

Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Aug. 16

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Play the game "listen closely" page. 39	
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Amanda. She will get you when she is ready.	
Classroom:	Ask questions from page 44 1. Why should we obey God and His Word? 2. Have you ever acted stubborn or greedy? When? 3. Ahab faced God's judgment because of his sin. How can we be saved from God's judgment 4. for our sin? 5.	Bible Ask Questions
	Find the Difference (gr. 1-2) The wrong kind of king(gr. 3) Read the passages for the grade 3's and have them make the correct line to the sentences that it matches	Worksheet Worksheet
	Bible Role: Role the dice and answer the questions. Go around in the group taking turns. If you want, you could make two teams. 1. Name a character in the Bible 2. Tell a story from the Bible where you see God's power. 3. Tell us something that describes God. God is.... 4. Name a book in the Bible 5. Tell a story of when God was faithful to his people, and took care of them. 6. Give an example of something we can pray for.	Dice

	Summer Scripture Bingo - Hand out to students to bring home for the summer if a student hasn't gotten it already.	Bingo Worksheet
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WELCOME

WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY “What does it mean to be stubborn or greedy? Do you think these would be good traits for a king to have? Why not?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Before and After” activity page.

SAY “Today, we will learn more about King Ahab. **AHAB WAS AN EVIL KING, AND GOD BROUGHT JUDGMENT ON HIM.**”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: STUBBORN

Form kids in a circle and pass around a vacuum-sealed jar. Invite kids to try to open the jar. Be sure the jar is tight enough that it cannot easily be opened. Then pass around a nail hammered almost completely into a piece of wood. Challenge kids to try to remove the nail. Again, the nail should not be able to be removed. Finally, pass around two magnets and challenge kids to get the repelling sides to join together.

SAY “No matter how hard we tried, we couldn’t get these items to do what we wanted them to do. Using only our strength or bare hands, the jar wouldn’t open, the nail wouldn’t become unstuck, and the repelling magnets couldn’t be joined together. This reminds me of what it means to be stubborn. A stubborn person will do what he or she wants, even when someone tries to give good advice. Today, we will see how King Ahab was stubborn and set in his evil ways. He refused to listen to God and turn away from sin.”

☐ OPTION 2: LISTEN CLOSELY



Form kids into a large circle. Tell kids that they will share their favorite food. Explain that kids will also need to remember the favorite food of everyone who was before them. For example, a kid may say, “My favorite food is pizza.” Then the next kid would say, “[Kid’s name] favorite food is pizza. My favorite food is watermelon.” Once everyone has spoken, challenge the kid who went first to say everyone’s favorite food. Play as time allows, switching up the topics each round.

SAY “You all did a great job listening to each other describe your favorite foods. In our Bible story, we will learn how King Ahab refused to listen to the Lord and obey Him. In fact, when God’s prophets would speak God’s words to Ahab, he would ignore them and go his own way. We’ll see that **AHAB WAS AN EVIL KING, AND GOD BROUGHT JUDGMENT ON HIM.**”



Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Kings 22. Review the divisions of the Old Testament books: Law, History, Poetry, Minor Prophets, and Major Prophets. Remind kids that 1 Kings is in the History division.

Consider pointing out the location of Aram (B9) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Kings 22:17 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

SAY The prophet Micaiah said that Israel had no one to lead them. Ahab was wicked and did not listen to the Lord. Ahab was stubborn and set against God's ways. But God's ways are always what is best. God loves His people and always does what is right.

When Jesus came to earth, He also said people were like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36). Jesus saw how people were lost in their sin. Jesus came to rescue people and show them that He is the Good Shepherd who had come to lay down His life to save them from sin.

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY Why should we obey God and His Word?

Remind kids that God's words are always true and right. Tell kids that the Bible is God's Word to us and leads us away from sin and toward God's Son, Jesus. Explain how we need the Word of God to help us recognize our sin and repent of it. Share how God's words will always happen just as He says because God never lies. Through faith in Jesus, we can obey God and live in ways that please Him.

SAY Have you ever acted stubborn or greedy? When?

Answers will vary. Discuss how we can all act stubborn or greedy because we all sin. Tell kids that when we disobey our parents, do what is wrong, or ignore God's words, we act stubbornly. When we take more than we need or have been given, or when we have a selfish desire for what others have, we show greed. Tell kids that those who trust in Jesus recognize how much God loves them and has given them. Believers desire to live in ways that show obedience to God and generosity to others.

SAY Ahab faced God's judgment because of his sin. How can we be saved from God's judgment for our sin?

Remind kids that all sin deserves God's judgment because He is holy. Tell kids that only those who trust in Jesus will be saved from God's judgment. Share how we can confess our sin, repent of our sin, and follow Jesus. Emphasize how the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of believers to convict them of sin and help them obey God.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**



Dice Game

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Before and After

INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle the 10 differences between the pictures.





The Reign of Ahab

1 Kings 20–22; 2 Kings 1

STORY POINT:

Ahab was an evil king, and God brought judgment on him.

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

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Kings 8:60

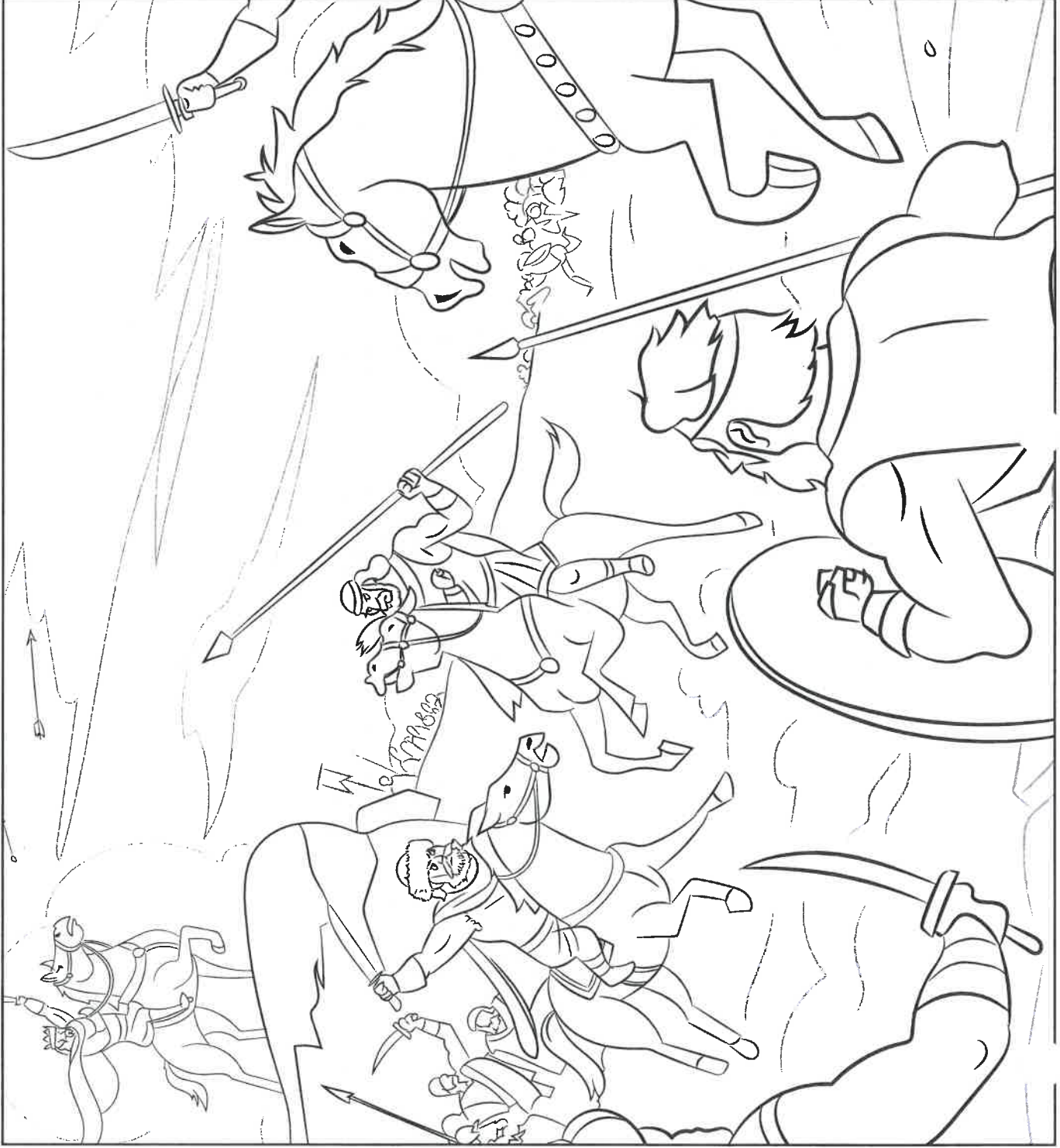
BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How many gods are there?
There is one true God who alone deserves worship.

Scan the QR code
for resources to
use at home!



NAME: _____





JOURNAL PAGE

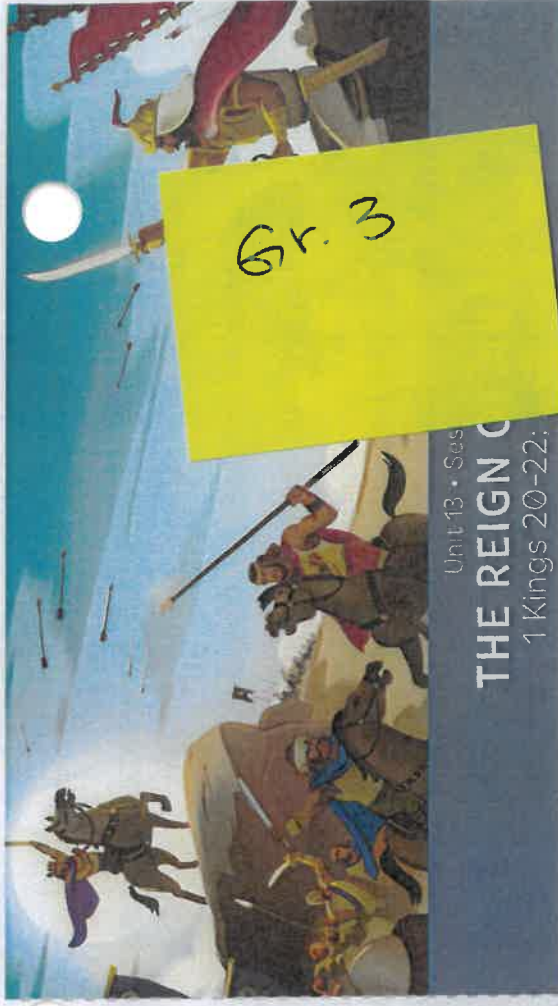
1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE?

THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD WHO ALONE DESERVES WORSHIP.

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.

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. You will win, and you will know that I am the LORD." Israel won the battle, and they captured Ben-hadad. Ben-hadad offered to make a deal in exchange for his life. He agreed to receive the land 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. Ahab's wife, Jezebel, said to him, "Now, exercise your royal power over Israel." Then Jezebel hired men to lie about Naboth. They said that Naboth had cursed God and the king. 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. The prophet Micaiah told Ahab that 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 decided to go to war anyway. He was struck by an arrow, and he died.

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



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!

The Wrong Kind of King! Ahab was an evil king who made wrong choices. Circle the 10 items that are wrong for the picture.



The Shepherd King

Ahab was a disobedient king who led people away from God. Match each Bible reference to the correct description about Jesus, the Shepherd King.



John 10:11 •
Micah 5:2-4 •
Psalm 23:1 •
Isaiah 40:11 •

- Jesus gently carries and leads His people.
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.
- Jesus is the Shepherd who gives us everything we need.
- Jesus is the Ruler who shepherds His people in strength.

