

Journaling

Guided Journaling Prompts for 1 Samuel 5

Reflection:

1. Briefly summarize the story of the Ark of God being captured by the Philistines and placed in the temple of their god, Dagon.
2. What happened to the statue of Dagon each morning when the Ark was placed in the temple?

Personal Connection:

1. Think about a time when something you valued was taken from you. How did you feel and what did you do?
2. The Philistines learned that they couldn't just control God's power. How do you see God's power in your life?

Application:

1. Just like the Philistines saw God's power, what are some ways you can notice God's presence in your daily life?
2. If you could talk to the people of the Philistine city who experienced the events of 1 Samuel 5, what would you ask them or tell them about God?

Prayer:

1. Write a prayer asking God to help you see His presence and power in your life, even in unexpected places.
2. Thank God for a specific way He has shown His strength in your life or the life of someone you know.

Open-Ended Questions:

1. Why do you think God allowed the Ark to be captured, and what do you think He wanted to show the Philistines?
2. How can you use this story to talk about God with your friends who might not know Him?