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th (things, this)  
 thr (thrill)  
 schwa (the)  
 ng (sing)  
 nk (thank)  
 -ing (going)

**Nondecodable Sight Words Introduced**

come	their
some	there

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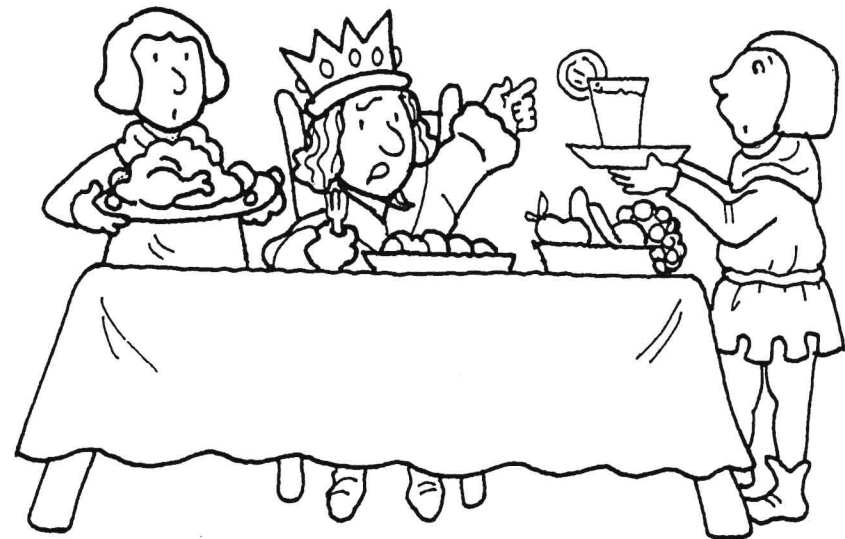
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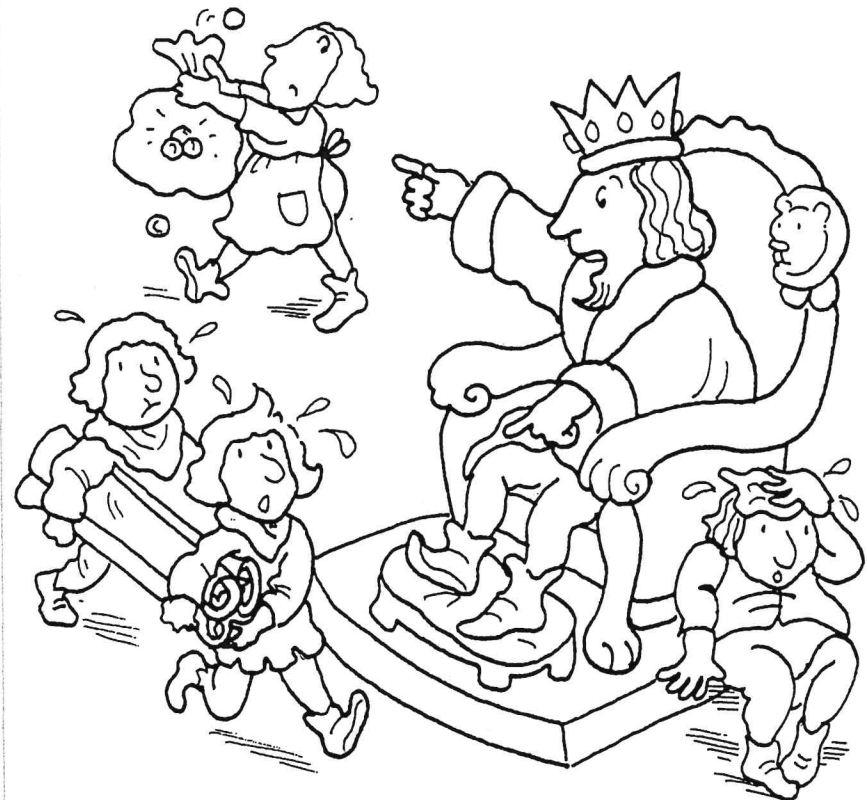


“Bring me a pink drink!”  
said the king.  
He drank.

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“Sing me a long song!”  
he said.  
His men sang.



“Do this!” said the king.  
“Go there and do that!”



The men did lots of things.  
Their king did not thank them.



Some of the men felt sad.  
“I can think of a plan,”  
said Frank.



“Come and help me!”  
said the king.



“Are you going to thank  
them?” said Frank.  
“It is a thrill to get a  
thank you from the king.”



"I can thank them,"  
said the king.  
Then his men felt glad to help.

**The End**

### Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. What does the king tell his men to do?
2. Why do the men feel sad?
3. Who tells the king to thank his men?
4. Why are the men happy at the end?

Answers: 1. bring a drink, sing a song, help him 2. because the king never thanks them 3. Frank 4. because the king thanks them

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