

LESSON 1

KING AHAB

OBJECTIVES

1. To learn about the life and death of King Ahab.
2. To understand that God will repay the good and the bad for what they have done.
3. To know that God sees everything and is faithful to His words.

MEMORY VERSE

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

(Galatians 6:7)

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for this blessed Sabbath day. You are the almighty God who sees everything and will judge us according to the good and bad that we do on earth. Teach us therefore, Lord, to live meaningful and God-fearing lives so that we may glorify You.



Overview

1. Bible Discovery and Spiritual Teaching

- Ahab's Reign of Evil
- The Challenge on Mount Carmel
- Ahab Brings about the Death of Naboth
- God's Words Come to Pass

2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—The Second Coming

3. Life Application

- God Will Render to Us According to Our Words
- God Will Render to Us According to Our Deeds
- God Will Render to Us According to Our Faith
- God Will Render to Us According to the Way We Treat Others

4. Activity—The Seeing Arrow



Background Knowledge for Teachers

King Ahab

Described in the Bible as the most evil king of Israel (1 Ki 16:30), Ahab was the 7th king of Israel. Not only did he walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat by worshipping the golden calves, he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians. Jezebel brought with her many pagan gods, and Ahab set up an altar and temple for Baal. He promoted idolatry and led the entire nation to sink into deep sin and wickedness. Ahab provoked the Lord to anger more than all the kings of Israel who were before him (1 Ki 16:33).

Queen Jezebel

Ahab's evil wife, Jezebel came from the Phoenician city of Tyre where her father had first served as high priest and eventually king. Jezebel worshipped the god Baal, the most popular Canaanite god. Baal idols were usually molded into the shape of a bull representing strength and fertility. Those who worshipped Baal believed that he was the god who brought the rains and bountiful harvests. So, when Elijah walked into the presence of Ahab and told him there would be no rain for several years, this overthrew their beliefs that Baal was in control.



Reaching Out to Your Students

Your students should be made aware that everything they do will have lasting consequences. Throughout the Bible, God repeatedly warns the kings, leaders, and people of the dangers of their disobedience and the consequences that will follow. Similarly, your students need to know clearly what the boundaries are so that they can avoid disobedience and punishment and reap a harvest from the good seeds they have sown.



Opener

5 Minutes

[Before class, prepare 2-3 packets of different vegetable seeds.]

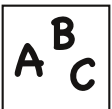
Have you ever planted a garden before? If you want to grow watermelons, you cannot plant sunflower seeds. [Show seeds.] Or if you want juicy tomatoes and plant squash seeds, you won't get juicy tomatoes. This tells us that you have to plant the right seeds to get what you'd like.

The Bible says in Galatians 6:7-9 that we will reap what we sow. But this verse is not simply speaking of a garden. It is talking about our lives as well.

If we sow good things, such as kindness, generosity, love, and care, we will reap those good things back. People will be kind, generous, and loving to us as well. But more importantly, God will reward us for all the good things that we sow.

But if we are rude, mean, and show anger towards people, are we going to get good things? It's like planting cactus and thinking we will harvest cabbage. Of course we will not get good things. No, we will get bad things in return because we reap the things that we sow. And again, God will punish us according to the bad things that we have sown.

In our lesson today, we will look at what happened at the end of King Ahab's life and how God rendered to him according to what he sowed in his life.



Vocabulary

render: to provide or give



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery worksheet to the students. The students will fill in the blanks and answer the questions as you teach the lesson. Pause to allow the students to answer the questions. Keep a copy of the Teacher Version for reference.

A. Ahab's Reign of Evil

When King Solomon died, the nation of Israel divided into two parts—the Northern Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom. Most of the kings who ruled during that time did not follow God. In the Northern Kingdom of Israel, wicked kings ruled. Jeroboam was the first

king, and he made two golden calves for the people to worship. Next came Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, and Omri.

Each king led the people of God down the wrong path. But during the time of Ahab, the Bible tells us that Ahab did more evil than any other king before him. Let's review some of the evils that King Ahab committed that angered God greatly.

- a. Ahab walked in the sins of Jeroboam by worshipping idols and the golden calves that King Jeroboam had made.



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- b. Ahab took as wife Jezebel, the daughter of King Ethbaal of Sidon. Jezebel worshipped the god Baal and brought her pagan gods with her to Israel.
- c. In order to please his wife, Ahab built a temple and altars for her gods and even went into the temple to worship her gods. This brought great wickedness into the land of Israel because the people of God followed the king and began to worship Baal.

Because of Ahab's sins, God's wrath came upon Ahab. What punishment did God bring upon Ahab and the land?

Elijah said to Ahab, "There shall not be dew or rain these years, except at my word" (1 Ki 17:1). Since there was no rain, crops and vegetation could not grow and a severe famine spread throughout the land.

1 Kings 18:5 gives us an idea of the severity of the famine. Here, King Ahab instructed Obadiah, a servant who was in charge of Ahab's house but feared God, to go throughout the land, to all the springs of water and to all the brooks in search of grass. Without grass, the horses and mules would all die. So, Ahab and Obadiah each went their different ways looking for grass.

B. The Challenge on Mount Carmel

King Ahab not only worshipped Baal himself, he influenced the entire nation to depart from God and worship Baal. Ahab's wicked wife tried to remove the worship of the true God by massacring the prophets of God (1 Ki 18:4).

When Elijah saw the terrible condition of the hearts and faith of the people, his heart burned with zeal for the Lord. What did Elijah do to prove to Ahab and the people that the Lord was God? Yes, he challenged Ahab and the 850 false prophets to a contest on Mount Carmel; the God who sent fire down from heaven upon the sacrifice is the true God.

What was the result? Though the false prophets raved all afternoon for their god to send down fire, there was no reply, no voice. When it was Elijah's turn, he made a prayer to God. Instantly, fire flashed down from heaven and licked up the sacrifice and all the water that Elijah had poured upon it. When the people saw this, they confessed that the Lord was the true God, but Ahab remained stubborn.

What did Elijah immediately do to ensure that the false prophets and wickedness were removed from the land? He commanded the people to seize every one of the false prophets of Baal and to have them killed at the Kishon Brook (1 Ki 18:40).

C. Ahab Brings about the Death of Naboth

Another great evil that Ahab committed was in the incident of Naboth and his vineyard. Do you remember why Ahab wanted to buy Naboth's vineyard? It was close to his palace, so Ahab wanted it to use as a vegetable garden. Why did Naboth refuse to sell the land to Ahab? Naboth refused to sell the land because God prohibited His people from selling their land. The land was an inheritance from his fathers, so the land was to be kept in the family for generations.

When Queen Jezebel learned how Naboth refused to sell Ahab his vineyard, she felt that the king had the right and freedom to possess anything that he wanted. She came up with a plan to please her husband where Naboth was falsely accused and then murdered. Even though Ahab may not have been directly involved in conspiring against Naboth, he allowed his wife to influence the people and carry out this great wickedness.

God's Punishment upon the House of Ahab

God sees everything! God saw Ahab's rebellious and stubborn heart. God saw the murderous act that he had committed. God had been very patient with Ahab but God now had had enough. He sent Elijah to Ahab to tell him the terrible punishment that would befall him and his family. Read 1 Kings 21:17-24.

- In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs will lick the blood of Ahab.
- God will not allow a single one of his male descendants to survive. God was going to destroy his entire family as he did the family of King Jeroboam.
- God will allow the dogs to tear apart and eat the body of his wife Jezebel.

Ahab's Reaction to God's Judgment

If you were in Ahab's shoes, how would you respond to God's judgment? [Allow students to answer.]

When Ahab heard God's judgment, he realized that he was in big trouble! All along, when God warned him through His words and deeds, Ahab did not take God

seriously. He continuously ignored God's laws and did whatever he pleased. But now, God had had enough of his wickedness and Ahab knew that he had gone too far. Ahab humbled himself by tearing his clothes, putting on black clothes, and fasting.

When God saw Ahab's repentance, what did God decide to do? Read 1 Kings 21:29. What does this tell us about the God we worship? Our God is a just and merciful God. Ahab was without excuse for living a wicked life after knowing the truth and seeing God's marvelous deeds. For this wickedness, God had already decreed a punishment: Ahab, Jezebel, and their sons would be destroyed. God is a just God and would not lightly excuse Ahab from all his sins. However, since Ahab finally realized the magnitude of his transgressions and humbled himself before the Lord, God showed Ahab kindness and mercy by not punishing Ahab's sons until after Ahab's death.

D. God's Words Come to Pass

[Teacher Tip: Have students read 1 Kings 22 and act out the court scene and the battle scene.]

So, one day, it happened that King Jehoshaphat from Judah paid a visit to King Ahab. Do you remember how King Jehoshaphat and King Ahab are related? Yes, Jehoshaphat's son, Jehoram, had married Athaliah, Ahab's daughter. During the visit, Ahab asked Jehoshaphat if he would be willing to combine their military forces to recover Ramoth Gilead, a city that had been occupied by their enemies the Syrians. Jehoshaphat was willing, but he first wanted to find out from God what they should do. So, Ahab gathered his prophets. What kind of prophets do you think Ahab had? (False prophets.)

What did the prophets say? Read 1 Kings 22:6. All of Ahab's prophets told him what he wanted to hear—Ahab would go to battle and be victorious against the enemy. Jehoshaphat, however, knew that these prophets were not true prophets of God. So, he asked to inquire of a prophet of God. The prophet Micaiah was brought forth. How did the prophet Micaiah prophesy? Read 1 Kings 22:17.

Micaiah prophesied that Ahab would die during the battle. Ahab did not like to call for Micaiah because Micaiah never said anything that he liked to hear. Ahab's hard and evil heart made him only want to hear good things and not the truth.

Despite the prophecy, Ahab still planned to go to battle. But in case Micaiah's prophecy was true, what strategy did Ahab use? How did God outsmart Ahab's plan?

Read 1 Kings 22:29-35.

Ahab decided to disguise himself in an ordinary soldier's uniform. He thought that by not putting on his kingly robes to battle, he could avoid getting killed. But God sees everything and no one can hide from Him (cf. Heb 4:13).

During the battle, someone shot an arrow at random and it struck King Ahab between the joints of his armor.

This tells us that no matter how much we try to outsmart God, God's wisdom will always surpass human wisdom. The fact that the arrow did not strike anyone—not another soldier, the King of Syria, or King Jehoshaphat—but King Ahab tells us that God is sovereign and nothing is random or coincidental. God guided the arrow so that it struck Ahab where his armor was not protecting him. Ahab died and did not have victory in this battle, just as Micaiah had prophesied.

After Ahab was wounded, he bled so heavily that the blood ran down onto the floor of his chariot. In the evening, King Ahab died. After his burial, the soldiers took the king's chariot and armor to Samaria to be washed, and there the dogs licked up the blood of Ahab, just as Elijah had predicted.

God had also said that Ahab's family would be destroyed during his son's reign. When Jehoram, Ahab's son, was king, God chose Jehu, who was a commander in Israel's army, to take Jehoram's place. Jehu killed all of Ahab's sons and everyone who was in his house (2 Ki 10:11).

Jehu then went to Jezreel where Jezebel was. She put on make-up and did her hair to meet Jehu. But he called to the servants in the tower where she was, and they obeyed Jehu's instructions to throw her out the window. When the soldiers came back later to gather her body for burial, they found only her skull, feet, and the palms of her hands. The dogs had eaten her body just as Elijah had prophesied (2 Ki 9:30-37).

Not a single word that the Lord spoke against Ahab's royal house failed. The Lord had punished him exactly as He had said through his servant Elijah.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

The Second Coming

The Lord Jesus will descend from heaven on the last day to judge all people; the righteous will receive eternal life, while the wicked will be eternally condemned.

King Ahab lived a life full of wickedness and selfish deeds. In the end, God punished him for all the evil that he had brought upon the people of Israel and for the evil he had done towards others. Today, we must learn from the story of King Ahab and remember that God will repay us for whatever we have done, whether it is good or evil. On the last day, when Jesus Christ comes again, we will all be judged, so we must do our best to do good and to keep from doing evil.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

True or False

1. **Because of Ahab's sins, the land suffered drought and famine for three and a half years.** True.
2. **King Ahab's choice to marry Jezebel was a poor one because she badly influenced Ahab. She brought false gods into the land of Israel, killed the prophets of God, and had no fear for God.** True.
3. **The soldier who shot the arrow only killed Ahab by chance.** False; God guided the arrow to strike Ahab where the armor did not protect him.
4. **After Ahab repented, he did not need to bear any consequences for the sins he had committed because God forgave him for all his sins.** False; Ahab fell in battle, and Jehu exterminated his household.
5. **Seeing Ahab's repentance, God decided that he would allow his sons to continue to be kings.** False.

Questions to Think About

6. **Why did the Bible describe Ahab as a king who did more evil than any other king?** Ahab worshipped idols and the golden calves; he married Jezebel, a Gentile woman who worshipped pagan gods and did much evil; he influenced the people of Israel to worship Baal and persecute God's prophets.
7. **When we examine Ahab's life, we can clearly see that the God we worship is what kind of God?** A loving, merciful, and just God
8. **God is faithful to His word. Name at least two events from Ahab's life when God's words came to pass.** Rain would not fall until Elijah gave the word; Ahab would die in battle; the dogs would lick his blood after his death; the dogs would eat Ahab's wife; Ahab's sons would be destroyed after his death.



Life Application

10 Minutes

In today's story, we learn that God is both a loving and a just God. In Exodus 34:6-7, God told Moses that He was "merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

From here, we can see there are two facets of God's nature; He is both a loving and a just God. How did God show His love to Ahab? God was very patient with Ahab and Jezebel. He gave them numerous opportunities to repent and return to Him. When God saw how Ahab humbled himself and repented, He delayed Ahab's punishment so that Ahab would not see his sons die.

But God is also a just God. God is fair and right in all His judgments. In Ahab's life, how do we see that God is just? [Allow students to answer.] Even though Ahab repented, this did not mean that God simply ignored what he and Jezebel had done in the past. God still held them accountable and punished them according to their sins.

Likewise, God will judge us according to all that we say and do on earth. To those who did good, who loved God and men, and who preached the gospel will be rewarded. However, for those who disobeyed the truth, who lived for their own enjoyment and pleasures, and who did not care for others will be punished. Sometimes, the reward/punishment may happen while we are still on this earth. But, it can also be delayed and happen at the Second Coming when we stand before God.

What will God hold us accountable for?

1. God Will Render to Us According to Our Words

Let us read Matthew 12:36-37. "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

What areas of speech would we be judged for? (Idle, hurtful and unkind words, gossip, lies, etc.)

What does the Bible say about the kinds of words we should speak?

- **Colossians 4:6**
Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- **Hebrews 13:15**
Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
- **Ephesians 4:29**
Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Scenario

"Hey Walt, I heard that you got one hundred percent on your English vocabulary test. That's awesome!" exclaims Fred. "It was pretty tough!" Walt replies. Fred becomes silent for a bit. "There's a rumor that you wrote some of the answers on your arm." Walt stares at his friend in total disbelief. "Do you believe that?" Walt asks.

Fred knows that his friend Walt did not cheat on the test. If you were Fred, what would you say to encourage and comfort Walt? (Fred can first affirm his faith in Walt and then assure Walt that he will stand by him. False rumors such as this often stem from people who are envious or jealous. God knows everything. As long as we are blameless in our actions, we do not need to worry about these rumors, as they will pass like the wind.)

2. God Will Render to Us According to Our Deeds

2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

How were the following people rewarded for their deeds?

- 2 Timothy 4:8—Paul preached the gospel and was rewarded the crown of righteousness.
- 2 Kings 4:8-10, 17—The Shunammite woman showed hospitality to Elisha and she was blessed with a son.
- Acts 9:36, 40-41—Dorcas (Tabitha) did many charitable works and was resurrected.
- Acts 10:1-2, 48—Cornelius feared God, prayed, and gave alms. God gave him an opportunity to be saved.

Scenario

It was the first snowstorm of the year and twelve inches of snow had fallen the night before. "Come on Jake, grab your coat and get ready. We're going to clean the driveway," shouts Dad.

Jake jumps down the stairs two by two, pulling on his coat, gloves, and hat.

Jake and his father work hard to clear a path in the huge pile of snow. As Jake stops to rest, he notices that their elderly neighbor, Mr. Walker is outside clearing his driveway, too. However, he isn't getting very far. Jake watches Mr. Walker huff and puff with every shovelful of snow.

What would you do if you were Jake? (Jesus gave us a new commandment to love others as He had loved us. Through our loving actions, everyone will know that we are different, that we are Jesus' disciples. Our deeds of care and concern can touch the hearts of others and be a testimony for the gospel.)

Think of some good things you can do that will be remembered by the Lord. [Allow students to respond.]

3. God Will Render to Us According to Our Faith

"Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith let it be to you'" (Mt 9:29).

God will do according to our faith. Those with little faith will receive little; those with great faith will receive more.

How were the following people rewarded for their faith?

- Mat 9:27-29—The two blind men were healed according to their faith.
- 2 Kgs 5:1, 14—Due to his great faith, Naaman bathed seven times in the Jordan River and was healed of leprosy.
- Gen 6:22; 7:1—Noah was able to enter into the ark and be saved because he believed and obeyed God.

Draw or write down what 1 Peter 1:9 tells us is the greatest reward for our faith.

Scenario

"It's no use, I've prayed and prayed, and I still haven't gotten the Holy Spirit!" cries Beverly, her head buried in her hands. Eva, Beverly's friend, hugs her.

"I go out to the front to pray; I cry, I pray with all my heart and still nothing! Even kids younger than I get it! Why do I have to waste my time! It's clear that God does not love me!" Beverly wails.

If you were Eva, what uplifting words could you say to help Beverly have more faith in God? (Eva can encourage Beverly by reminding her that God is faithful. Beverly must continue to believe in God and His promises. Eva can use biblical examples, such as Abraham, who had to wait for twenty-five years before God gave him his son Isaac, or Noah, who waited a hundred years before he saw the flood. Through praying and waiting, God is testing Beverly's faith to see if she truly believes in Him. If Beverly holds fast to her faith and does not lose hope, she will experience God's blessings.)

4. God Will Render to Us According to the Way We Treat Others

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Lk 6:38).

How were the following people rewarded for the way they treated others?

- Gen 26:18-24—When the people of the land took over Isaac's two wells, he did not argue with them. The people later made peace with Isaac and God blessed him.
- Ruth 1:16-17; 4:13—Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi were both widows. Ruth chose to follow and take care of Naomi. God rewarded her with a new husband, who would provide for them, and a son.

Think about how you would like to be treated. Now choose one person to whom you will try to show this kind of treatment in the coming week.

Scenario

Miriam enjoys school, but lately she has been feeling downcast. A classmate of hers named Jessie just doesn't seem to like her. Jessie ignores Miriam, and when she passes out invitations to the girls in the class, she does not include Miriam. Miriam feels hurt by this and tells her mother about it.

If you were Miriam's mother, what could you say to comfort Miriam and help her treat others the way she wants to be treated? (No one likes to be left out or made to feel different. Miriam has two options: The first option is that she can choose to behave just like Jessie. She can ignore her and not include her in any of her activities. By choosing this option, their relationship will not have a chance to improve and Miriam will only feel worse over time. The other option is for Miriam to do what the Bible says: treat others the way she would like to be treated. If Miriam would like to be included and greeted by Jessie, then that is the way she should treat Jessie. Perhaps one day, Jessie will realize what a nice friend Miriam is. God sees and will reward and bless Miriam for her kind heart.)

**Activity****A Seeing Arrow***10-15 Minutes*

Objective: To understand that God's words are true.

In today's story, we learned how the random arrow that killed Ahab flew directly to an area unprotected by his armor. This did not happen by chance. Rather, it was God who guided the arrow to strike at exactly the right spot. With that, God's words spoken against Ahab were fulfilled.

Materials

- Plastic straws, one per student
- Heart shapes cut out from construction paper, two per student
- Strips of colored tape, four per student
- Glue
- Scissors
- Black markers

Instructions

1. Pass out one straw to each student. Cut the plastic straw to the desired length for the arrow.
2. Flatten one end of the straw where the arrowhead will sit. Glue the hearts back to back to the flat end of the straw.
3. Have each student cut out four strips of colored tape about two inches in length each. On the end opposite the arrowhead, attach two strips of colored tape to the back of the arrow and attach the other two strips on top.
4. Trim and shape the strips with a pair of scissors to form them into feathers.
5. Using the black marker, have each student write or draw pictures on the arrowhead of a time (or an event from the Bible) where God was faithful to His words and promises.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. True
2. False; God directed the arrow to strike Ahab where he was unprotected.
3. False; Ahab still had to face the consequences of death.
4. D
5. B
6. D
7. God will render to us according to our good/bad deeds; our speech; our faith; and how we treat others.
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9. He gave Ahab and Jezebel many opportunities to depart from idols and return to Him; when Ahab humbled himself and repented, He delayed part of Ahab's punishment by choosing to kill Ahab's sons after his death instead of during Ahab's lifetime.

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A Ahab's Reign of Evil

Ahab did more evil than any other king before him. Write down the evils that King Ahab committed which angered God greatly.

- Ahab worshipped idols and the golden calves that King Jeroboam had made.
- Ahab took as wife Jezebel who worshipped the god Baal and brought her false gods to Israel.
- Ahab built a temple and altars for Jezebel's gods. The people of God followed the king and began to worship Baal.

How did God punish Ahab and the land? Read 1 Kings 17:1.

There was to be no rain until Elijah said so. With the drought came severe famine.

B The Challenge on Mount Carmel

Draw or write what Elijah did on Mount Carmel when he saw how Ahab and the entire nation departed from God to worship Baal. What did he do to ensure that the false prophets were removed from the land?

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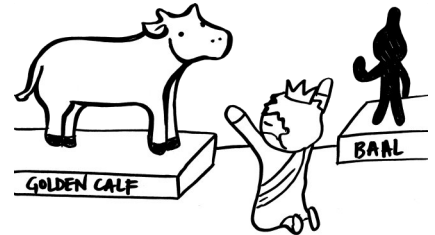
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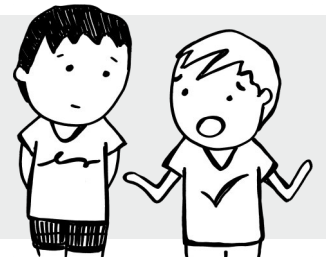
SCENARIO

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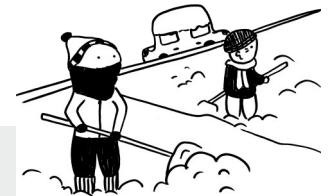
- 2 Tim 4:8—Paul preached the gospel and was rewarded the _____ of righteousness.
- 2 Kgs 4:8-10, 17—The Shunammite woman showed hospitality to Elisha and she was blessed with a _____.
- Ac 9:36, 40-41—Dorcas (Tabitha) did many charitable _____ and was _____.
- Ac 10:1-2, 48—Cornelius feared God, _____, and _____. God gave him an opportunity to be saved.

SCENARIO

It was the first snowstorm of the year and twelve inches of snow had fallen the night before.

"Come on Jake, grab your coat and get ready. We're going to clean the driveway," shouts Dad.

Jake jumps down the stairs two by two, pulling on his coat, gloves, and hat. Jake and his father work hard to clear a path in the huge pile of snow. As Jake stops to rest, he notices that their elderly neighbor, Mr. Walker is outside clearing his driveway, too. However, he isn't getting very far. Jake watches Mr. Walker huff and puff with every shovelful of snow.



What would you do if you were Jake? Think of some good things you can do that will be remembered by the Lord.

[3] God Will Render to Us According to Our Faith

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you" (Mt 9:29).

How were the following people rewarded for their faith?

- Mat 9:27-29—The two blind men were _____ according to their faith.
- 2 Kgs 5:1, 14—Because of his great faith, Naaman bathed _____ times in the Jordan River and was healed of leprosy.
- Gen 6:22; 7:1—Noah was able to enter into the ark and be _____ because he _____ and _____ God.

Draw or write down what 1 Peter 1:9 tells us is the greatest reward for our faith.

SCENARIO

"It's no use, I've prayed and prayed, and I still haven't gotten the Holy Spirit!" cries Beverly, her head buried in her hands. Eva, Beverly's friend, hugs her.

"I go out to the front to pray; I cry, I pray with all my heart and still nothing! Even kids younger than I get it! Why do I have to waste my time! It's clear that God does not love me!"



If you were Eva, what uplifting words could you say to help Beverly have more faith in God?

[4] God Will Render to Us According to the Way We Treat Others

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Lk 6:38).

How were the following people rewarded for the way they treated others?

- Gen 26:18-24—When the people of the land took over Isaac's two _____, he did not _____ with them. The people later made _____ with Isaac and God _____ him.
- Ruth 1:16-17; 4:13—Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi were both widows. Ruth chose to follow and take care of Naomi. God rewarded her with a new _____, who would provide for them, and a _____.

Think about how you would like to be treated. Now choose one person to whom you will try to show this kind of treatment in the coming week.

SCENARIO

Miriam enjoys school, but lately she has been feeling downcast. A classmate of hers named Jessie just doesn't seem to like her. Jessie ignores Miriam, and when she passes out invitations to the girls in the class, she does not include Miriam. Miriam feels hurt by this and tells her mother about it.



If you were Miriam's mother, what could you say to comfort Miriam and help her treat others the way she wants to be treated?

E2 Year 3 Book 4 Lesson 1—King Ahab

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Galatians 6:7**)

True or False

1. Because of Ahab's sins, the land suffered drought and famine for three and a half years. _____
2. The soldier who shot the arrow was able to kill Ahab because he had a very good aim. _____
3. After Ahab repented, he did not need to bear any consequences for the sins he had committed because God forgave him for all his sins. _____

Multiple Choice

4. _____ : King Ahab made a bad choice in marrying Queen Jezebel because _____.
 - a. She brought false gods into the land of Israel.
 - b. She killed the prophets of God.
 - c. She was arrogant, self-important, and evil and had no regard for God.
 - d. All of the above.

5. _____ : Since Ahab humbled himself before God and repented, God _____.
 - a. Decided to get rid of his wife Jezebel only.
 - b. Decided not to kill Ahab's sons in his lifetime.
 - c. Decided to allow Ahab's sons to continue to be kings.
 - d. All of the above.

6. _____ : The Bible describes Ahab as a king who did more evil than any other king because _____.
 - a. Ahab worshipped idols and the golden calves.
 - b. Ahab married Jezebel, a Gentile woman who worshipped pagan gods and did much evil.
 - c. Ahab influenced the people of Israel to worship Baal and persecuted God's prophets.
 - d. All of the above.

Short Answer

7. God will render to us according to what?

8. In our lesson on Ahab, we have learned that God is faithful to His word. Write down at least two events where God fulfilled His words.

9. What did God do in Ahab's life that shows He is a just and loving God?