# Takehome

Take-Home Assignment: Exploring 1 Samuel 5

Dear Students and Families,

Today, we will explore a story from the Bible found in 1 Samuel 5. This part of the Bible tells us about the time when the Ark of the Covenant, which was very special and holy to the Israelites, was captured by the Philistines and taken to their land. Let's learn about what happened and think about what this story can teach us.

Story Summary:

The Philistines captured the Ark of the Covenant and placed it in the temple of their god, Dagon. The next morning, they found the statue of Dagon fallen over. They set it back up, but the following day, the statue had fallen again, this time with its head and hands broken. People became afraid because they realized that the God of Israel was more powerful than their god. The Philistines decided to move the Ark to different cities, but everywhere it went, trouble followed, so they decided to send it back to the Israelites.

Activities and Questions:

1. Story Reflection:
- Read or discuss the story aloud with a family member.
- Think about what this story tells us about God's power. Can you remember a time when you felt protected or helped in a special way?

2. Make a Drawing:
- Draw the statue of Dagon falling down in front of the Ark of the Covenant. Show how powerful God is in the picture.
- Share your drawing with your family and explain what you depicted.

3. Family Discussion:
- Talk about respect for things that are special or sacred with your family. What are some things we consider special at home? How should we treat these things?

4. Craft Activity:
- Create a small "Remembrance Box." Use an empty box and decorate it with paper, stickers, or drawings that remind you of things that are important and powerful in your life, similar to the Ark of the Covenant for the Israelites.
- Place something special inside that represents your family’s values or beliefs.

5. Question Time:
- Why did the statue of Dagon fall over?
- How did the Philistines feel about the Ark when they experienced trouble in their cities?
- What did the Philistines decide to do with the Ark in the end?

Reflection:

Think about a time when you experienced or witnessed something that you couldn't explain. How

did it make you feel? What did you learn from it?

We hope you enjoy this reflection activity with your family! Remember to bring back your drawing or your thoughts to share in class.

Thank You!