



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A God Who Abhors Injustice

Instructions: Do this exercise in quiet surroundings. As you read the scriptures, imagine that you are a bystander watching the events unfold. Visualize the scene. Hear the voices. Feel the emotions of the characters. Let the account come to life.

Main characters: Ahab, Jezebel, Naboth, and Elijah

Summary: Prompted by Jezebel, King Ahab commits murder to obtain a vineyard.

① ANALYZE THE SCENES.—READ 1 KINGS 21:1-26.

In your mind's eye, how do you picture the four characters in this account?

Ahab _____

Jezebel _____

Naboth _____

Elijah _____

What tone do you detect in the voices of Jezebel and Ahab in verses 5-7? _____

Describe the commotion that arises in verse 13, as you imagine it. _____

What emotions do you detect in the voices of Elijah and Ahab in the confrontation described in verses 20-26? _____

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What trait(s) does Jezebel manifest in verses 7 and 25? _____

What trait(s) does Ahab manifest in verse 4? _____

To obtain Naboth's vineyard, who else did Ahab have to put to death? (Read 2 Kings 9:24-26.) _____

What kind of man was Ahab in Jehovah's eyes? (*Reread verses 25 and 26. See also 1 Kings 16:30-33.*) _____

3 APPLY WHAT YOU LEARNED. WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU LEARNED ABOUT . . .

Jehovah's awareness of unjust acts. _____

Jehovah's concern for those who have been dealt with unjustly. _____

How Jehovah shows that he is a God of justice. (Read Deuteronomy 32:4.) _____

4 FOR FURTHER APPLICATION.

How might some people today manifest a spirit similar to that of Jezebel? (Read Revelation 2:18-21.) _____

In what situations might you need to show courage similar to that of Elijah? _____

Of what can you be assured when you observe or experience acts of injustice? _____

5 WHAT ASPECT OF THIS ACCOUNT IS MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU, AND WHY?

Suggestion: Turn this account into a news story. Report the event, and include imaginary interviews with the main characters and eyewitnesses.

