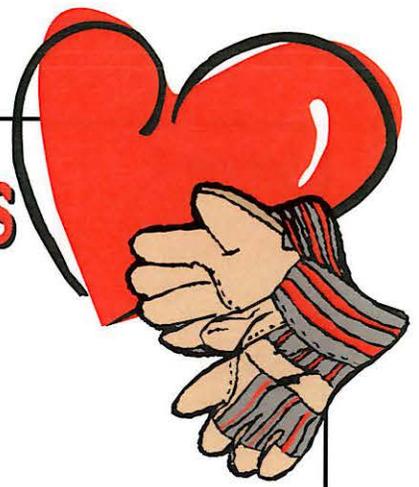


# Loving Hearts & Working Hands



## Parents' Page

### Lesson 2

## Going with God

### Your child should understand...

Obedience — Recognizing consequences of disobedience

### Your child should be able to...

1. Tell what happened to Eli and his sons, Hophni and Phinehas, as a result of their disobedience.
2. Describe the two things God did to punish the Philistines for taking the ark of the covenant.

### Your child should be memorizing...

1 Samuel 12:24

“But be sure to have respect for the Lord. Serve Him faithfully. Do it with all your heart. Think about the great things He has done for you.”

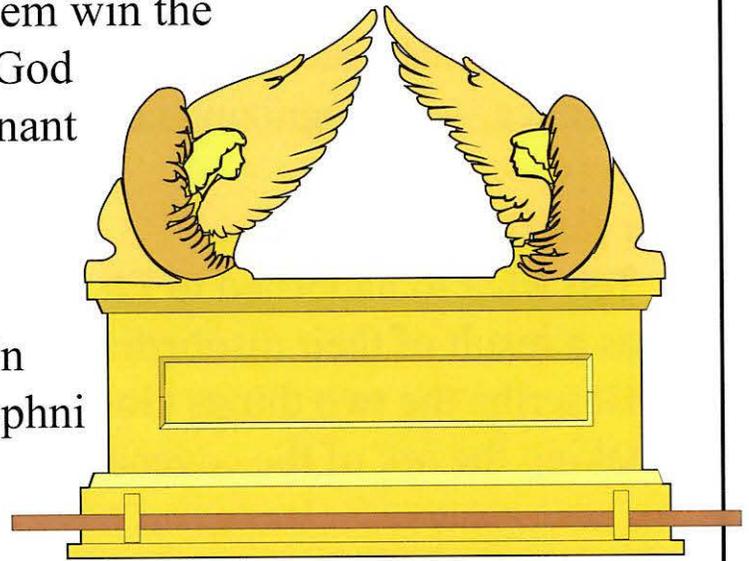
### Please read to your child...

- 1 1 Samuel 4:2, 4, 10-11, 14-18
- 2 1 Samuel 5:1-4, 6, 11
- 3 1 Samuel 6:1, 7-9
- 4 1 Samuel 6:10, 14-15, 20-21
- 5 1 Samuel 7: 1-6, 15

## Going with God

Israel went to fight the Philistines. But the Israelites had not been obeying God. So God let the Philistines win the battle.

Do you remember Eli's wicked sons, Hophni and Phinehas? They brought the ark of the covenant from God's house to the battlefield. They thought this would help them win the next battle with the Philistines. God did not want the ark of the covenant brought there. He was very unhappy with the Israelites and with Hophni and Phinehas. So, again, God let the Philistines win the battle with the Israelites. Hophni and Phinehas and many others died.



**True or False? Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died in battle because they did not obey God.**

When Eli the priest heard that his sons were dead and the ark of the covenant had been taken, he fell backwards from his chair. This fall broke Eli's neck, and he died.

**Circle one. When Eli fell backwards from his chair, his neck broke, and he ...**

lied.

cried.

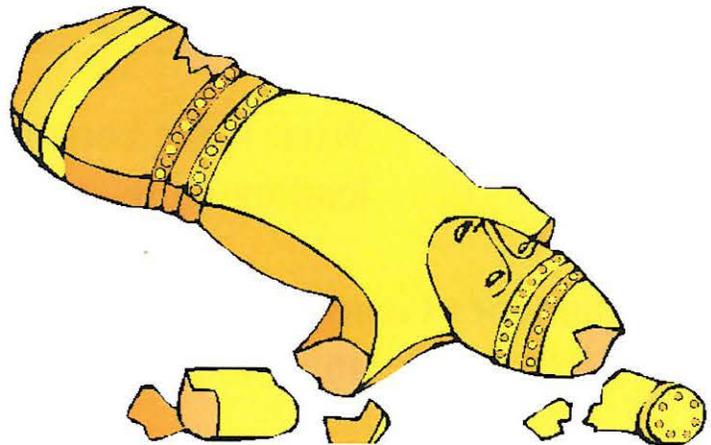
died.

The Philistines took the ark of the covenant to their town and put it with their false god Dagon in Dagon's temple. Now Dagon was just an idol that the Philistines had made. That idol did not have any power like our true living God has! God was very unhappy that the Philistines took the ark of the covenant, so He made the Philistines get sick. God also made the statue of Dagon fall on the floor and break.

**Be ready to tell the class the two things God did to the Philistines to punish them for taking the ark of the covenant.**

All this made the Philistines so afraid of the ark of the covenant that they sent it back to the Israelites. They put it on a cart and had two cows pull it back to the Israelites.

After many years, the Israelites got rid of their statues of the false gods, Baal and Astarte, and served only the Lord. They confessed that they had sinned against the Lord. Then God let them win in their fighting with the Philistines.



Samuel was God's prophet and judge to Israel all of his life. Samuel wanted to obey God, and we want to obey God, too!

Lesson 2

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### Memory Verse:

Say your **memory verse at least 3 times** with your mother or daddy and **at least 3 times** by yourself.

1 Samuel 12:24

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## Working Hard on Bible Facts

What is the book of **Exodus** about? (Moses leading Israel out of Egypt; receiving the Law)

What does **Genesis 1:1** say?

(“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”)

Look at your **Bible map**, and use your **thumb** to **show the way Israel left Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, went to Mount Sinai, wandered in the Wilderness, and went into Canaan.** Now put your **thumb** on **Moab**. Put your **other thumb** on **Mount Nebo**.