

Elijah Confronts Ahab

Level B | Lesson 6 | Teacher Overview

Key Message: We can turn to the Lord no matter what we have done.

Text: I Kings 21:1-20, 29

Activity Options (choose 2 or 3)

1. Talk About It
2. Memory Verse
3. Make: Two Great Commandments Hanging
4. Make: Ahab Is Sorry
5. Color: Elijah Confronts Ahab



Matthew 22:37-39

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Talk About It

I Kings 21:1-20,29: Naboth's Vineyard

1. Today's story is about King Ahab wanting to take something that did not belong to him from a man called Naboth. What was it? (Naboth's vineyard. A vineyard is where grapes grow. Naboth had inherited his vineyard from his ancestors. He owned it because it was his birthright. By wanting Naboth's vineyard, Ahab also wanted to take his birthright away from him.)
2. Where was it? (It was next to the king's palace.)
3. What did Ahab do when Naboth said "no." (He went to bed and wouldn't talk to anyone.) Have you ever pouted or become upset when someone said no to what you wanted?
4. When Jezebel saw that Ahab was upset she broke the Ten Commandments so that Ahab could get what he wanted. Which commandments did she break? (covet, false witness (lies), murder, steal)
5. Later on Elijah came to talk to Ahab about what had happened. What did he tell Ahab? (He told him that Ahab and Jezebel would die, and that the throne of Israel, which would normally have been inherited by Ahab's descendants, would be taken away from his family.)
6. How did Ahab show he was really sorry when he heard that? (He tore his clothes, dressed in sackcloth and would not eat anything. This is what people did when somebody had died.)
7. How did Ahab's apology change Elijah's prophecy? (He said that his son would inherit the throne, and after that the throne would be taken from his family.) Is it easy to apologize? Do you feel differently after you apologize, or if someone apologizes to you?
8. Ahab broke many of the Lord's Commandments. But the Lord heard how sorry he felt; He heard his prayers. The Lord always invites us to turn to Him when we have done something wrong. He loves us—even when we do something wrong.

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Cut in quarters and give one to each student to take home.

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Make: Two Great Commandments Hanging

I Kings 21:1-20,29: Naboth's Vineyard



Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard so badly that he broke the Lord's Commandments to get it. This project focuses on ideas in the Word that can help us when we want something that is not ours.

Supplies Needed for Each Student

- project page of the first Great Commandment printed on heavy paper (see attached sheet)
- project page of the second Great Commandment printed on heavy paper (see attached sheet)
- ribbon or yarn for hanging
- tape to secure ribbon
- scissors
- stapler or glue to hold finished project together
- crayons, colored pencils or markers

Teacher Preparation

Cut ribbon for hanging into 6"-12" lengths (15cm -30cm). depending on what you want your final project to look like. Choosing a longer ribbon will allow children to hang the project over a door handle. A shorter ribbon will allow children to hang it in a window.

Project Directions

1. What rules did Ahab forget when he wanted Naboth's vineyard? (the Commandments)
2. Let's see how many of the Ten Commandments we can remember together (Lord your God—no gods before me, not take the name of the Lord in vain, remember the Sabbath, honor your father and mother, shall not kill, shall not commit adultery, shall not steal, shall not bear false witness against your neighbor, shall not covet)
3. Which commandments did Naboth disobey?



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4. Some of the Commandments have to do with the Lord and how we are to treat Him. The other Commandments are about how we treat other people, our neighbors.
5. When the Lord was in the world, He gave us the Two Great Commandments. These Commandments are also about how we treat the Lord and other people.

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And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22: 37-40

6. Today's project is a hanging of the Two Great Commandments.
7. Draw a picture of the Lord on the page with the first Great Commandment on it.
8. Draw a picture showing something loving you can do for your neighbor on page with the second Great Commandment.
9. Cut out both of the ovals. Choose a ribbon and tape it to the back of one of the pictures, looping it so that you can hang it from a door handle, or in a window.
10. Tape, glue or staple the ovals together so that you can see the Lord on one side and your neighbor on the other side.

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Make: Ahab Is Sorry

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Recreate Ahab tearing up his clothing and putting on sackcloth to show that he was sorry for taking Naboth's vineyard with this interactive project.

Supplies Needed for Each Student

- copy of the Ahab Is Sorry page on heavy paper (see attached sheet)
- a few squares of various colors of tissue paper OR a copy of Ahab's kingly robe copied onto brightly colored paper and already cut out (see attached sheet)
- Ahab's sackcloth garment already cut out* (see attached sheet)
- crayons or colored pencils
- glue

* To make "sackcloth" print the page on brown paper and cut out the shapes, *or* use the outline as a template and cut the clothing out of rough dark colored cloth *or* print the page on white paper, color them brown and cut out.

Project Directions

1. Color the picture of Ahab. Remind the children that Ahab was sorry for the bad thing he had done.
2. Ahab was a king so he would have had beautiful, fancy clothes. He showed that he was sorry by tearing up his nice clothes. Have children tear up the pieces of tissue paper, then glue them on the page near Ahab's feet. Alternatively, you could have the children color the kingly robe, put it on Ahab for a moment, and then tear it into pieces and glue the pieces near his feet.
3. Instead of his nice clothes, Ahab put on sackcloth. Sackcloth was rough, plain and uncomfortable to wear. Glue the sackcloth robe on Ahab.
4. Finish by having the children repeat the caption after you: "Ahab Is Sorry"!



Ahab Is Sorry







