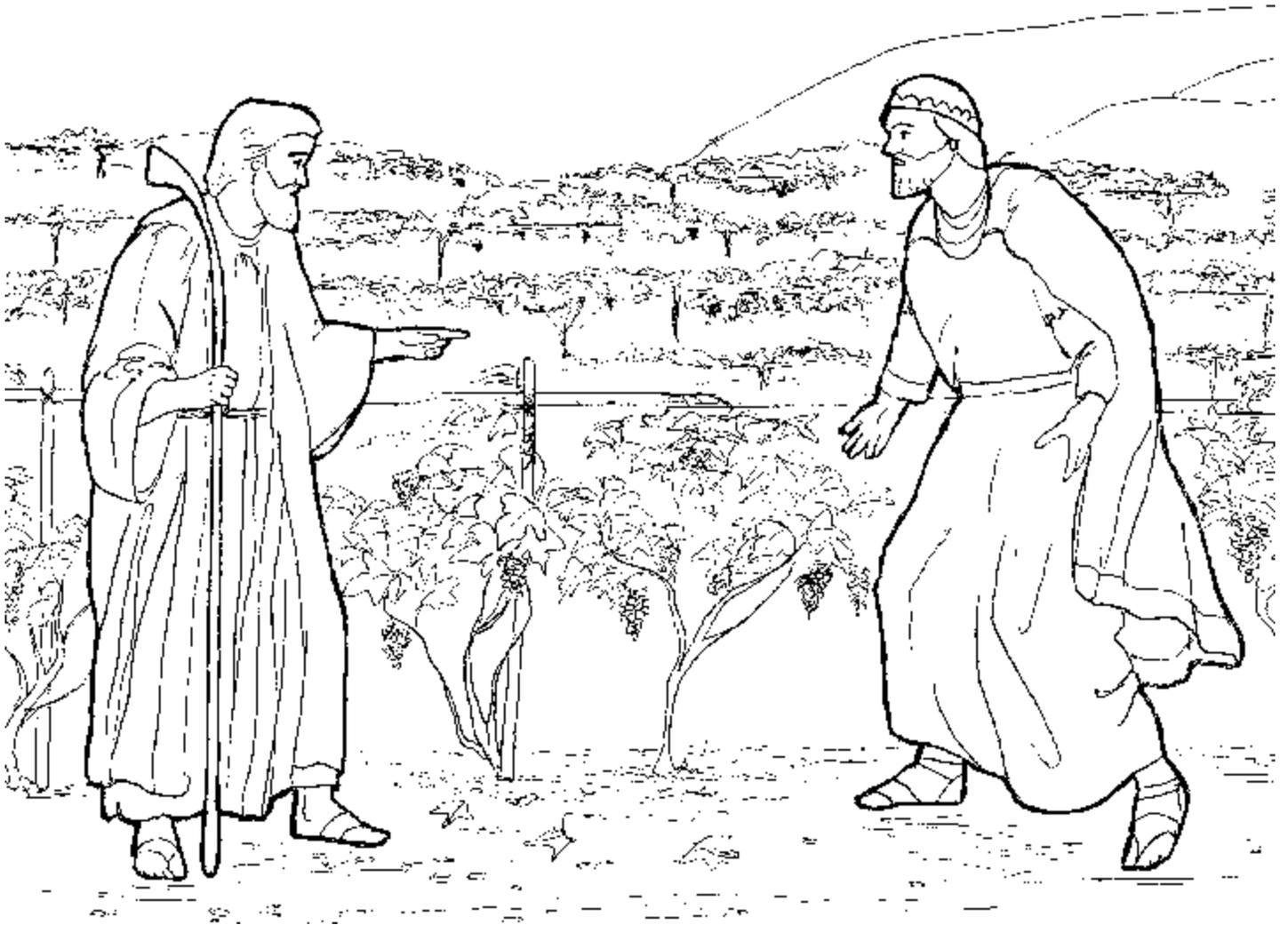


# Naboth's Vineyard

1 Kings 21-22



## The Story

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

Naboth said, "I can't. It is from my father. God wants me to keep it."

King Ahab went home and was sad. 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. Let me get Naboth's vineyard for you."

Jezebel wrote letters as if she was

King Ahab. She sent them to the leaders of the town. The leaders should find two men who would lie about Naboth. Those men should say that Naboth said bad things about God and the king. Then they would have to take Naboth and stone him to death.

The leaders did what the letter said. They threw stones at Naboth until he died. Jezebel told Ahab that Naboth was dead. Ahab took the vineyard.

God sent Elijah to Ahab. Elijah said, "God says, 'You did evil things. You will die. Jezebel will die, too.' "

A while later King Ahab went to war. King Ahab was hit with an arrow. He died. A little later Jezebel died, too.

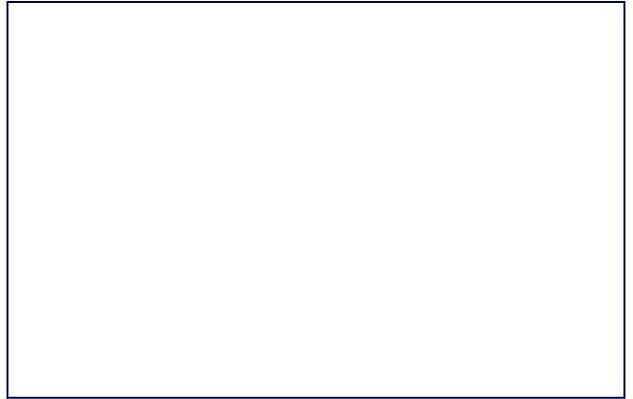
***Ahab and Jezebel went against God and with Satan to get what they wanted.***

**Activity One** - Follow the directions below to color the picture on page 1.

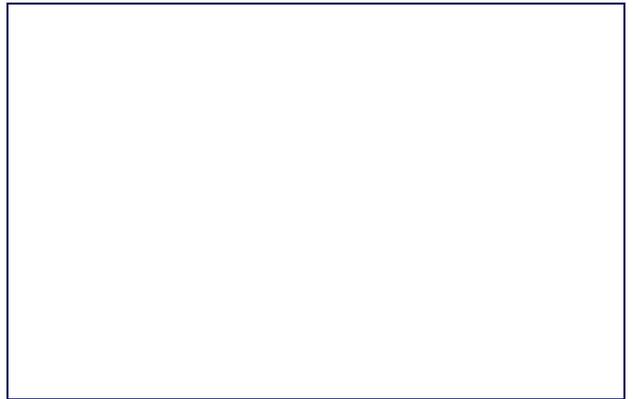
1. Circle the man who owns the vineyard.
2. What is his name?
3. Why could he not sell the vineyard?
4. Put an X on the king.
5. What is his name?
6. Why did he want the vineyard?
7. What sin did the king do because he wanted the vineyard in a sinful way (covet)?
8. Color the rest of the picture.

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



***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.***

## Passages

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

Deuteronomy 5:21 - 'You shall not covet ...'

Deuteronomy 5:17 - 'You shall not murder.'

## 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,

You love me so much that You died for me. Thank You. Help me to love You and all people as Your commandments tell. Amen.