Ages 3-6: Ahab's Window

Materials Needed

A copy of *Ahab's Window* and *Naboth's Vineyard* for each child, crayons or markers, scissors, stapler or tape

Prepare in Advance

Print *Ahab's Window* and *Naboth's Vineyard*. Gather supplies. Depending on the ages of your children, you may wish to cut out the *Ahab's Window* page as described in #s 3 & 4 of the directions before class.



Ahab saw Naboth's vineyard from his palace and wanted it for himself. Children will create a diorama that shows Ahab lying in his bed, coveting Naboth's vineyard which is visible through the window. Jezebel stands near by, plotting to get the land for Ahab.

1. What did Ahab want? (Naboth's beautiful vineyard)
2. How did Jezebel feel about the vineyard? (She wanted Ahab to be happy and helped him get what he wanted.) She didn't care that it was wrong of Ahab to want it so much, and wrong of her to do the things she did so he could get it.
3. Give each child a copy of *Ahab's Window* and markers or crayons. Color Ahab and Jezebel. Notice how unhappy they both look! We are unhappy when we want things we shouldn't and think about doing bad things to get them.
4. Bend the finished picture of *Ahab's Window* on the dashed line in the middle of the window. Cut out and remove the window along the solid black lines.
5. Trim the sides of *Ahab's Window* along the solid black lines. This will make the window narrower than *Naboth's Vineyard,* but the same height.
6. Give each child a copy of *Naboth's Vineyard.* Staple or tape *Naboth's Vineyard* and *Ahab's Window* together at the sides with the picture of the vineyard shows through the window. Since *Naboth's Vineyard* is wider than *Ahab's Window* it will bow out behind it to create a 3-D effect, allowing the project to stand like a diorama.

New Church Concept

Teacher Background

"Love of the world is a desire to draw to oneself the wealth of others by any device whatever, to set the heart upon riches, and to permit the world to withdraw and lead one away from spiritual love." *True Christian Religion* 400

While He was in the world the Lord taught the interior doctrines of the church; and these forbid one to long for evil actions. This He taught, so that the internal and external person should make one. This is being born anew, as the Lord said to Nicodemus. No one can be born anew or regenerated, and so become an internal person, except by the Lord's doing. See *True Christian Religion* 326

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"In the spiritual sense these commandments forbid all longings which are against the spirit, that is to say, those which oppose the spirituality of the church, which relates chiefly to faith and charity. If these longings were not tamed, the flesh left to its own devices would rush into every crime. For it is well known from the writings of Paul that the longings of the flesh are contrary to the spirit, those of the spirit contrary to the flesh." *True Christian Religion* 327

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Ahab's Window

Cut along dark line.



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Naboth's Vineyard



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