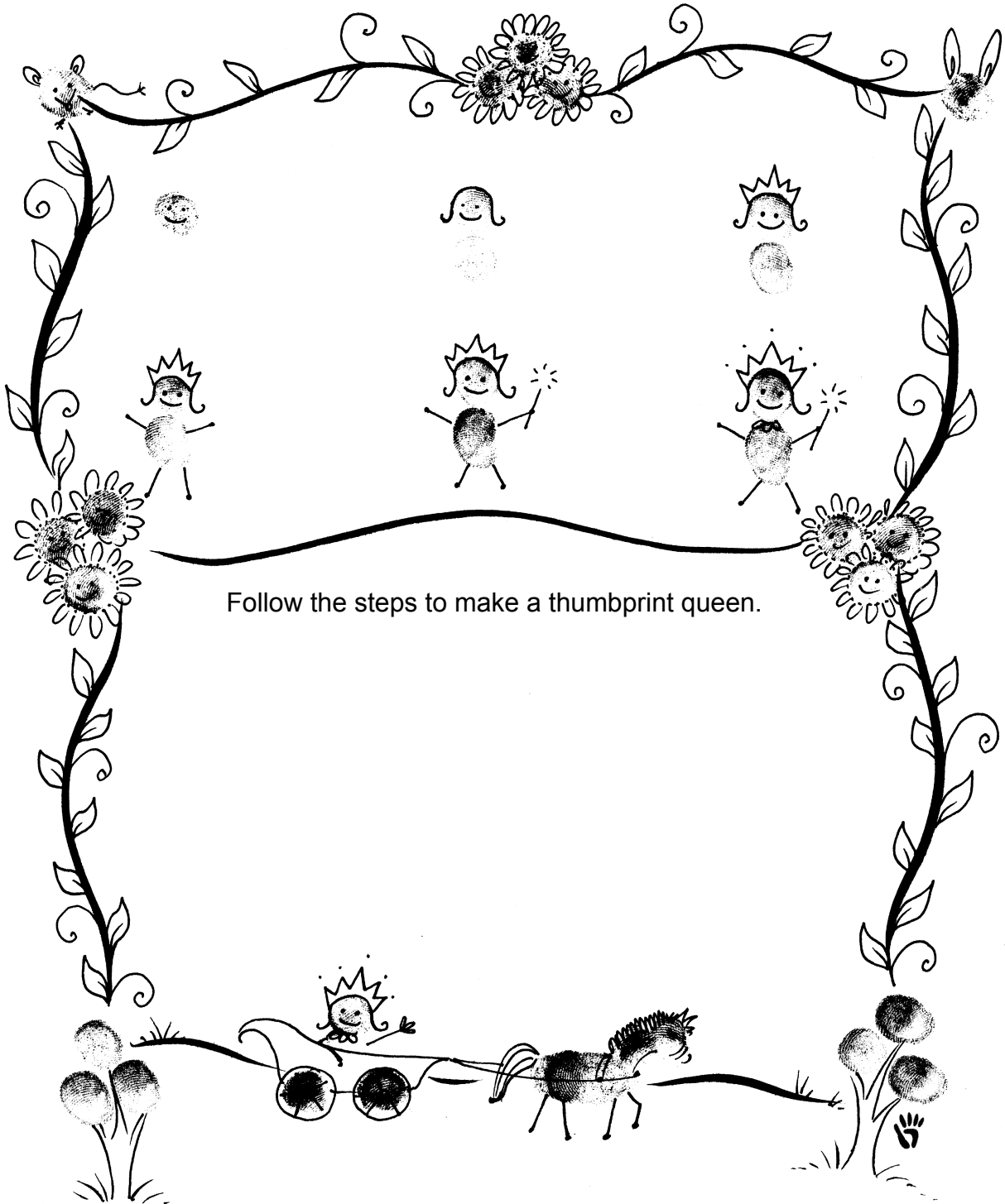
I have learned my verse and said it to \_\_\_\_\_.

**LOOK**



## Thumbprint Queen

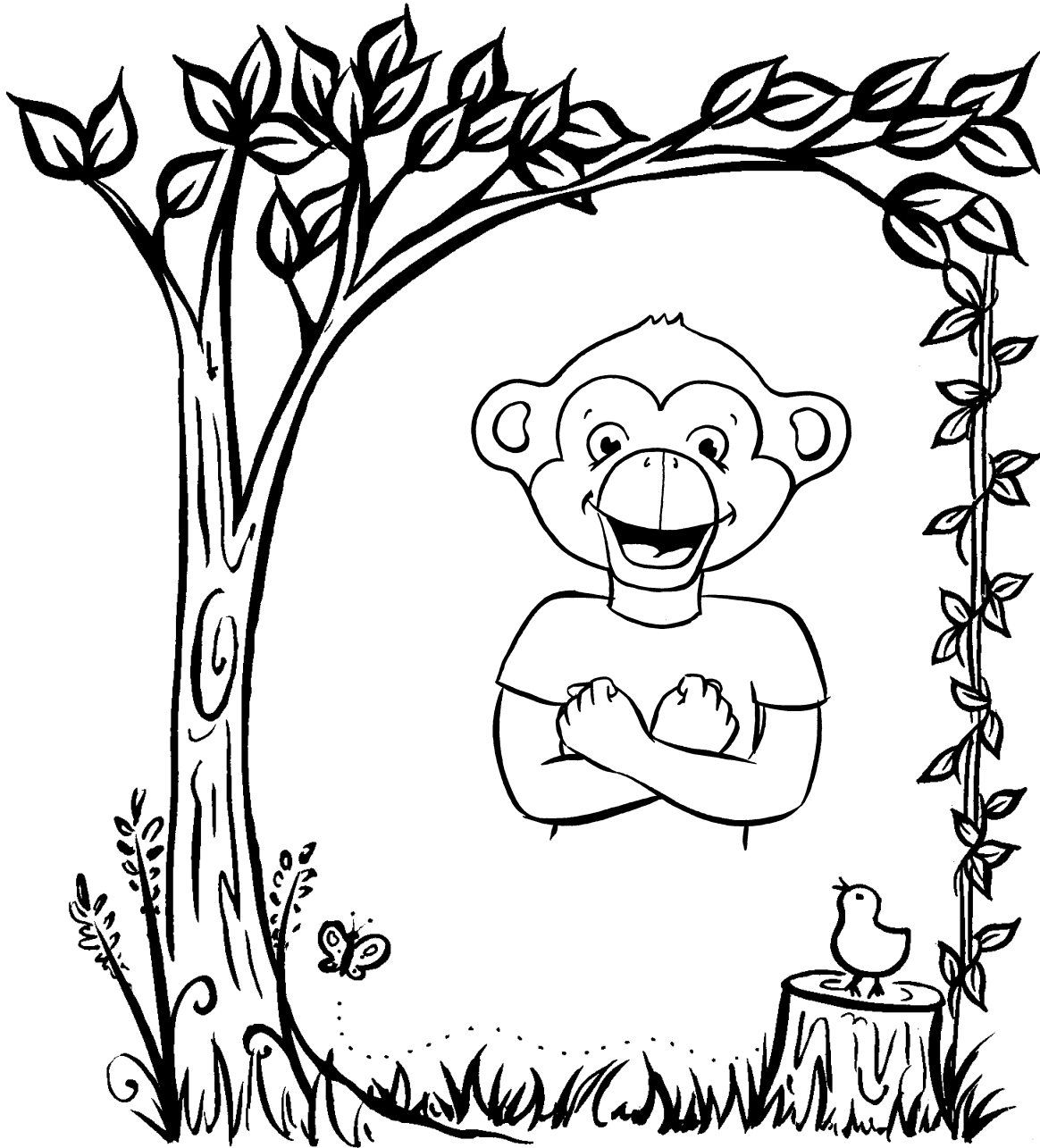
Esther was a beautiful Queen. Follow the steps below to make a thumbprint queen and name her Esther!



Follow the steps to make a thumbprint queen.

**LIVE**

Micah the Monkey is showing us the sign for “love” to help us remember our value, “We should love.” Do the sign and say the value several times so you don’t forget it.



Micah has left his handprint somewhere in this lesson.  
Can you find it? Put a circle around the handprint.