

# Naboth's Vineyard

1 Kings 21-22



## The Story

Naboth owned a vineyard near the palace of King Ahab. King Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard. He said, "Give me your vineyard, so I can plant a vegetable garden since it is so close to my house. I will pay you, or I will buy you a different vineyard."

Naboth answered, "I can't. It is my inheritance. God wants me to keep it."

King Ahab went home and pouted. He went to bed and wouldn't eat. When Queen Jezebel saw him, she asked, "Why are you so sad that you won't eat?"

King Ahab told her about the vineyard. Queen Jezebel said, "You're the king in Israel. I'll take care of it and get Naboth's vineyard for you."

Jezebel wrote letters in King Ahab's name. She sent them to the leaders of the town. The letters said that they should have a city-wide fast and give Naboth a place of honor. They should also find two men who would lie about Naboth. Those men should say that Naboth dishonored God and the king. Then

they would have to take Naboth and stone him to death.

The leaders did what the letter said. So Naboth was stoned and died. The leaders sent a letter to Jezebel to tell her it was done. Jezebel told Ahab, and Ahab took the vineyard.

God told Elijah to go to Ahab in the vineyard. Elijah said, "God says, 'Do you murder and take?' God says, 'You will die, and the dogs will lick your blood in the same place that they licked Naboth's blood. You will not have any grandchildren or great-grandchildren. Jezebel will die, too.' "

A while later, King Ahab went to war. He put on a disguise to protect himself. God directed an arrow and it hit King Ahab. Ahab told his chariot driver to take him out of the battle, but he died in his chariot later that evening. His body was taken to Samaria. The blood that was washed out of the chariot was licked up by the dogs just like God said. A while later, Jezebel was killed, too.

***Ahab and Jezebel went against God and with Satan to get what they wanted.***

**Activity One** - Write the word and then find it in the WORD SEARCH. The words go across, down and diagonally.

1. the king's name\_\_\_\_\_
2. the queen's name\_\_\_\_\_
3. what Naboth owned that the king wanted\_\_\_\_\_
4. the crime for which Naboth was killed\_\_\_\_\_
5. what the people used to kill Naboth\_\_\_\_\_
6. the man God sent to Ahab\_\_\_\_\_

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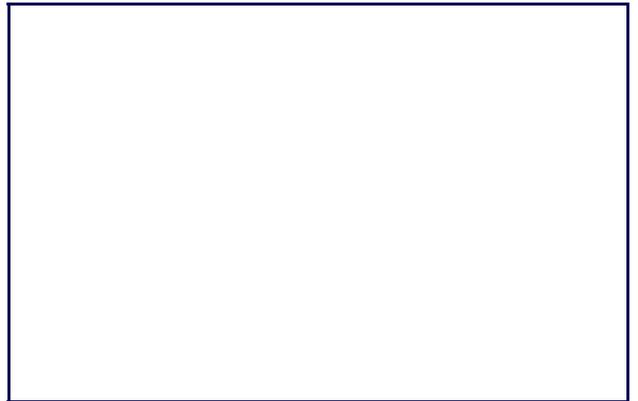
*A life without God always leads to disaster in time and for eternity. A life with God is full of blessing now and in eternity.*

## Activity Two - Follow the directions below.

1. Ahab did not love Naboth like God wanted. Draw and color grapes to show that Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard.



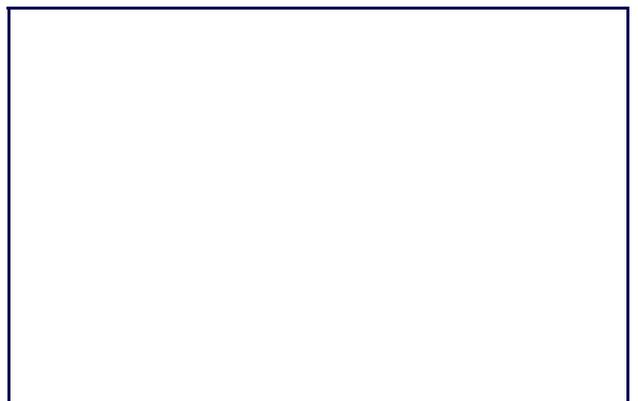
2. Draw and color stones to show how Naboth was murdered.



3. Ahab was punished by God for his sins against Naboth. Draw a bow and arrow to show how Ahab died.



4. Draw and color a heart to show that God wants us to love Him and everyone else more than things.



## Passages

Matthew 22:39 - 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

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You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt nor harm our neighbor's body; but we should help and be a friend to him in every bodily need.

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You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not sinfully desire to get our neighbor's inheritance or house by a trick or in a way that appears to be right; but we should do everything we can to help him keep what is his.

## Hymn - TLH #416 v. 1, 4

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

Make me to walk in Thy commands -  
'Tis a delightful road -  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God. Amen.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus,

I, too, have coveted things that belong to other people. I have also hurt people. Thank You for taking away my sin. You love me so much that You died for me. Help me to love people so that I do not hurt them. Amen