

YOU CANNOT DECEIVE GOD

'And the King of Israel said... I will also disguise myself and go into battle... And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and struck the King of Israel between the joints of the harness...' **I Kings 22 v 30-34**

1. Our story today is about a k____ who dis-
guised himself to try to s____ his life. But it was not men he was trying to deceive... He was trying to deceive God.
2. The king's name was Ahab. He was br____, energetic and cl____, but not a godly man.
3. He built a t____ in honour of the false god Baal, even though he knew there was only one true God.



MICAIAH BEFORE AHAB, KING OF ISRAEL, AND JEHOSHAPHAT, KING OF JUDAH
Judah was subjugated by Ahab, and Jehoshaphat the king was compelled, against his own will and policy, to take the field with him. This picture shows the prophet Micaiah warning Ahab before the battle of Ramoth-Gilead.

4. God gave him many opportunities to try and change his ways. E____ was sent to preach to him, but he did not l____.
5. King Ahab's s____ married King Jehoshaphat's d____. Jehoshaphat was a good king but he nearly lost his life because of his association with Ahab.
6. Ahab persuaded J____ to go to b____ with him even though the prophet Micaiah warned Ahab that he would be killed if he went.
7. So Ahab disguised himself as an ordinary s____.
8. However, Ahab was hit by what seemed to be a stray a____, and mortally wounded.
9. He fought bravely to the end of the battle but then he d____. He thought he could d____ God, but he couldn't.



10. The story of the man who dropped a half sovereign into the collection plate instead of a sixpence. The story of George Washington and the cabbages.