Music

Song Recommendation: "Our God is Greater" by Chris Tomlin

Lyrics Paraphrase for Kids:
Our God is greater, our God is stronger,
Our God is above all, more awesome than any other.
He can do anything, He’s the King of everything.

Suggested Actions:
- During "Our God is greater", make a strong pose with muscles flexed.
- For "Our God is stronger", show a strong stance with feet apart.
- When singing "Our God is above all", point upwards.
- For "He can do anything", stretch arms wide as if indicating something big.

Connection to Lesson:
In 1 Samuel 5, the Philistines put the Ark of God with their god Dagon, but God showed His power by making Dagon fall. This song reminds us of how God's power is greater than anything else.

Worship Activity: "Act It Out"

Activity Description:
Divide the students into small groups to act out 1 Samuel 5. Assign roles such as the Philistines, Dagon, the Ark, and God's messengers. Let them recreate the scene where Dagon falls before the Ark.

Suggested Actions:
- Have "Dagon" fall slowly and dramatically in front of the "Ark" as children cheer "Our God is greater!".
- The "Philistines" can act surprised and confused, showing respect and awe for God's power.

Connection to Lesson:
This activity helps students visually and physically engage with the story, understanding that no idol or false belief can stand before the true power of God.

Worship Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Lyrics Paraphrase for Kids:
He's got the Ark and Dagon in His hands,
He's got the Philistines in His hands,
He's got everyone and everything in His hands.

Suggested Actions:
- Use hand movements cradling an imaginary world or object to represent being in God's hands.
- Nod in affirmation when singing "He's got everyone and everything".

Connection to Lesson:
1 Samuel 5 shows God's control over all things. This song reinforces God's sovereignty and care, reminding students that God holds everything in His powerful hands.

These songs and activities can help the students connect with the themes of God's supremacy and power in 1 Samuel 5 in an engaging and age-appropriate way.