

# STOWMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY BIBLE CLUB

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HELLO IT IS JAMES HERE!!

I hope that you all had a good last week at school? It is now the summer holidays... well for you it is!! Some of us adults still have to go to work.... *sob, sob...*



And it also means that this will be our last story for a few weeks... *sob, sob...* As we are now going to have break for the summer.

But we hope that when we restart in September, we may be able see you back at the Church - which will be great!



But, don't worry... we are not leaving you without nothing to do over the summer. With today's story, you should have an invite for our online Holiday Bible Club.

We hope that you and your family have a great safe summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

With love from everyone at Sunday Bible Club

Last week we learnt about the

9<sup>TH</sup>

Commandment.

So, what number Commandment do you think the next one is? That's right, even I can count! ... It is the

10<sup>TH</sup>

Commandment.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment can be found in found in Exodus chapter 20 verse 17:

**"Be content or happy with all that you have".**

Do you every sulk or are grumpy when you don't get your own way? Perhaps you look like this?



Today we shall hear of a king who sulked. Yes, grown-ups sulk too!

Who was this king and why did he sulk? Let's find out.

King Ahab had everything he wanted - except for one thing. Near his palace was a vineyard belonging to a man named Naboth. A vineyard is where grapes are grown - these are squashed and turned into graph juice or wine.



As Ahab sat in his palace, he kept thinking about this vineyard. "If I owned that land," he thought, "I could grow vegetables there!"

So, King Ahab made Naboth a generous offer. He said to him "Let me have your garden. I'll give you a better garden somewhere else or I'll pay you for it."

What do you think Naboth replied?

"No, I can't do that. This land has always been owned by my family and I want to give it to my children when I die."

What do you think Ahab thought about that? He was used to having whatever he asked for!

Ahab was really angry!

How dare Naboth refuse him, the king! Ahab behaved like a spoilt child! He sulked.

Queen Jezebel came to find out what was wrong. When he told her, she told him not to be so silly - she would sort it out.

Queen Jezebel was not a very nice person. She wrote letters, pretending they were from the king, and sent them to the leaders of Jezreel.

The leaders of Jezreel did what Jezebel told them although they must have known it was wrong.





They found two people to lie saying that Naboth had spoken against God and the king. The punishment for that was death. Naboth was quickly found guilty, taken outside the city and killed. What a terrible crime - all because Ahab wanted somewhere to grow vegetables!

When Jezebel heard that her plan had worked, she told Ahab who immediately went to the vineyard - at last it was his!

The smile didn't stay on his face very long. Elijah, God's prophet, was there! He gave Ahab a message from God: "This is what God says: Because you have killed Naboth and taken what is his, you will be punished. You will be killed and no one from your family will be king after you."

God was extremely angry over what Ahab and Jezebel had done. God's message came true when Ahab was killed later.

God wants you to be satisfied with what you have.

*Dear Lord*

*Thank you, Lord, for all the 10 Commandments. Help me Lord to remember them and me to try and obey them all. In today's story we have been reminded not to want what others have - help me Lord to do this. And thank God for everything - our food, clothes, home - and everything else that you give us. Amen*

And finally, here is a reminder of all the 10 Commandments... If you can learn them over the summer, there will be prize for anyone that can recite them all!

1. Put God first
2. Don't worship idols
3. Respect God's name
4. Keep God's day special
5. Honour father and mother
6. Control your anger
7. Be faithful and kind to each other
8. Do not steal
9. Do not lie
10. Be content or happy with what you have