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The King of Israel (Ahab) At the beginning of the story didn't seem bad. He seemed to be making the right decision in seeking counsel from the Lord but when doing so I think by allowing his people or person to attack the one prophet telling the truth seemed to me like he was being ignorant and arrogant. It also occurred to me that he didn't need the land that was under someone else's control because previously there was no war between them. So in the beginning and throughout the story it seems that he may be making pretty selfish decisions and it ends up making his character not seem so great.

For Jehoshaphat, his character seemed better because he was the one who said for the King to seek the lord's council and in listening to it Aram still did what he wanted and was killed but I think in this story he's also rewarded with his life because he sought council. It doesn't say that but It may seem to be the case because as he cried out before he was going to be killed he is recognized for who he actually is. While Aram was shot accidentally. So I think his character was kind of in between.

Answering the question of what I can learn about God's character is a tough one especially in this story because God does something you almost don't want to believe. He allows a spirit to be a deceiving spirit for his prophets except one. But God does allow Micaiah to see this and allows him to prophecy about it to the kings and still gives the king a chance to listen but the kings end up not listening and doing their own thing and one dies. Even the subject of King Aram attacks the prophet and mocks him in what he says. So as far as God's character I think he

knew the hearts of each person there at that time too and only God can look at the full picture and see everything. So I believe that God's character is the same in that he was just as kind and merciful then as he is today. But it was interesting when it read, "Micaiah continued, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the multitudes of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left. And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?'" "One suggested this, and another that. Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will entice him.'" "By what means?" the LORD asked. "I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets," he said. "You will succeed in enticing him," said the LORD. "Go and do it." 1 Kings 22:19-22. I think these verses and stories are the interesting part of how God condones lying basically. It makes me think how well do I know God? Which just makes me want to get to know him more.

I think that the lesson to be learned from this story is a couple of them. One is that, Even if you have the right intention, seek first the council of the lord but also listen to it when you are seeking it. Then I think it also made me learn about and look deeper at the things that could be related to God's character and how we can get to know him better than we did before. I think there is more that I learned from this story too. For example, we shouldn't make prophets mad because then bad things happen. But as far as the main 2 things, those were it. I think I can apply this in my life by just being more observant and curious about God's character and what the bible is really saying in some of the parts we just glance over.