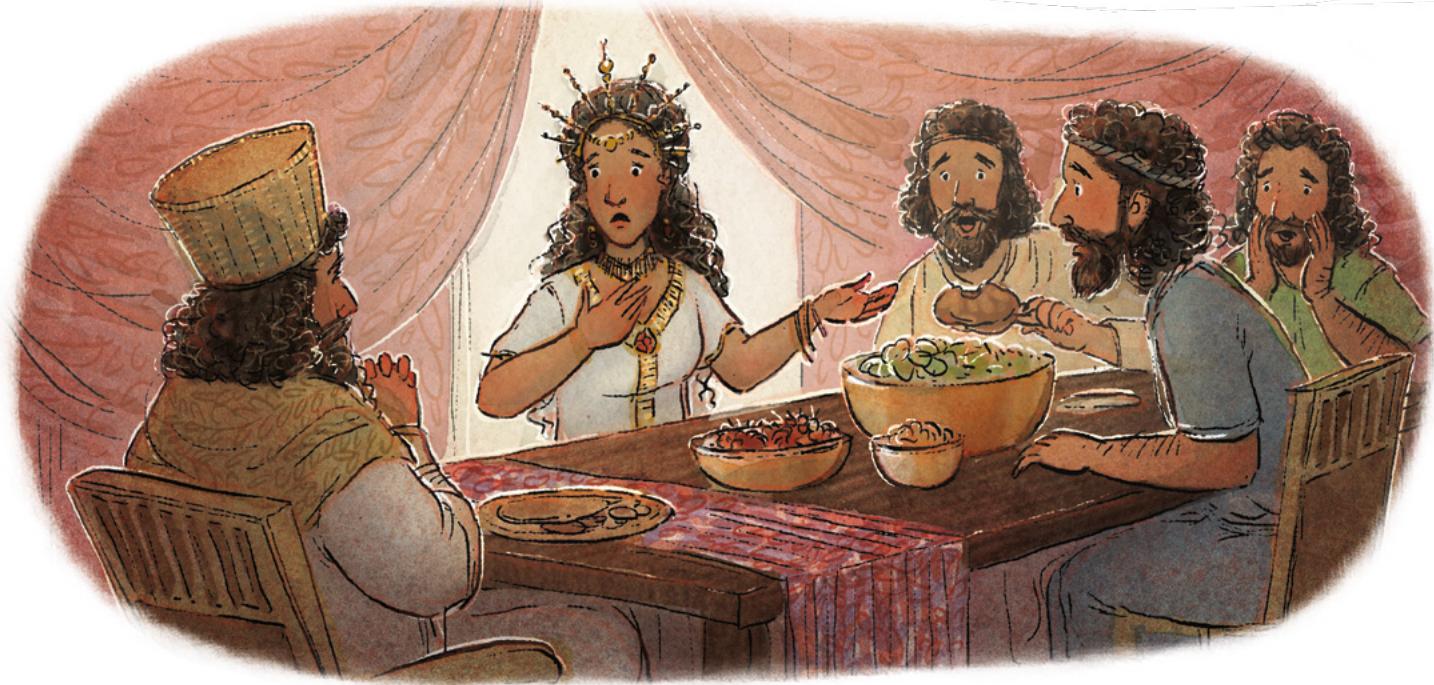


Esther decided to ask her husband, the king, to save her people. But she was worried that he might be angry. Esther asked all of the Jews to fast and pray for her. Then Esther went to the king. He wasn't angry!



Esther invited the king and his friend to a dinner. At the dinner, Esther told the king that *she* was a Jew. The king was angry that his friend had tricked him. He would tell the Jews that they could protect themselves. Esther had helped save her people!