

Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of 1 Kings 20–22; 2 Kings 1 from the Bible.



Have you ever heard of a Rube Goldberg machine? This is a contraption that uses a chain reaction to do a very basic job in a complicated way. You drop a marble, and it rolls down a ramp, knocks over a domino, which falls into a cup. The cup pulls a string, and that makes a toy car move, which bumps into another thing, and finally the machine does the job it was supposed to do—like turning off a light or popping a balloon!

A Rube Goldberg machine is humorous, but the point is that something simple can be made rather complicated. As we look at the life of Ahab, we see God's power and faithfulness on display. Even though Israel's army was much smaller than Aram's, God gave Israel victory—not once, but twice.

It was clear that God was willing and able to help His people, but Ahab's selfish actions after the battle revealed his heart. Instead of obeying God completely, Ahab made a series of greedy and sinful choices. His decisions were like a chain reaction that went from bad to worse to disaster!

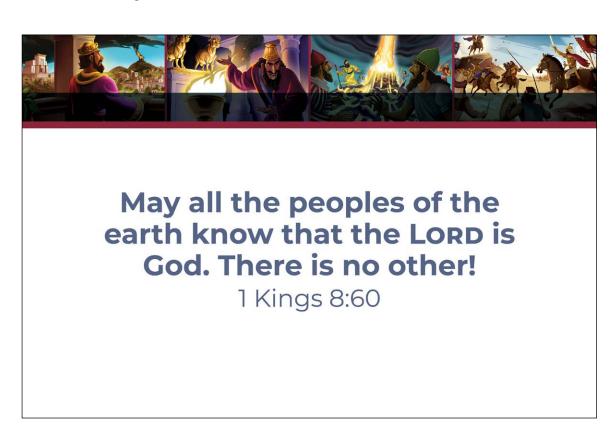
This story reminds us that trusting God always leads us to victory. In the most important battle against sin, God provided Jesus to offer salvation and eternal life to sinners. Even when it's hard, we can trust in His promises.

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.

Pray: Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness, even when we don't deserve it. Help me to trust Your Word and obey Your instructions so that my life reflects Your power and love. Amen.



The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.





Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.



Mornings

Ask God for guidance as you prepare for the day. Ask Him to help you trust and obey His Word as you interact with people and make decisions today.

Evenings

Praise Jesus for being the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep and who is always present to comfort them when they need it most. How have you felt comfort or safety in knowing Jesus?



For Fun

Set up a relay race where one person is the shepherd, and the other is the sheep. The sheep wears a blindfold, and the shepherd must guide them through an obstacle course using only their voice. Talk with kids about how we can trust Jesus to guide and protect us, even when we can't see the way clearly, because He is the Good Shepherd.

To Serve

Go through your closets and storage to collect clothing to donate to a local charity organization. Encourage kids to think of other items that can be donated like books, toys, or canned goods. Retell the story of Ahab's greed and how it led him to disobey God. Talk with kids about how Jesus gave of Himself to save sinners. Remind kids that Jesus' sacrificial love is both the example and motivation we need to love and serve others.