

Year 2

Week 90

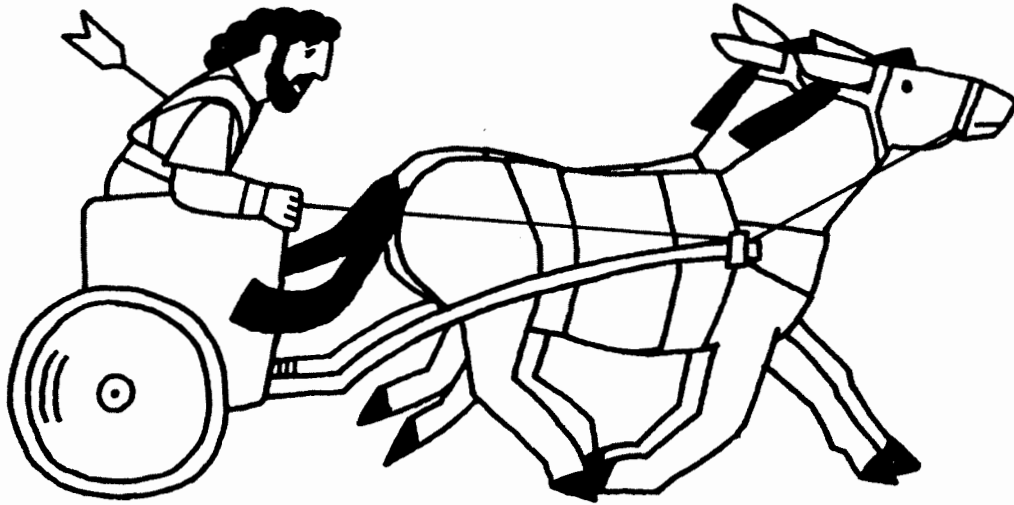
Ahab is Punished

Scriptures: I Kings 22:1-40

Key Verse: 1Ki 22:23 "Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."

Key Points:

1. Ahab wanted to recapture cities that had been taken by Syria. King Jehoshaphat of Judah agreed to help him if the Lord approved of the battle.
2. About 400 false prophets predicted victory, but Jehoshaphat wanted to ask a prophet of the Lord.
3. Ahab reluctantly called for Micaiah, who in the past had prophesied evil for Ahab because Ahab was an evil man.
4. Micaiah told them to go into battle, but warned Ahab that the Lord had decided that Ahab would die.
5. Ahab disguised himself and wore armor for protection, but a random arrow mortally wounded him between his armor. He bled all day from the wound and died as the sun set.
6. Ahab's chariot was washed by a pool and the dogs drank the bloody water, just as Elijah had prophesied when he spoke to Ahab in Naboth's vineyard. A wicked king was dead.



King Ahab (I) Dies
1 Kings 22:29-40

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Micaiah Tells the Truth

1 Kings 22—Micaiah Tells the Truth Shield Spinner

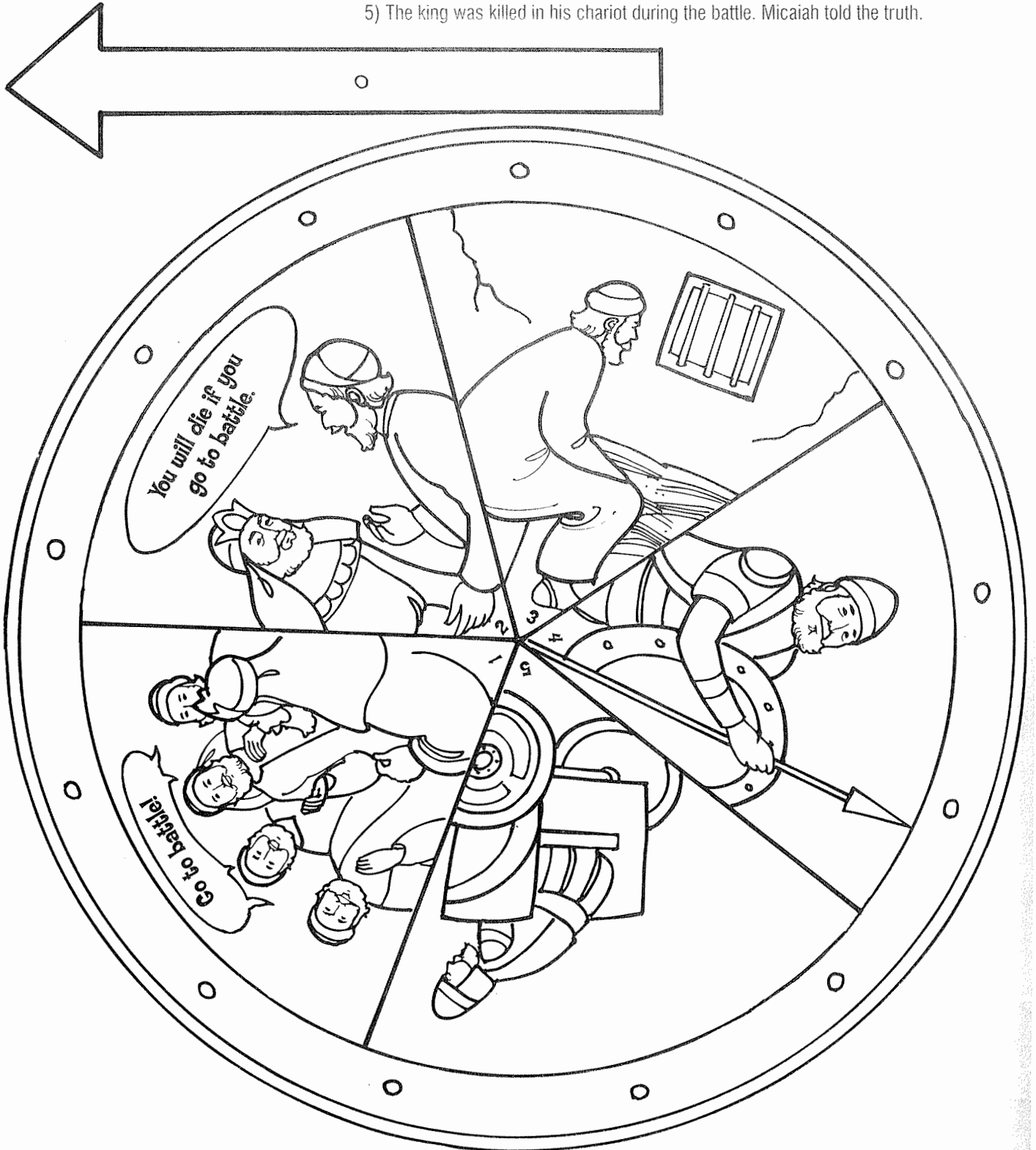
Supplies

copies of the Shield Spinner for each child
crayons or markers
scissors
hole punch
paper fasteners (1 per child)

Directions

Color and cut out the shield and arrow. Punch a hole in the center of the shield and through the center of the arrow where indicated by the open circle. Attach the arrow to the center of the shield using a paper fastener. Spin the arrow. When it lands on a scene, retell that part of the story of Micaiah telling the truth.

- 1) King Ahab asked 400 prophets if he should go to battle, and they all said yes.
- 2) King Ahab asked Micaiah, a prophet of God, if he should go to battle. Micaiah warned him that he would die if he went into battle.
- 3) King Ahab threw Micaiah into prison for saying this and decided to go to battle anyway.
- 4) The king wore a disguise so the other army would not recognize him.
- 5) The king was killed in his chariot during the battle. Micaiah told the truth.



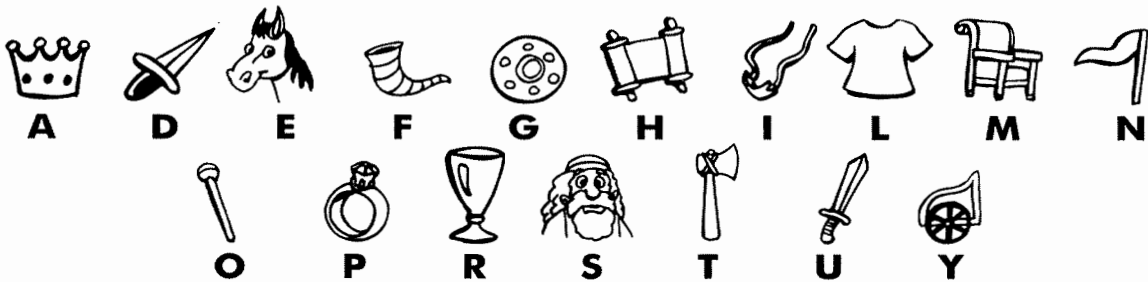
Micaiah

1 Kings 22:1-37

Speaking the Truth

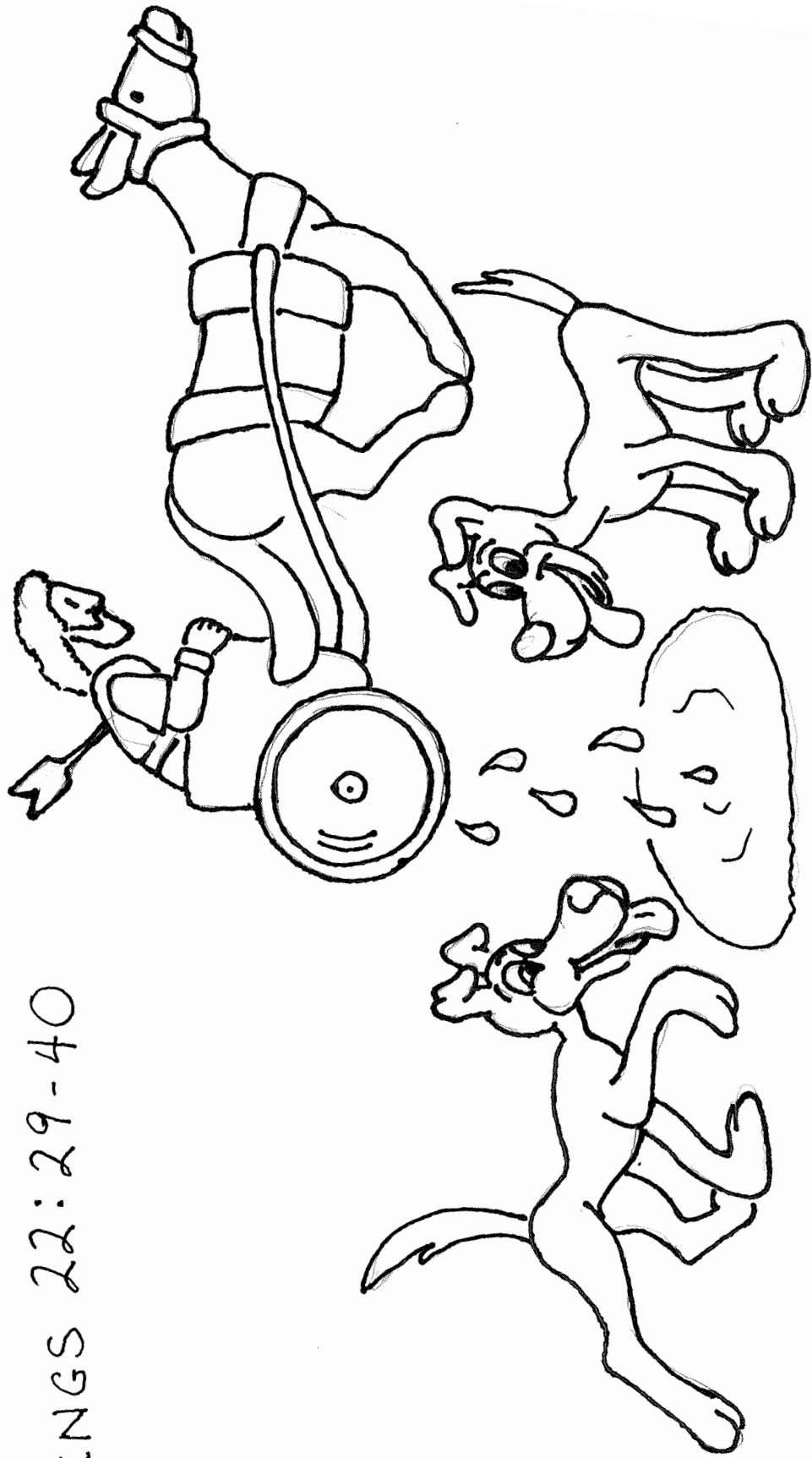
King Jehoshaphat and King Ahab asked 400 prophets whether or not they should go to battle against the army of Aram. Only God's prophet Micaiah told the truth.

Using this code, write what Micaiah told the kings.



KING AHAB DIES

I KINGS 22:29-40



God's Messenger, Elijah

I Kings 15 — II Kings 2

Elijah was God's prophet. "Prophet" means "messenger." Elijah told God's message to the people. He lived during a time when many evil kings ruled God's people and there was much idol worship in the land.

Match the names of the people who lived during Elijah's time by writing the correct number beside their description on the right. Then find each name in the word search puzzle.

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| 1. AHAB | _____ | Ahab hated him because he told the truth. (I Kings 22:8) |
| 2. AHAZIAH | _____ | He took Elijah's place as God's prophet. (II Kings 2:15) |
| 3. AMON | _____ | He wore horns while prophesying. (I Kings 22:11) |
| 4. ASA | _____ | He was an evil king of Israel. He worshipped Baal. (I Kings 16:29-31) |
| 5. BEN-HADAD | _____ | Ahab and this king heard prophecies together. (I Kings 22:10) |
| 6. ELISHA | _____ | He became king after Ahab, his father, died. (I Kings 22:40) |
| 7. JEHOSHAPHAT | _____ | He was the third king of Judah. His father was Abijam. (I Kings 15:8-11) |
| 8. JEZEBEL | _____ | He hid prophets so Jezebel couldn't kill them. (I Kings 18:4) |
| 9. MICAIAH | _____ | He was killed because of his vineyard. (I Kings 21:1-14) |
| 10. NABOTH | _____ | She was the evil wife of King Ahab. (I Kings 16:30-31; 18:4) |
| 11. OBADIAH | _____ | He was the governor where Micaiah was put in jail. (I Kings 22:26-27) |
| 12. ZEDEKIAH | _____ | King of Syria who attacked Samaria. (I Kings 20:1) |

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have made Israel to sin. And of Jezebel the Lord said, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the bounds of Jezreel.' Any one belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat; and any one of his who dies in the country the birds of the air shall eat."

There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife urged on. He did very wickedly going after idols, as the Amorites had done.

And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about dejectedly. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the evil upon his house." ■

Soldiers search for Jezebel's body



Ahab's family destroyed

1 Kings 21

Later on, Elijah's prophecies about Ahab and Jezebel came to pass. Ahab went to war against Syria with the King of Judah, Jehoshaphat. He had been told by the prophet Micaiah that he would die in the battle.

So instead of dressing like a King normally would, he dressed like a soldier and Jehoshaphat dressed like a King. But as he was riding in a chariot he was struck by a random arrow and badly wounded. He propped himself up for the rest of the day but was bleeding very heavily. That evening he died.

After he was buried, the soldiers took the chariot to Samaria to be cleaned, and there the dogs licked the blood of Ahab, just as Elijah had said.

God had also said that Ahab's family would be destroyed during his son's reign. When Jehoram, Ahab's son, was King, God chose Jehu, who was a commander in Israel's army, to take Jehoram's place.

Jehu killed not only the sons of Ahab, but even the king of Judah, who was working with him. Then he went to Jezreel where Jezebel was. She put on make-up and did her hair, perhaps hoping to influence Jehu. But he called to the servants in the tower where she was and they hated her enough to throw her out the window.

When the soldiers came back later to gather her body for burial, they could not find it. Just as God had said, the dogs had eaten it. ■