Journaling

Guided Journaling Prompts for '1 Samuel 4'

Reflection:
1. What Happened?
Can you write a short summary of what happened in 1 Samuel 4? Who are the main people or groups involved in this story?

2. God's Presence:
The Israelites brought the Ark of the Covenant into battle because they thought it would bring them victory. Why do you think they believed this? What does this tell us about how they understood God’s presence?

3. The Result:
What was the result of the battle for the Israelites? How do you think they felt when things didn't go as planned?

Personal Application:
1. Trusting in God:
The Israelites put their trust in something (the Ark) instead of directly in God. Can you think of a time when you trusted in something else instead of trusting God? How did it go?

2. Listening to God:
Are there ways you make sure to listen to God and understand what He wants? What can you do to listen to God better in your life?

3. Handling Disappointment:
Remember a time when you felt disappointed because something didn’t go as you expected. How did you handle it? How does understanding the Israelites' story help you deal with disappointments?

Prayer:
1. Prayer for Guidance:
Write a prayer asking God to help you always trust Him instead of relying on things or symbols.

2. Prayer for Strength:
Ask God for strength to handle difficult situations in a way that shows your trust in Him.

3. Gratitude:
Thank God for the ways He is present in your life every day. Can you list three specific things you are thankful for today?