



## Weekly Family Worship

Dec. 28, 2014

**Theme:** Corruption

**Our Point:** When left alone, corruption grows.

### **Read** — Listen to God: 1 Kings 16:29-33, 21:1-26

Weak King Ahab married a corrupt foreigner, Jezebel. Practiced in royal intrigue and despotic power, she devised perjury and murder. Her corrupting influence placed Ahab in the unfortunate position of Israel's worst king ever up to his day. In Ahab's Israel, nice guys finished last, but God was not asleep!

### **Worship** — Praise to God.

**Lord, I Need You** — Matt Maher

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

### **Do** — Walk with God.

**Option 1:** A corrupt person makes very bad choices. He or she acts selfishly. He or she does not care about the lives and feelings of those around him or her. King Ahab was a very corrupt man, as was his wife, Jezebel. They had a man killed so they could have his vineyard. While our selfishness does not usually result in someone's death, we can still deeply hurt those around us when we act selfishly. Explain the importance of *selflessness* to your family. Demonstrate the concept to your family. Pay for the family behind you in the drive-thru line. Donate clothes to your local charity shop or give canned goods to your local food pantry. Show your family that there is nothing to gain by acting selfishly, but there is much wisdom in acting in a selfless manner.

**Option 2:** Ask your family the following questions.

- *How might God's judgment be different from the world's judgment in these matters?*
- *Do you think God is "keeping track?"*

### **Pray** — Talk to God.

Fear is common to all of us. Having fear is not in itself a problem. The problem comes from dealing with fear in the wrong way. Pray that God would help you combat a fearful heart. When you are overwhelmed, pray that God would grant you His peace.

#### **Pray for the Unreached...**

*Country:* India

*People:* Bedouin, Aguri

*Main Religion:* Hinduism

*Christ-Followers:* Few less than 2%

*Status:* Least-Reached

*Bible:* Complete

**Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3**

### **Memorize** — Meditate on God.

2 Corinthians 9:15 — Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

## This week in Sunday School...

### Preschool

Today your child learned about the Phuan (poo-un) people who live in Thailand. They grow rice in terraced fields on the mountainsides. The Phuan people are very special to Jesus. They cannot read about His love because they do not have the Bible in their language. They do not know how much **Jesus Loves the Phuan People.**

### Elementary

Your student learned how bad choices can take us down wrong paths. He or she may have participated in a game show to learn the story of what lengths King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, went to in order to get something Ahab coveted. The path of sin leads to corruption. Your student was encouraged to make good choices.

### Youth

Teens learned that corruption can cause major problems in the life of a believer and therefore must be avoided in the company they keep and in anything else that has an influence on them. Talk with your teen about holding him or herself to a higher standard and living a life that is set apart from the corruption they observe all around them.

### How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups? Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically disciplined and will grow in Jesus!**

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