



# IDC KIDS

Feb 15, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

## THE REIGN OF AHAB

1 KINGS 18-19

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

Ahab disobeyed God and was punished. We deserve punishment for our sin, but when we trust in Jesus, God does not give us the punishment our sins deserve.

Jesus died on the cross so we can have forgiveness and life with God forever.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How many gods are there? There is one true God.

### KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

1 Kings 8:60

### STORY POINT:

Ahab disobeyed God and was punished.

### LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

#### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

<b>SAY</b>	How do you help your family around your house? Do you make your bed, set the table, or take care of a pet? [Allow responses.] This chore chart shows an example of how a family might assign different chores. It is important that each person does his job. If someone doesn't take out the trash, the consequence would be a stinky mess! When we don't obey, there are consequences. God is King of everything and is in control. When we don't do what He says, that is called sin. In today's story, we'll hear about evil King Ahab and how he did not obey God. <b>Ahab disobeyed God and was punished.</b>
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#### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.\*

\*Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.*



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### TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

#### GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

#### STORY SCRIPT

### THE REIGN OF AHAB

Israel's **King Ahab was fighting against Ben-hadad, the king of Aram. A prophet came to Ahab with a message from God and said, "I will help you win so that you know I am the LORD."** King Ahab led his soldiers into battle, and they won, but Ben-hadad got away.

**Ben-hadad's servants told their king that Israel only won because the fight was in the hills.** They thought that if they fought again on flat land, they could beat Ahab and Israel. **God's prophet brought Ahab another message:** "They think God can only win in the mountains, **so I will help you win again, so you know I am the LORD."** Ahab and his army won again; this time, they even captured Ben-hadad.

Ben-hadad asked King Ahab to let him go. **Ahab knew he was supposed to defeat Ben-hadad, but Ahab didn't listen to God. He let Ben-hadad go free.**

Later, King Ahab wanted some land that belonged to a man named Naboth. But Naboth didn't want to sell it. Ahab was upset because he really wanted that land, so Ahab's wife did something terrible. She told people to lie about Naboth. Because of those lies, Naboth was killed, and Ahab took his land.

**A few years later, Ahab wanted to go to war against Ben-hadad again. A prophet from God told Ahab, "If you go to war, you will lose and you will die." But Ahab didn't listen and went to war anyway. During the battle, Ahab died.**

#### *Story Telling Tips*

- **Vary your volume:** Use a louder voice during the exciting points, and a quieter voice when God whispers to Elijah.
- **React:** Lead preschoolers to cheer when Ahab and the nation of Israel are obedient to God. Suggest children make a thumbs-down every time someone in the story is unkind or disobeys God.
- **Speak with authority:** Use a deep, booming voice when the prophet says the message from God.

#### CHRIST CONNECTION

*Ahab disobeyed God and was punished. We deserve punishment for our sin, but when we trust in Jesus, God does not give us the punishment our sins deserve. Jesus died on the cross so we can have forgiveness and life with God forever.*



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### 3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- c. What did Ahab choose to do when God told him not to go to war again? (Ahab did not listen to God.)
- d. What was the consequence for Ahab's disobedience? (Ahab died during the battle. Ahab disobeyed God and was punished.)
- e. Who took the consequences for our sin by dying and rising again? (Jesus lived a perfect life, died the death we deserve to die, and rose again so that we could be forgiven and saved.)
- f. **How many gods are there? There is one true God.**

<b>SAY</b>	Ahab was a selfish, evil king. Ahab did what he thought was best, not what God thought was best. God told Ahab to punish the king of the enemies of God's people, but Ahab let him go instead. Then Ahab's wife lied and had a man named Naboth killed so that Ahab could take his land. Finally, Ahab refused to listen to God when God told him not to go to war again. <b>Ahab disobeyed God and was punished.</b> Even though we sin, God has made the way for us to be saved through trusting in His Son, Jesus.
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### 4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

<b>SAY</b>	Ahab received a consequence because he sinned and did not listen to the one true God. <b>How many gods are there? There is one true God.</b> God is in control of everything. God is the true King over all, and we want to joyfully obey Him! God is a good and powerful king.
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### 5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **1 Kings 8:60**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

<b>SAY</b>	Everyone in the world chooses to sin. All sin will be punished by God. That's why everyone in the world needs to know about Jesus, who took the punishment for all who trust in Him. Everyone who trusts in Jesus all across the world will praise Him forever!
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**HINT:** You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **No Other**.

### 6. PRAY

<b>SAY</b>	God, thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for our sin when He died on the cross and rose again. Help us turn away from sin and choose to trust in Jesus. Amen.
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### ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

#### 1. DECORATE A CROSS

Distribute a cross to each child. Encourage children to decorate their crosses.

<b>SAY</b>	I love seeing these crosses! In today's Bible story, we learned that <b>Ahab disobeyed God and was punished</b> because He did not listen to God. Everyone, including you and me, do things that are against what God wants. That's called sin. We all deserve punishment for our sin. <b>But Jesus came and lived a perfect life, died on a cross, and rose again, so we could be saved and God wouldn't have to punish us.</b> Place your cross in a window or on the refrigerator so you can see it each day and remember the good news about Jesus.
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#### 2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

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### DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.