



Grades 2-6

# Soldiers for God Lapbook



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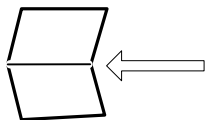
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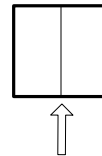
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### Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



### Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically

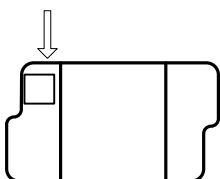


**Dotted Lines**-These are the cutting lines.

**Accordion Fold**-This fold is like making a paper fan. Fold on the first line so that title is on top. Turn over and fold on next line so that title is on top again. Turn over again and fold again on the next line so that title is on top. Continue until all folds are done.

**Cover Labels**-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of just a blank space. They will be referred to as “cover label.”

### How do I know where to place each template in the folder?

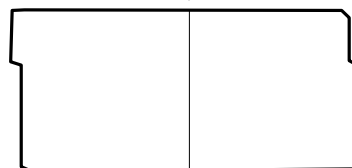


This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap. Make sure the booklets do not cross over where lapbook is folded.

### Folding a Lapbook Base

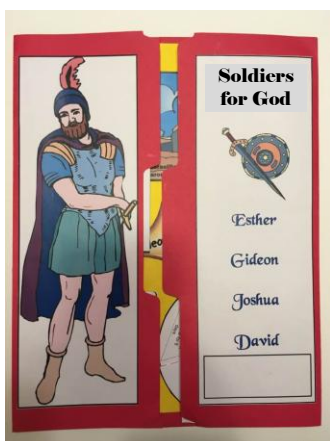
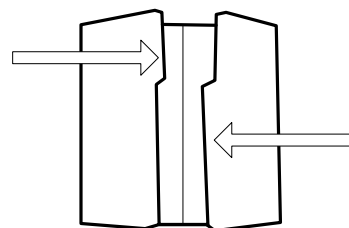
Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.

Original fold line

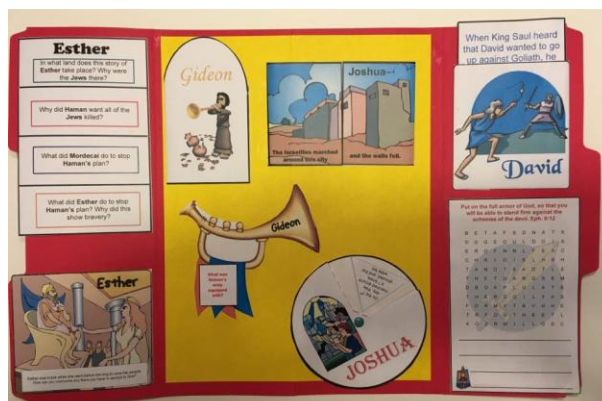


For each folder, fold the left and right sides inward toward the original line to create two flaps. Crease so that the highest part of each flap is touching the original line. It is important not to let the two flaps overlap. *You may want to take a ruler and run it down each crease to make it sharper.*

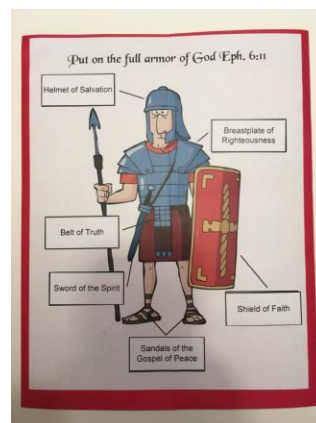
Highest part of flap.



Front



Inside



Back

Cut out and glue one piece to each flap on the front. (See photo.) Write name in bottom box.



# Soldiers for God



Esther

Gideon

Joshua

David

## *Esther: Soldiers for God are Brave*

### *Esther 4:1-17*

Persia was a huge and mighty empire during the days of Esther, who we read about in the book of Esther found in the Old Testament. The king of Persia was Ahasuerus and his queen was Vashti. The king thought she was very beautiful and wanted to show her off, so he ordered her to appear before him at a banquet. Vashti told him no, which made the king furious!

It was not a good thing to disobey the orders of the king, even if you are his wife! So one of the king's advisors, a wicked man named Haman, told the king that if everyone found out the king's wife disobeyed him, then all wives would feel they, too, could disobey their husbands. Haman suggested to the king that Vashti be put to death. The king agreed and Vashti was killed.

Before long, King Ahasuerus was tired of being alone and longed for another woman to take as his wife. There was a search throughout the entire kingdom for the perfect bride. Before long, the searchers found Esther. She was just what the king was looking for-beautiful and kind. Esther became the king's wife and was now Queen of Persia!

Esther was also a Jew. The Jews were in Persia because they had been forced there 70 years earlier. The Jews managed the best they could in Persia but dreamed of being allowed to return back to their homeland of Israel one day. The Jews leader was a man named Mordechai. He was also Esther's uncle, who had lovingly taken her in when her parents had died. Mordechai felt that Esther should not tell the king or his advisors that she was a Jew.

After some time, wicked Haman became a powerful man in the kingdom. He was so wicked and prideful that he decided everyone in the kingdom must bow down before him. But Mordechai refused to bow down to him. His refusal enraged Haman. So Haman asked the king to make a royal decree that all Jews be killed! Lots were cast and a day was chosen to carry out the decree.

When Mordechai heard this, he was scared for his people. Mordechai knew only the king could stop the plan. Knowing Esther was a Jew, he asked her to go before the king on behalf of the Jews. This request was a frightening thing because one could not just walk up to the king. Not even a wife. One could see the king by invitation only. (Continued on next page.)

Esther prayed and fasted for three days. She must have been very scared knowing that the king's last wife had been put to death for making him angry. But bravely she went before the king. At first he was angry that she would do such a thing but spared her life and even offered her as much as half his kingdom. But all she requested was that the king and Haman join her at a banquet that night. At the banquet that night, the king asked her again what was her request. Esther only said for the king and Haman to join her for a banquet the next night.

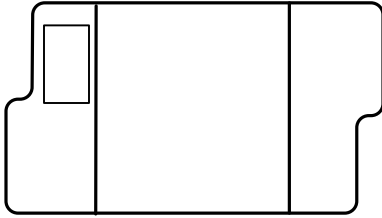
As Haman was leaving, he saw Mordecai at the city gate and still Mordecai refused to bow to him. Haman was filled with rage. How dare Mordecai not bow to someone as special as he! Haman decided right then and there that Mordecai was to be hanged. He built a gallows and planned to speak to the king about it the next morning

On the same night, the king could not sleep. So he ordered that someone read to him from his book of chronicles, which was a record of his reign. He was reminded about a man named Mordecai who had exposed a plan to kill him. The king asked what reward Mordecai had received. His attendants said he had received none.

The next morning, just as Haman was arriving to ask that Mordecai be hanged the king asked him what should he do for a man he wished to reward. Haman mistakenly thought the king was referring to him. Haman said the man should receive a royal robe and horse and be paraded through the city streets as the king praised him. Then the king commanded Haman to go get the robe and horse and do just as he suggested for the man at the gate named Mordecai. Haman must have been really shocked when he learned it was not him that the king wished to honor, but Mordecai, the man who hated.

At the banquet, Esther shared the secret she was a Jew. She begged the king to save her people. The king also learned of the gallows that Haman had built to have Mordecai hanged. The king was furious with Haman and ordered that Haman be hanged instead. The Jews were spared because Esther overcame her fear and was brave.





### Read Esther 4:1-17

Cut out the booklet as one piece. Hotdog fold on middle line so that words are on top. Cut lines to make four boxes.

**Directions:** Open each flap and write the answer the question. Glue booklet into lapbook when complete.

## Esther

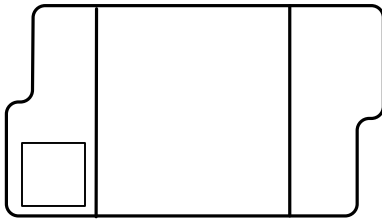
In what land does this story of **Esther** take place? Why were the **Jews** there?

Why did **Haman** want all of the **Jews** killed?

What did **Mordecai** do to stop **Haman's** plan?

What did **Esther** do to stop **Haman's** plan? Why did this show bravery?

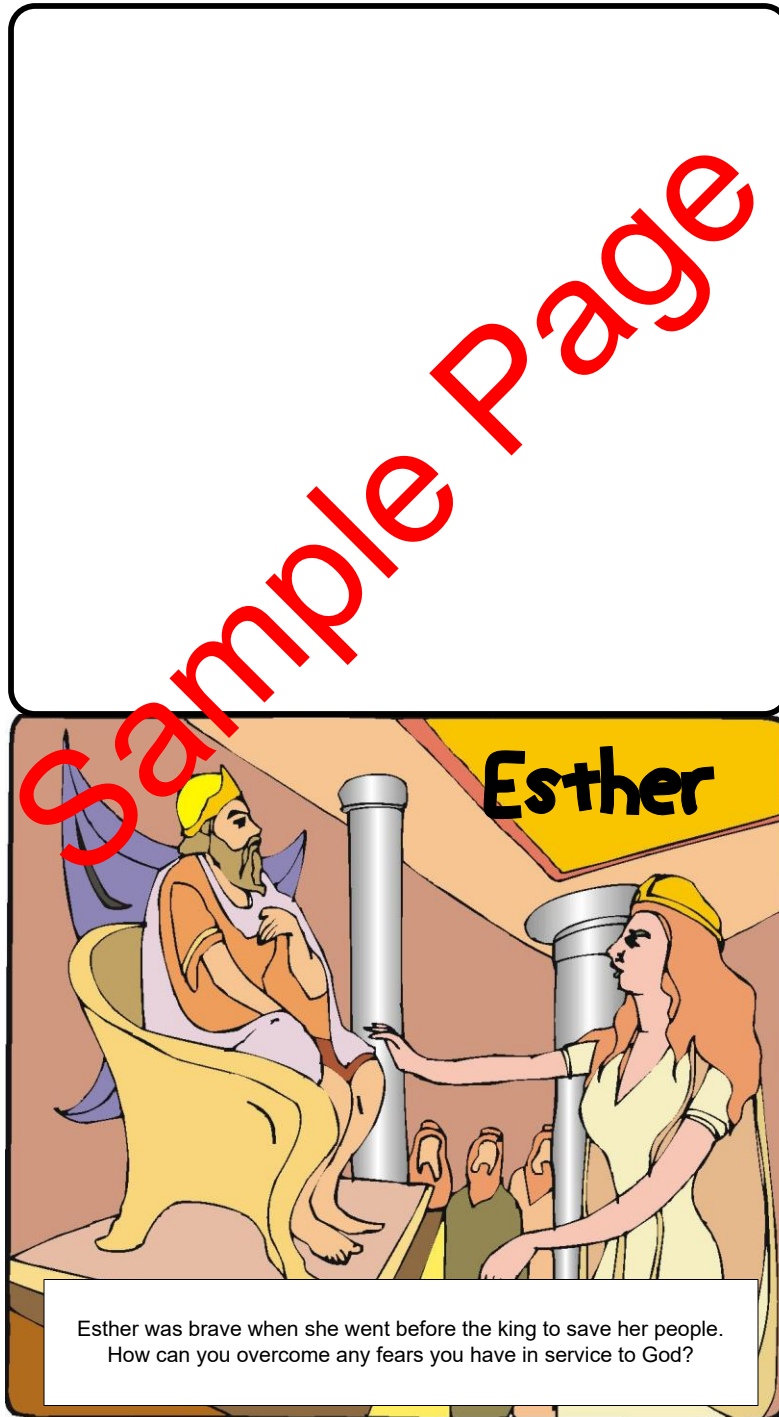
Sample Page



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