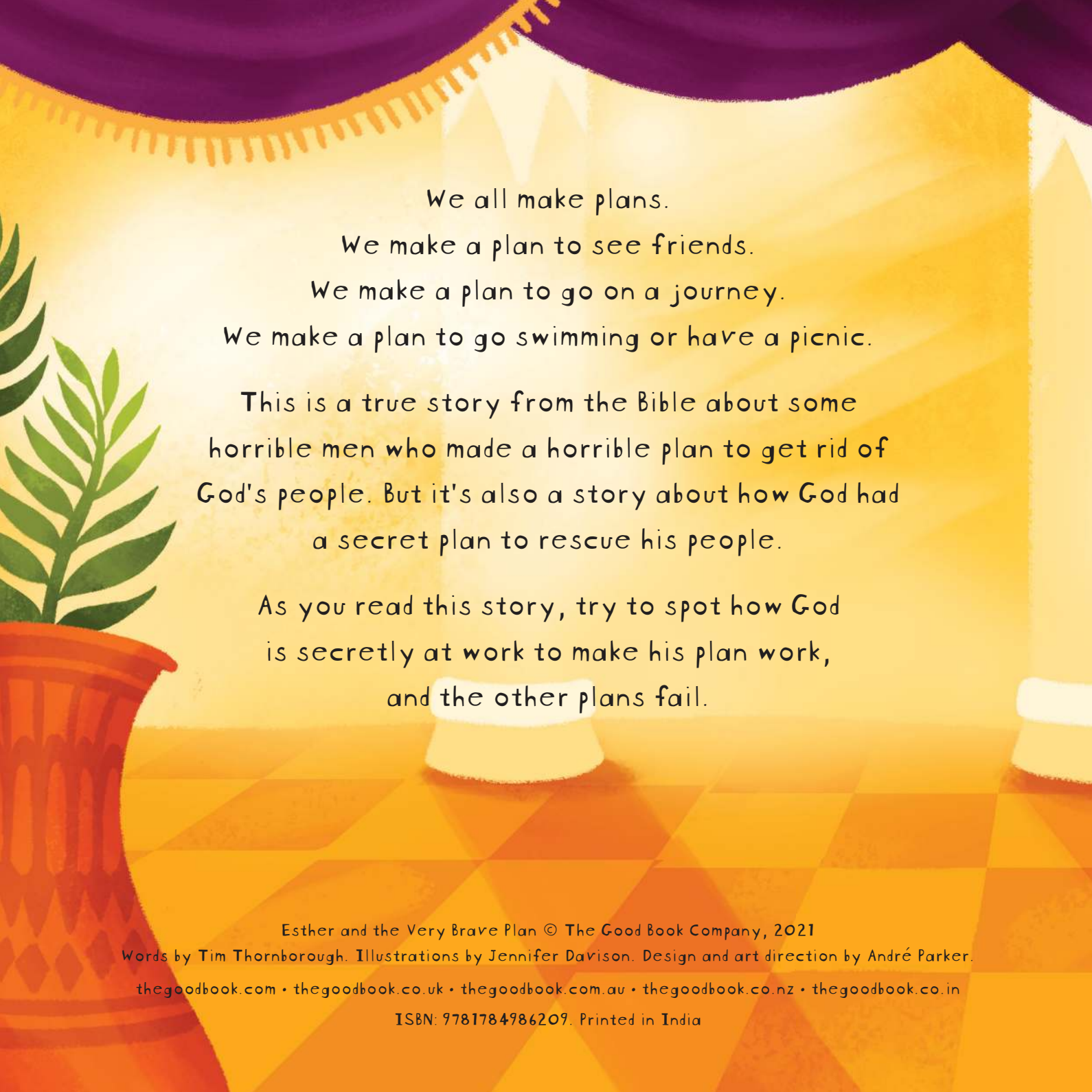


ESTHER
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BRAVE
PLAN

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We all make plans.
We make a plan to see friends.
We make a plan to go on a journey.
We make a plan to go swimming or have a picnic.

This is a true story from the Bible about some horrible men who made a horrible plan to get rid of God's people. But it's also a story about how God had a secret plan to rescue his people.

As you read this story, try to spot how God is secretly at work to make his plan work, and the other plans fail.

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In the land of Persia,
in the great, great
city of Susa, there
lived a great and
powerful king.

The king was
rich and proud.

But the king
had a problem.



A king with a large, ornate golden crown and a thick, dark brown beard and mustache. He is wearing a teal tunic and a necklace with four large, glowing yellow and orange circular pendants. To his right stands a woman with long, dark brown hair, wearing a pink headband, a pink dress with a subtle pattern, and a necklace with five yellow and orange circular pendants. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with a purple border at the top.

To go with his beautiful gold and his beautiful palaces, the king wanted a beautiful queen.

So the proud king made a proud plan.

He ordered the most beautiful women in Persia to come to his palace so he could choose one of them to be his new queen.

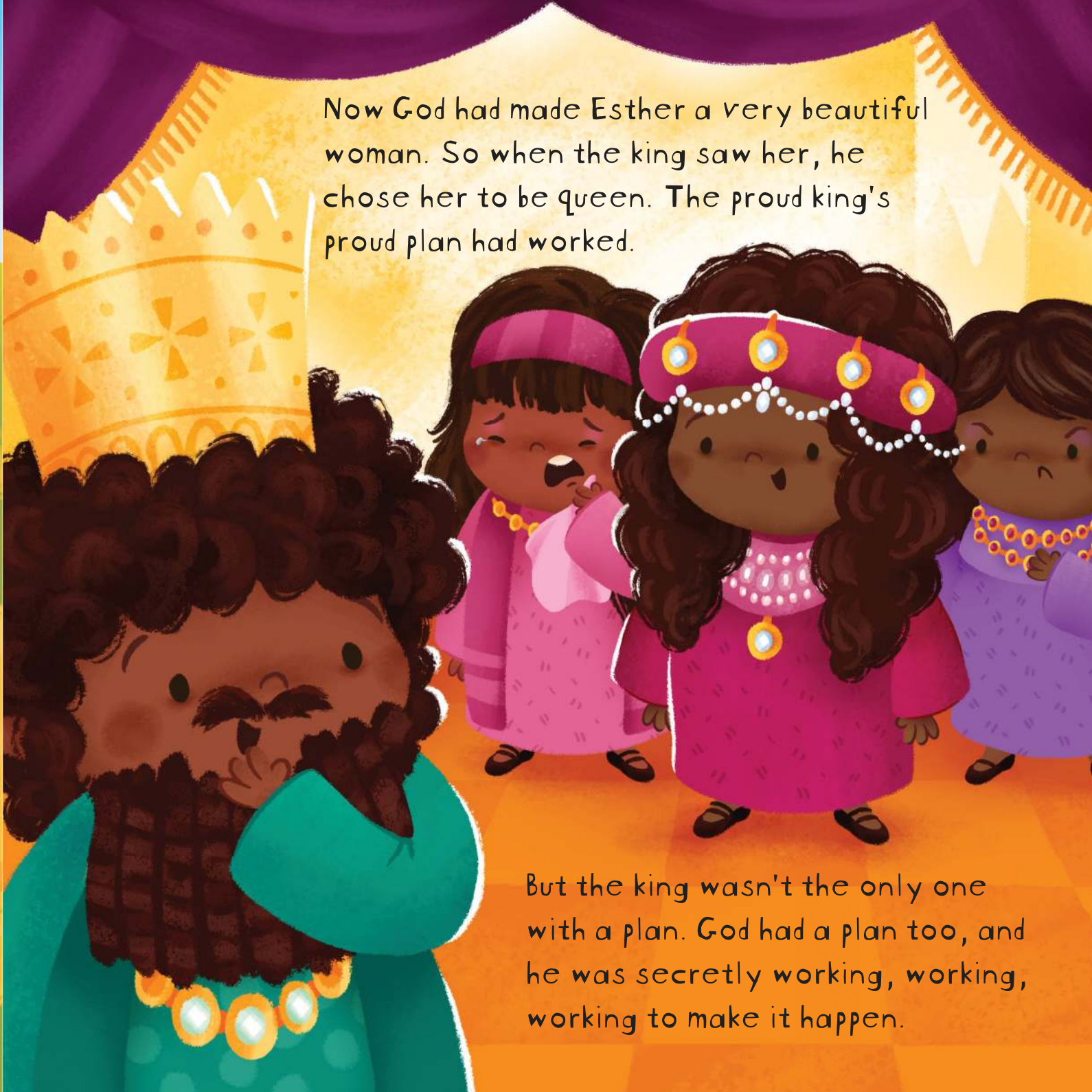


Esther lived with
her cousin Mordecai
in the great, great
city of Susa.



They were God's people,
and they lived in the land of
Persia along with many others
who loved and served the
one true God.





Now God had made Esther a very beautiful woman. So when the king saw her, he chose her to be queen. The proud king's proud plan had worked.

But the king wasn't the only one with a plan. God had a plan too, and he was secretly working, working, working to make it happen.