



CHABOTVILLE • CHABOT HOLIDAYS • EPISODE 1



Purim

A read-along picture book for ages 3–8

Made with love by a Nana and her grandkids, with help from the bots of Botsville USA.



Chabot child The Purim parade is today, and I still can't decide what to wear!

Chabot child Should I be a king? A clown? A big, brave lion?

Chabot child I want to be everything!

Chabot child Puppy! Puppy!



Mrs. Chabot So many choices! While you decide, we will all tell you the Purim story, with the Botcohens!

Rabbi Chabot Come sit, everyone. Purim has a wonderful story.



Rabbi Chabot A long time ago, in the city of Shushan, there lived a king named Achashverosh.



Mrs. Botcohen He chose a kind and wise young woman to be his queen. Her name was Esther.

Mrs. Chabot Esther's cousin Mordechai raised her. He was a good and wise leader of the Jewish people.



Mr. Botcohen The king had an advisor named Haman.
Haman wanted everyone to bow down to him.



Chabot child Shake the groggers!

Mrs. Chabot That's right! When we hear Haman's name in the Megillah, we shake our groggers.

Rabbi Chabot But Mordechai bowed only to Hashem. That made Haman very angry, and he made a mean plan against all the Jewish people.



Chabot child

Oh no! What did Esther do?

Mrs. Botcohen

Esther was very brave. First, she asked all the Jewish people to fast and pray for three days.



Mrs. Chabot Then she went to see the king, even though no one was allowed to come without being called.

Mr. Botcohen The king held out his golden scepter, and welcomed her. Esther invited the king and Haman to a special feast.



Rabbi Chabot At the feast, Esther told the king the truth. Haman's plan would hurt her, and all her people.



Rabbi Chabot

So the king stopped Haman, and the Jewish people were saved! Sadness turned into joy.

Chabot child

Hooray for Queen Esther!



Mrs. Chabot And Hashem's name isn't written in the Megillah, not even once. But Hashem was helping all along, hidden behind the scenes.

Chabot child Hidden, like in a costume! Maybe that's why we dress up!

Mrs. Chabot That's one beautiful reason!



Chabot child

I know! I'll be Queen Esther, brave and kind!

Chabot child

And I'll be Mordechai, riding the king's horse!

Chabot child

I'll be an astronaut, just like Grandpa!

Chabot child

Puppy!



Nana Happy Purim, my sweethearts! Look who is calling!

Grandpa Happy Purim from outer space! I'm waving to you from my rocket!



Chabot child

Grandpa! I'm an astronaut too!

Grandpa

The best astronaut I have ever seen! Shake a grogger for me at the parade!

Nana

Grandpa is still exploring space, but he never misses a holiday hello.



Mr. Botcohen

Happy Purim! I built toy-brick groggers for everyone!

Mrs. Botcohen

And here is a Purim basket for you, with two yummy treats.

Mrs. Chabot

Thank you! That's mishloach manot. On Purim, we send gifts of food to our friends.

Baby Botcohen

Yay!



Mr. Botcohen And we give gifts to the poor. On Purim, we give to at least two people who need help.

Mrs. Botcohen That way, everyone can be happy on Purim.



Rabbi Chabot Later, the whole family will have a big, happy Purim meal together.

Mrs. Chabot Hearing the Megillah, mishloach manot, gifts to the poor, and a festive meal. Four Purim mitzvahs!



Chabot child

Look! A plane!

Mr. Steinbot

We made it from Botsberg! Happy Purim, everyone!

Mrs. Steinbot

We wouldn't miss the Chabotville parade!

Baby Steinbot

Wheee!

Nana

The whole family together. That's the sweetest gift of all.



Narrator And so, everyone headed to the Chabotville Purim parade!

Chabot child Queen Esther is ready!

Chabot child Astronaut, ready for blast off!

Chabot child Woof!



Rabbi Chabot Remember, just like Esther, you can be brave and kind, every day.

Everyone Happy Purim!

Can you remember?

Point to the answer, or circle it!

Who was the brave queen in the Purim story?



Queen Esther



Noodle the puppy

What do we shake when we hear Haman's name?



Groggers



Spoons

How many Purim mitzvahs are there?



Four



One

Answers: Queen Esther • Groggers • Four



You did it!

Mrs. Chabot Four Purim mitzvahs!

Rabbi Chabot you can be brave and kind, every day.

I am a Purim Star!

Name: _____

For grown-ups: Make a Purim basket with two yummy treats to give to a friend, and pick a costume that is brave and kind like Queen Esther!

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