

Aug. 16.

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: No birthdays this week	
2 minutes	Leader: Sometimes people think they are stronger than God. Kids: But God is the greatest King! Leader: Sometimes people choose not to listen to God's truth. Kids: We want to listen to God! Leader: God always keeps His promises. Kids: We can always trust Him! Leader: No king, no army, and no one else is greater than our God. Kids: God alone deserves our worship! Leader: Let's worship the one true God with joyful hearts! Kids: We worship You, Lord!	Bible

10 minutes singing	My God is so big, so strong and so mighty	Video
	Every Move I Make -	
	Tell the story – Page 41	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions: 1. How did we see that Ahab was stubborn? 2. How did we see that Ahab was greedy? 3.	
	Questions from kids video: 1. Why is death a consequence for sin, even though we were not the ones who sinned in the first place? 2. Why did Jesus take the punishment we deserve for our sin?	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	Thank You, Lord, for sending Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Thank You that we can be saved and forgiven of sin through faith in Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY “Hi, kids! My name is [your name], and I’m glad you’re here. As we gather together, we hear true stories from the Bible so we can know God and His Son, Jesus. If you have a Bible with you, will you take it out? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.]

Last week, we saw how King Ahab and his wife Jezebel led the people to worship false gods. In today’s story, we’ll learn how King Ahab continued to disobey God and act wickedly. **AHAB WAS AN EVIL KING, AND GOD BROUGHT JUDGMENT ON HIM.** [Display the Story Point Poster.] Let’s pray: ‘Dear God, You are worthy of our obedience. We can trust You because You always do what is right and good. Help us see that Jesus is the perfect King. In Jesus’ name, amen.’ ”

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

Display the Big Picture Question Poster.

SAY “Let’s say our big picture question together: **How many gods are there?** What is the answer? [Allow responses.] The answer is, **There is one true God who alone deserves worship.** Let’s say the answer again: **There is one true God who alone deserves worship.**

We’ve learned how the kings of Israel led the people to worship idols like the nations around them. But God called His people to be different than the surrounding nations. God told His people to worship Him because He is the one true God. God wanted the people of Israel to show the other nations what He is like and live in ways that would bring Him glory. In our story, we will learn how Ahab and Israel’s enemies faced God’s judgment because they did not worship Him as the one true God. But even when Israel was disobedient, God remained faithful to them and worked in ways to show that He alone is God. ”

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the Giant Timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY “We’ve seen how Israel had wicked kings—Jeroboam, Nadab, and Baasha—who led the people to worship idols. Later, King Ahab became king over the kingdom of Israel. Ahab was even more wicked, leading the people to turn away from God and follow Baal, a false god. But God was faithful to His people, wanting them to see that He alone is God. So, the Lord sent the prophet Elijah to confront Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Through Elijah’s prayer, God sent fire from heaven, proving He is the one true God. Today, we will see how the wicked ways of Ahab were coming to an end as God would bring judgment on him. ”



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 20:1-34; 21:1-16; 22:1-40; 2 Kings 1:1. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “The Reign of Ahab.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

THE REIGN OF AHAB

“King Ahab was at war with King Ben-hadad of Aram, a nation to the northeast of Israel. **A prophet of the Lord came to Ahab and said, “This is what the LORD says, ‘Do you see Ben-hadad’s huge army? Watch this: I am handing it over to you today so that you may know I am the LORD.’” Ahab led the men to battle. Israel won, but Ben-hadad escaped.**

Ben-hadad’s servants told him that Israel had only won because they had fought in the hills. They believed that if they went to war with Israel in the plains, that they would be able to defeat them. **The prophet of God came to Ahab again and said, “Because the Arameans have said that the LORD can’t win unless the battle is in the mountains, I will hand their huge army over to you. You will win, and you will know that I am the LORD.”** The Israelites camped in front of them like two little flocks of goats, while the Arameans filled the landscape. **Israel won the battle, and they captured Ben-hadad.**

Ben-hadad offered to make a deal in exchange for his life. Ahab knew he was supposed to defeat the Arameans, but he disobeyed. **He agreed to receive the land the Arameans took from Israel in exchange for Ben-hadad’s release.**

Sometime later, Ahab decided he wanted a vineyard that belonged to a man named Naboth. Naboth refused to sell this land, and Ahab was mad, because he was greedy and wanted that land. Ahab’s wife, Jezebel, said to him, “Now, exercise your royal power over Israel. For I will give you the vineyard of Naboth.” Then Jezebel hired men to lie about Naboth. They said that Naboth had cursed God and the king, a crime punishable by death. Naboth was killed, and Ahab took his vineyard.

A few years later, Ahab wanted to go to war against the Arameans again because they still had some of Israel’s land. He asked his false prophets, and they all agreed it was a good idea. But **the prophet of the true God, Micaiah, told Ahab the truth. Going to war against Aram would fail, and the king would die. Micaiah said, “I saw all of Israel alone scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd. And the LORD said, ‘They have no one to lead them.’”** King Ahab was stubborn and **decided to go to war anyway. He was struck by an arrow during the battle, and he died, just as the prophet of the Lord said.**

Christ Connection: Ahab was a disobedient, greedy, and stubborn king who refused to lead Israel in the ways of the Lord. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, always obeyed God

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use props: Display a plastic sword when you share how Israel went to battle. Hold up grapes when you share about Naboth’s vineyard.

Remind kids: Remind kids that, unlike King Ahab, Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Share how Jesus takes care of His followers and willingly laid down His life to save people from sin.



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and laid down His life for us. Anyone who follows Him will dwell with God forever. ”

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ Even though Ahab was a bad king, God gave him victory in battle against some of his enemies. God allowed King Ahab and Israel to conquer Ben-hadad’s army so that people would know that God is the one true God. Yet, even after this victory, Ahab did not follow God or listen to Him. Instead, we learned how Ahab was stubborn, greedy, and evil. How did we see that Ahab was stubborn? [Allow responses.] Ahab refused to follow God’s commands. He released Ben-hadad when he was not supposed to. We also saw how Ahab refused to listen to the prophet Micaiah, who told him not to go to war with Aram. But again, Ahab did not listen.

How did we see that Ahab was greedy? [Allow responses.] Even though Ahab was king and had so much, he still wanted more. He and his wife, Jezebel, made up lies about Naboth so they could take his vineyard. God told Ahab that he had done what was evil in His sight and that Ahab would be punished for his evil deeds. But Ahab did not take God’s warning seriously.

AHAB WAS AN EVIL KING, AND GOD BROUGHT JUDGMENT ON HIM. Eventually, King Ahab died in the battle against Aram, just as God said. Ahab refused to lead Israel in the ways of the Lord. But Jesus is the perfect King. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, always obeyed God and laid down His life for us. Anyone who follows Him will dwell with God forever. ”

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY “ We can be stubborn, greedy, and disobedient because we are all sinners. God sent Jesus to be our good Shepherd and follow Him. When we trust in Jesus, we turn away from our sinful ways. Jesus saves those who trust in Him from the punishment of sin. ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 13, Session 4” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why is death a consequence for sin, even though we were not the ones who sinned in the first place?
2. Why did Jesus take the punishment we deserve for our sin?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display the “Surh Family Photo.” Remind kids that the Surh family started a church in Columbus, Ohio, called Chroma Church. Tell kids that the church desires to reach the nations by ministering to the many different people groups living in the Columbus area. They want their church to be diverse, just like heaven will be with people from all nations.



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SAY 🗣️ Chroma Church is under the leadership of Pastor Isaac Surh. The church is passionate about diversity and justice. They want to help people who are not treated fairly or who are in need. Chroma Church hopes to share the gospel with many people in Columbus, including the Somali people. More than 500 independent Somali businesses are part of the diverse local culture in the Columbus area, including retail shops, restaurants, and specialized trades. 🙏🙏

Pray that God will use Chroma Church to be a light in the darkness and be able to offer help to people who are experiencing injustice, poverty, and those being treated badly in other ways. Pray for Chroma to be a church for people of many different ethnicities.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 Kings 8:60 together.

SAY 🗣️ King Ahab refused to recognize God as the one true God. Eventually, he faced judgment for his sin. Yet, God sent Jesus—the perfect image of the one true God—to save us from sin and sin’s judgment. When we trust in Jesus, we can rightly worship God as the one true God. 🙏🙏

Form kids in a circle and give a ball to one kid in the circle. Challenge the kid with the ball to say the first word of the key passage, then toss the ball to another kid in the circle. Continue until kids have said the entire key passage, including the reference. Repeat as time allows.

Lead kids to sing “There Is No Other (1 Kings 8:60).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🗣️ Thank You, Lord, for sending Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Thank You that we can be saved and forgiven of sin through faith in Jesus. In Jesus’ name, amen. 🙏

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

