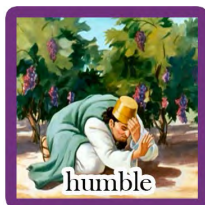


# Ages 7-10: Ahab and Jezebel Bingo

### Materials Needed

*Bingo Boards* for each student (6 different boards are provided); *Calling Cards* and *The Story of Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard* for the teacher; bingo markers such as coins, poker chips or pencils to mark off the squares

Prepare in Advance Print *Bingo Cards* and *Calling Cards*. Cut calling cards apart. Gather bingo square markers.



Note: Many of the illustrations used in this bingo game are copyright Moody Publishers and can be found at <https://freebibleimages.org/illustrations/moody-ahab/>.

Reinforce the story of Ahab coveting Naboth's vineyard by playing *Ahab and Jezebel Bingo*.

1. Give each student a *Bingo Board*. Encourage students to look through the pictures.
2. Go over the words and discuss what part each picture plays in the story. Use *The Story of Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard* with the highlighted words for help as needed.
3. Give each student enough coins, poker chips, etc. to cover squares as they are called, or a pencil to mark pictures that are called. Start by placing a marker on the center square.
4. Shuffle the *Calling Cards*. Pick up the top card and hold the picture up while calling out the word on the card. Make sure each child can see the card and find the matching picture on their boards. When the matching picture is identified, children will cover the picture using a bingo marker.
5. The player who places five markers in a row first—vertically, horizontally or diagonally—wins!
6. If there is interest, replay, perhaps with a student caller.
7. *Optional:* for small groups, make the game more interesting by giving each student two boards to complete simultaneously.



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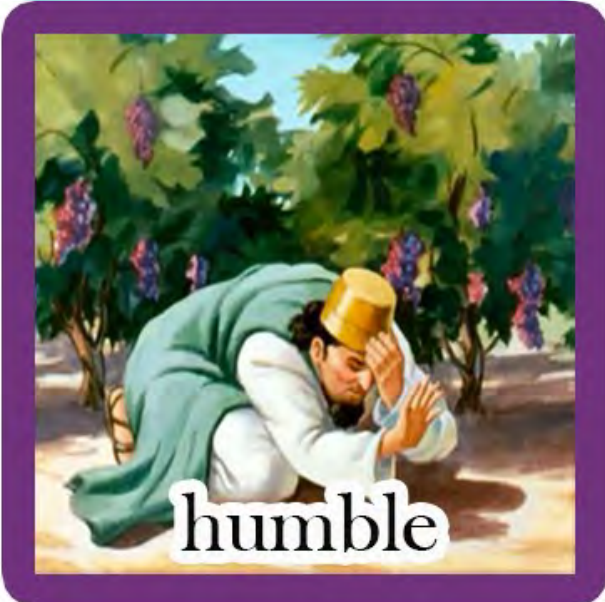
By not coveting a neighbor's house is meant not to covet anyone's goods, which, in general, are possessions and wealth, and not to appropriate them to oneself by evil arts. This lust is of the love of the world. See *Apocalypse Explained* 1021.2

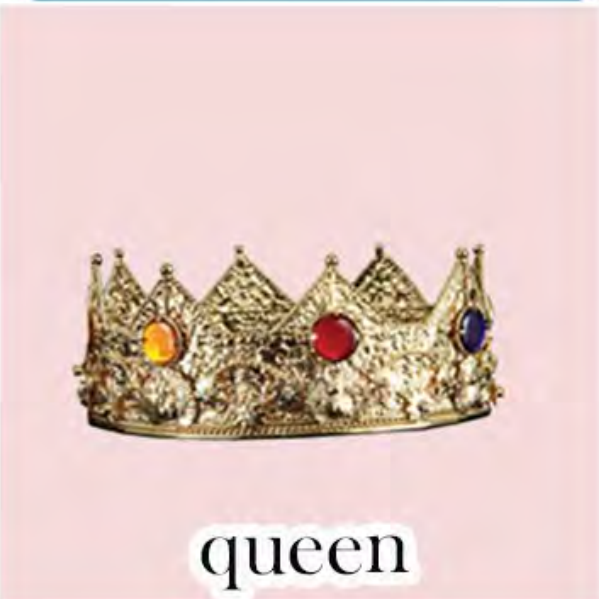
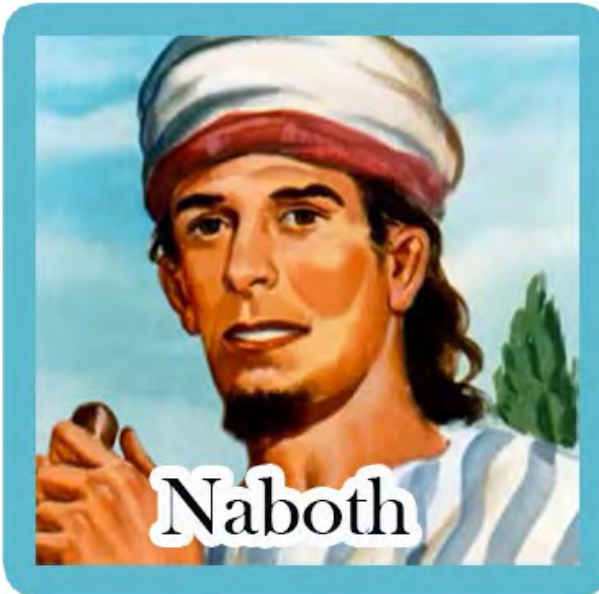
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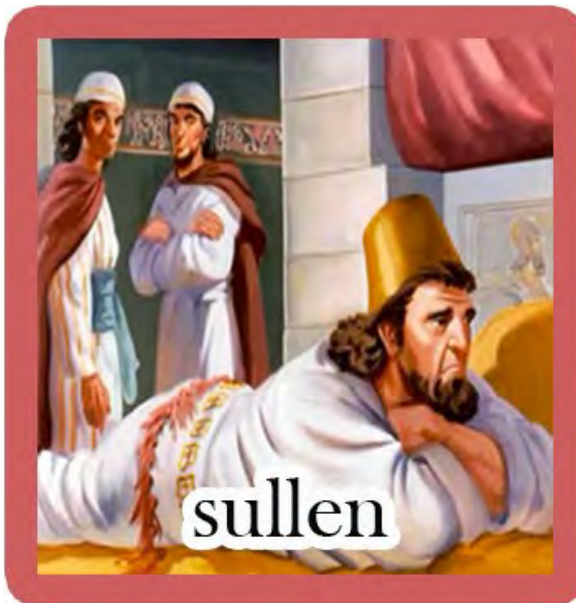
There are two loves from which all lusts, like streams from their fountain, spring and perpetually flow. Those loves are called the love of the world and the love of self. Lust is a love continually willing; for what a person loves, this they continually covet. But lusts pertain to the love of evil, whereas desires and affections pertain to the love of good. Now because the love of the world and the love of self are the fountains of all lusts, and all evil lusts are forbidden in these two last precepts, it follows that the ninth precept forbids the lusts flowing from the love of the world, and the tenth precept, the lusts from the love of self. See *Apocalypse Explained* 1021.2

You shall  
not covet









## The Story of Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard

*The ninth commandment tells us, "**You shall not covet** your neighbor's house."*

*The story of Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard shows us a picture of how terrible coveting can be.*

**Ahab** was **king** of Israel in the north of Canaan. Many of the kings in the north did not follow the Lord, however the Word tells us that Ahab was even more evil than the other kings. He did what he wanted even when he knew it was wrong.

Ahab's **palace** was in the Jezreel **Valley**, which was rich, fertile land. The palace was next to a **vineyard** owned by a man named **Naboth**. Ahab wanted the vineyard to grow **vegetables**. So he asked Naboth if he could have it. He said that he would give Naboth another vineyard or else **money**. But Naboth's fruitful vineyard was his inheritance from the Lord. The Lord had commanded him not to sell it. So with great courage, he told King Ahab that he could not let him have it.

In his heart Ahab knew Naboth was right, but he did not seem to care. He **coveted** the vineyard. He angrily went to his room and lay on his **bed** in a temper. He turned his **sullen** face to the wall and **refused to eat**.

When Ahab's wife, **Jezebel** the **queen**, heard what had happened, she went to her husband and told him to get up, eat and cheer up. She said she would get the vineyard for him. While Ahab sulked, Jezebel wrote **letters** to the **elders and nobles** in the king's name. She told them to proclaim a fast day and invite Naboth to take a high position. Jezebel also told them to seat two evil men next to Naboth. They would falsely accuse him of blasphemy. Jezebel sealed the letters with the king's **seal** and sent them.

The elders and nobles did as Jezebel asked. Naboth sat at the head of the table. The evil men acted as **false witnesses** against Naboth, and he was taken out of the city and stoned. Then the elders and nobles told Jezebel that Naboth was dead. When Ahab heard this, he cheered up and went out to claim Naboth's vineyard.

But the Lord told the prophet **Elijah** to go to Naboth's vineyard to **accuse** Ahab of this awful act and give him a warning. The Lord's message was: 'Have you **murdered** and also taken possession?' Elijah told Ahab that not only would he die, but that his family would die too.

When Ahab heard the words of the Lord, he tore his clothes. He showed that he was sorry by putting on clothes made from a scratchy and uncomfortable material called **sackcloth**. He fasted and mourned. Because Ahab had **humbled** himself, the Lord told Elijah that Ahab would not lose the kingdom and his family would be not destroyed until after his death.

# B I N G O

 king	 Jezebel	 money	 seal	 vegetables
 palace	 elders & nobles	<p>You shall not covet</p>	 vineyard	 sullen
 accuse	 Naboth		 bed	 Elijah
 false witness	 murder	 refused to eat	 valley	 humble
 covet	 queen	 sackcloth	 Ahab	 letter

# B I N G O

 queen	 false witness	 Elijah	 covet	 Ahab
 humble	 letter	 accuse	 sackcloth	 Jezebel
 elders & nobles	 valley		 murder	 palace
 money	 vineyard	 seal	 sullen	 Naboth
 vegetables	<p>You shall not covet</p>	 bed	 refused to eat	 king



# B I N G O

 murder	 accuse	 humble	 vineyard	 bed
 elders & nobles	 vegetables	 false witness	 queen	 refused to eat
 palace	 sullen		 sackcloth	 seal
 Jezebel	 covet	 king	 Ahab	<p>You shall not covet</p>
 letter	 Elijah	 Naboth	 valley	 money

# B I N G O

 vegetables	 elders & nobles	 queen	 Elijah	 bed
 king	 murder	 letter	 refused to eat	 Ahab
 sackcloth	 covet		 Naboth	 palace
 Jezebel	 seal	 sullen	 vineyard	 false witness
<p>You shall not covet</p>	 valley	 humble	 accuse	 money

# B I N G O

<p>You shall not covet</p>	 <p>seal</p>	 <p>vineyard</p>	 <p>money</p>	 <p>valley</p>
 <p>refused to eat</p>	 <p>vegetables</p>	 <p>Naboth</p>	 <p>Jezebel</p>	 <p>sullen</p>
 <p>bed</p>	 <p>king</p>		 <p>humble</p>	 <p>accuse</p>
 <p>Ahab</p>	 <p>elders &amp; nobles</p>	 <p>Elijah</p>	 <p>letter</p>	 <p>sackcloth</p>
 <p>false witness</p>	 <p>palace</p>	 <p>murder</p>	 <p>queen</p>	 <p>covet</p>

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 seal	 refused to eat	 king	 vegetables	 Naboth