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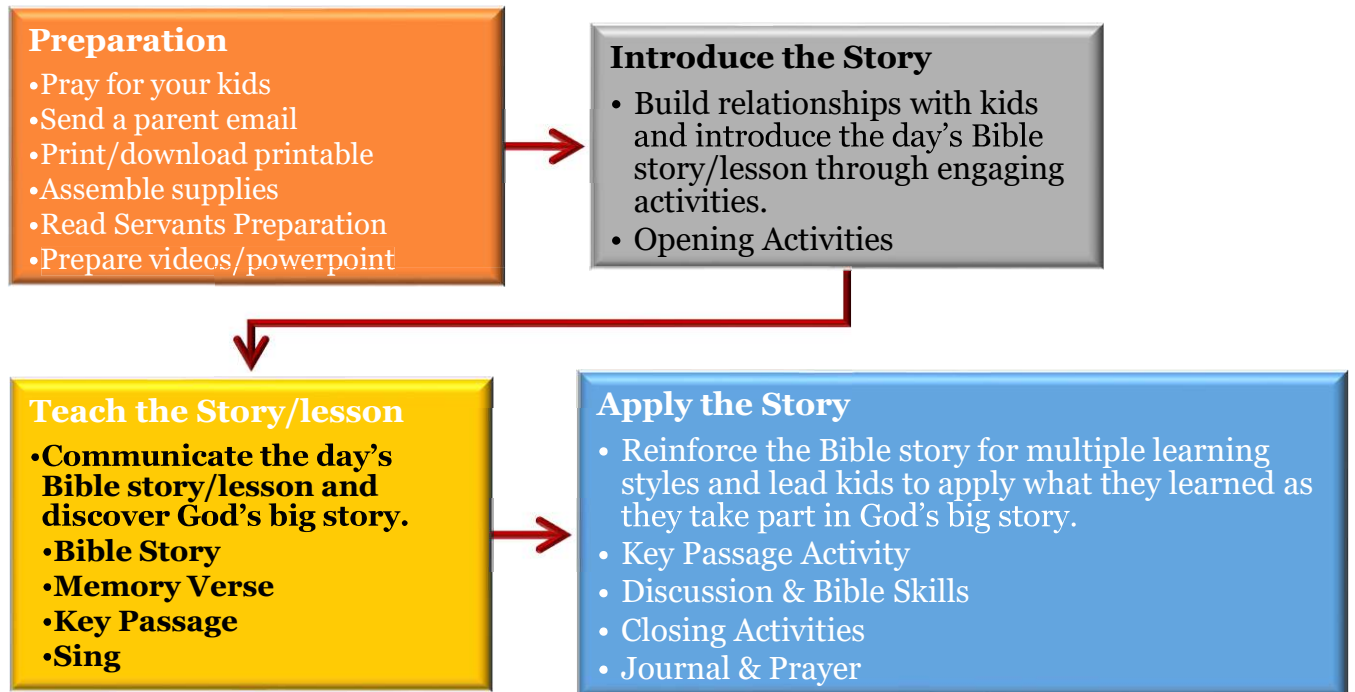
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## PRE-LESSON PLAN:



SERVANT FOR CONSIDERATION: ([Click Here](#))

Pre-class reading and assignment (add)

Class session

**Opening hook** – (add), i.e., a question(s) opening activity.

**Short intro** (add): review application of last session, and homework.

**Chapters** in the plan, the story- by chapter,

**Learning Goals** – Application

Activities (add): (in beginning or end)- linguistic questions, verse memorization activity, true/false questions, emotional questions, fact questions,

Memory Verse (add) - ways of memorization.

<http://www.sundayschoolsources.com/ottoc.htm#The United Kingdom>

<http://www.sundayschoolsources.com/ottoc.htm#The Divided Kingdom>

Add: linguistic questions, true/ false questions, emotional questions, fact questions, Memory Verse- verse memorization activity, ways of memorization (add)

Homework – or after class maybe

<http://www.joyfulmeditations.org/resources/kids/bible-activity-sheets#1%20kings>

### **Lesson delivery ideas**

<https://ministry-to-children.com/story-of-elijah-for-kids/>

<https://ministryark.com/lesson/elijah-ahab-rain-2/>

1 KINGS 17:6

"The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook."



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## **WEEK #11: CHAPTER 20-22, AHAB'S EVIL REIGN IN ISRAEL**

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An unnamed prophet condemns Ahab for sparing Ben-hadad (20);  
Elijah condemns Ahab for seizing Naboth's vineyard (21).  
Micaiah prophesies Ahab's death and its fulfillment (22:1–40)  
Jehoshaphat's good reign in Judah 22:41-50  
Ahaziah's evil reign in Israel 1 Kings 22:51—2 Kings 1:18

Pre-class reading and assignment.

Short intro: review application

### **Chapter# 20- Ahab War and Prophecy of His Death**

#### **Chapter outline:**

1. Ahab Defeats Ben-hadad, Then Gets Palsy.
2. Israel won the battle against Syria twice.
3. Ahab made a treaty with Benhadad.
4. A prophet predicted Ahab's death

#### **1. Ahab Defeats Ben-hadad, Then Gets Palsy 20:1-12**

- Despite the Lord's command that Elijah anoint Hazael to be king of Syria, for whatever reason Ben-hadad is still king for the time being. He's at war with Ahab.
- During a siege of Ahab's capital of Samaria, Ben-hadad sends a messenger to tell Ahab, "Here's what's up: All your silver and gold, and your prettiest wives and children are all mine now."
- Ahab, who's obviously losing, says, "Okay, you win." He probably expects Ben-hadad to make Ahab his **vassal**, but let him keep his family and treasure with the understanding that it all really belongs to Ben-hadad.
- But Ben-hadad's like, "No, I'm going to send my people in there so they can take anything nice they see."
- So now Ahab gathers his elders, and says, "What's with Ben-hadad? I agreed to surrender, but now he literally wants all my stuff. What do I do?"
- His advisors are like, "Don't do it."
- So, Ahab tells Ben-hadad he won't settle for worse than political subjugation.
- Ben-hadad is mad. He swears to take Ahab down.
- Ahab's like, "I'll believe it when I see it."
- So, Ben-hadad commands his huge army to go against the city.
- An unknown prophet comes to Ahab and tells him that the Lord is going to help him win the battle, so he'll know that he's God.
- How? The young nobles of Israel will follow Ahab into battle and defeat Ben-hadad.

#### **2. Israel won the battle against Syria twice. 20:13-21**

- Ahab gathers 232 young men at the head of his army of 7,000 Israelites and attacks Ben-hadad and his generals as they're **inebriating themselves** under the war tents they've set up in the hills around Samaria.

- Ahab's army leaves no prisoners, and Ben-hadad barely escapes on horseback.
- The prophet warns Ahab that Ben-hadad will return next spring to attack once again, so he'd better strengthen his defenses.
- Ben-hadad's servants tell him that Israel must worship a hill god, and that's why they were so much stronger when they fought in the hills.
- They suggest that Ben-hadad fight Israel in the plains, where their god (they suppose) won't be able to help them.
- So that's what they do. That spring, a huge Syrian army goes out to meet the Israelite army in the plains.
- Once again, a man of God tells Ahab that the Lord will give him victory to prove that he is God—and not just of the hills.
- The Israelites kill 100,000 soldiers in a single day, and the Syrians flee to a city called Aphek.
- There, a wall falls down on 27,000 soldiers. Big wall.
- While Ben-hadad hides in the city, his advisors suggest that he surrender. They've heard that Israelite kings are merciful.
- So, the advisors go and ask Ahab to spare Ben-hadad's life. Ahab says, "Of course! He's my bro. Bring him on over."

### **3. Ahab made a treaty with Benhadad. 20:22-34**

- So, Ahab and Ben-hadad settle their differences, make some treaties, and part ways.
- The Lord wanted Ahab to kill Ben-hadad, though, so he sets up a little Learning Goal for Ahab.
- A prophet disguises himself as a wounded soldier (he even gets someone to actually wound him, after some persuasion involving a killer lion) and covers his face with a bandage over his eyes.
- When Ahab comes, he tells him, "King, I was fighting in the battle, but then someone told me to guard a prisoner, and that if he got away, I'd have to pay a talent of silver or die. But I got distracted during the battle, and he got away. Can you help me out here?"

### **4. A prophet predicted Ahab's death. 20:35-43**

- But Ahab's like, "No way. You have to pay the price."
- And the prophet's like, "Ah-hah!" He takes the bandage off his eyes, and Ahab recognizes him. "You let Ben-hadad get away instead of taking care of him like the Lord wanted. Now the Lord will take your life in place of his."
- Ahab feels like a real fool and goes home.

[Look for the themes, Jesus Christ, Politics Religion, Power, Spirituality, Wisdom](#)

**Chapter# 21, Ahab, Naboth, and Elijah**

### **Chapter outline:**

1. The Vineyard of Naboth The Jezreelite.
2. Elijah said to Ahab, "Dogs will lick up your blood and eat Jezebel.
3. Ahab repented.

### **1. The Vineyard of Naboth The Jezreelite. 21:1-16**

### How to Steal A Vineyard?

- A while later, there's a person named Naboth. He has a really nice vineyard in Jezreel right next door to Ahab's palace.
- Ahab really wants to buy it from Naboth, but Naboth refuses, saying the Lord commanded him not to sell his property to Ahab.
- So, Ahab's bummed, and he sort of throws a tantrum, flopping face down on his bed and refusing to eat.
- Jezebel, like a good wife, knows how to cheer him up. She'll just kill Naboth.
- She falsely accuses him of blasphemy and arranges for witnesses to testify against him. Next thing you know the people carry Naboth outside the city and stone him to death. **Slow clap for Jezebel.**
- Ahab obtains ownership of the vineyard, and now everybody's happy. Everybody except for God, that is.
- He sends Elijah to tell Ahab as he's relaxing in his new vineyard that dogs will lick up Ahab's blood in the same place, they licked up Naboth's.
- Ahab's like, "Elijah, my old enemy, how'd you find me?"

### **2. Elijah said to Ahab, "Dogs will lick up your blood and eat Jezebel. 21: 17-26**

- Elijah tells him, "You can't hide from the Lord, man. He's going to bring evil to your life and take away your posterity, just like he did to Jeroboam and Baasha, because you've sinned and made Israel sin. There hasn't been anyone as wicked as you've been. Jezebel tempted you to worship idols, and now you're going to be sorry. Oh—and by the way—dogs are also going to eat your wife by the wall of the city."

### **3. Ahab repented. 21:27-29**

- This scares Ahab so badly that he actually straightens up a bit. He lives in mourning and fasting and humbles himself before God.
- Because of this, God decides that he won't destroy his household until after he's dead. God's really into the **posthumous** family destruction in 1st Kings



## Chapter 22

1. Jehoshaphat Of Judah Allies with Ahab Of Israel.
  1. False prophets predict victory.
  2. Ahab killed at Ramoth Gilead and Jehoshaphat died.
  3. Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Jehoram reigned.

### 1. Jehoshaphat Of Judah Allies with Ahab Of Israel. 22:1-4

#### Ahab Wants Yes-Men

- Israel enjoys three brief years of peace before Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, comes to visit Ahab.
- While he's there, Ahab makes him a proposition: "Syria has conquered a city called Ramoth-Gilead that rightly belongs to Israel. How about helping us take it back?"
- Jehoshaphat agrees, saying, "My horses are your horses, amigo. But let's ask the Lord what he thinks first."
- So, Ahab gathers about 400 prophets together and asks, "Should we battle against Syria?"
- They say, "For sure! The Lord will give you success."
- But Jehoshaphat's like, "Are these all of the prophets you've got?" Ahab admits that there's this one other person, Micaiah, but Ahab hates him because he only ever prophesies bad stuff about him. But Jehoshaphat's like, "Oh, come on. Let's see what he says," so Ahab sends a messenger to get him.

### 2. False prophets predict victory. 22:5-28

- Meanwhile, all the other prophets are saying that Ahab and Jehoshaphat are just going to pummel Syria at Ramoth-Gilead.

- The messenger arrives at Micaiah's house and tells him, "Look, all the other prophets are giving the green light, so it'd be great if you could just go along with things this time."
- But Micaiah says he'll be saying whatever the Lord tells him to say, thank you very much, no matter what.
- Still, when Micaiah gets to the palace and Ahab asks for his opinion, he sarcastically says, "Hey, why not? Go for it. You've got it in the bag."
- Ahab angrily demands that he give him a serious answer, and Micaiah says, "I saw a vision of your armies scattered like sheep with no shepherd."
- But Ahab just says, "See, Jehoshaphat? I told you he only ever prophesies bad stuff about me. Forget him."
- Micaiah continues, "The Lord wants you to go to battle. He's put a lying spirit in all of those other prophets, so they'd convince you."
- But one of the prophets, Zedekiah, smacks Micaiah in the face and says, "You're the one with the lying spirit."
- Ahab condemns Micaiah to prison until he returns victorious from battle.
- Micaiah tells him, "If you come back from this battle, then I'm not a prophet." (Which was sort of a nifty way to prophesy, since no matter what happened, he was right.)
- But Ahab and Jehoshaphat don't listen, and they head off to battle in Ramoth-Gilead.
- Ahab decides to disguise himself as a normal soldier.
- Unbeknownst to him, the king of Syria has commanded his thirty-two chariot captains not to waste their time with regular soldiers, and to only go against the king of Israel himself.
- So, they see Jehoshaphat in his kingly armor and start to chase him, thinking he's Ahab. Luckily, they figure out that they're after the wrong person and leave him alone.

### **3. Ahab killed at Ramoth Gilead and Jehoshaphat died. 22:29-40**

- But Ahab gets hit by an arrow as he's driving his chariot during the battle.
- He tells his servant to carry him from the field, but the battle is too hectic, and he's not able to make it to safety.
- He bleeds to death all over his chariot, and the campaign is called off.
- He's brought back to Samaria, where dogs lick up his blood as they wash it from his chariot and his armor, and prostitutes wash in the same water.
- So, Ahab's son Ahaziah becomes king.

### **4. Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Jehoram reigned. 22:41-53**

- During Jehoshaphat's reign in Judah, the people continue worshipping idols, though not as much as before. Despite this, Jehoshaphat himself is a pretty good person.
- He makes peace with Israel and gets rid of the temple prostitutes, which is great.
- He dies, and his son Jehoram takes his place.
- Ahaziah is evil, like his parents, and worships Baal.

## **POST-LESSON**

### **Promises for Us.**

**In the classic Christmas movie, it's a Wonderful Life, George Bailey is allowed to glimpse the way his quint hometown of Bedford Falls would have been if he had never lived. Instead of a**

decent community in which goodness held its own against greedy Mr. Potter, Bedford Falls had become a sleazy town where all wealth went into Mr. Potter's pockets.

In 1 Kings, the Bible tells the story of Israel as it changes from a decent nation to a greedy one. Under Solomon's rule, Israel reached world renown and general prosperity. But near the end of his life, Solomon changed and as a result, Israel fell apart. After a civil war split the country, many of the kings in the north were like Mr. Potter. In the south, some were like George Bailey, but many were like Mr. Potter. Both nations were in big trouble. It was almost as if Solomon had never lived.

Lasting success in life depends on remembering what's important to the very end. Those who forget about God and begin to think they made themselves successful will fade away.

**ADD: Activities:(in beginning or end)- any of the following: linguistic questions, verse memorization activity, true/ false questions, emotional questions, fact questions, (add)**

**Memory Verse-**

**Lesson delivery ideas**

1. [HTTPS://WWW.CHRISTIAN TODAY.COM/ARTICLE/WHO-IS-NABOTH-AND-WHAT-CAN-WE-LEARN-FROM-HIS-TRAGIC-EXPERIENCE/127402.HTM](https://www.christiantoday.com/article/who-is-naboth-and-what-can-we-learn-from-his-tragic-experience/127402.htm)
2. <https://ministry-to-children.com/northern-kings-part-2-lesson/>

**FOR CONSIDERATION – GENERAL REFLECTION:**

- What Successes have you had, or do you want to achieve?
- What things do you think could tempt you to turn your back on God and take sole credit for your success?
- What happens in the lives, families, and careers of people who forget about what made them successful in the first place?