



**A lying tongue hates those it hurts,**  
**Proverbs 26:28 (NIV)**

# God's Word is Important

1 Kings 13:1-34

"Grab that man!" yelled Jeroboam, the new king of the northern tribes of Israel.

Jeroboam was worshipping false gods at an altar when a prophet of the true God came. The prophet said the altar would crack and the ashes would pour out. When the king heard this, he told his soldiers to grab the man, but when he did, his hand became paralyzed and he couldn't move it. Also, the altar cracked and the ashes fell out on the ground.

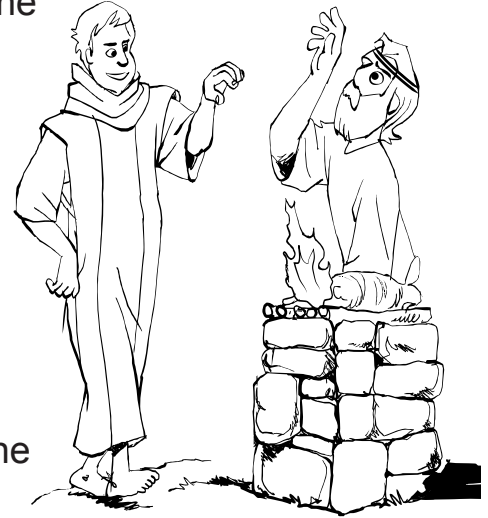
Jeroboam was surprised and asked the prophet to pray for him. When the prophet prayed, God healed the king's hand. The people saw the miraculous signs.

After that, the king invited the prophet to come eat with him, but the prophet said God had told him not to eat or drink anything there. So, the prophet left.

An old prophet from that place heard about all this. He wanted the younger prophet to visit him. He found the younger prophet on the road and invited him to come to his house for a meal. The old prophet lied and said that an angel had told him it was alright for the younger prophet to come eat with him.

The younger prophet believed him and went to eat with him. While they were eating the old prophet said, "You didn't obey God. Now you'll never make it home."

He was right. On the way home, a lion attacked the younger prophet and killed him. The old prophet buried him nearby.

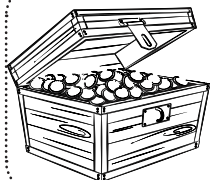


## What did we discover?

- 1) King Jeroboam was worshipping \_\_\_\_\_ gods.  
TRUE                      FALSE                      DEAD
- 2) God told the younger prophet not to \_\_\_\_\_ anything there.  
EAT OR DRINK                      WASH OR SMELL                      PLANT OR GROW
- 3) The old prophet told a \_\_\_\_\_ to the younger prophet.  
LIE                      JOKE                      STORY
- 4) The prophet died because he \_\_\_\_\_ what God said.  
SHARED                      OBEYED                      DISOBEYED



**Am I obeying what God said  
or am I distracted and disobeying?**



**I learn from  
the Word of God.**  
I obey God's Word  
and I don't listen to lies.



**Father God,  
Help me know the  
truth and obey it.**

