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Key Passage:
For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift
of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 9 • Session 5

ELI'S SONS DISOBEYED GOD

1 Samuel 4-6

WHAT IS THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN? THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH.

One day, the Philistines defeated Israel in a battle. The Israelites decided to battle again. This time, however, they would take the ark of the covenant with them. Maybe the ark would help them win.

Eli's sons, who did not respect God, took the ark of the covenant to the Israelites' camp. But when the Philistines came out to fight against the Israelites, the Philistines won again! They killed Eli's sons, and they captured the ark of God. When Eli heard the news, he fell backward in his chair and died.

The Philistines worshiped a false god named Dagon. They put the ark next to a statue of Dagon. The next morning, the Philistines found Dagon's statue facedown in front of the ark. The next day, the statue was facedown again. This time, its head and hands were broken off.

God punished the Philistines living in the city where they kept the ark. The Philistines were afraid. They didn't want God to punish them anymore, so they decided to return the ark along with gifts of gold to show they were sorry for taking it. The Philistines hitched two cows to a cart and put the ark on the cart. The cows moved the ark down the road until the ark of God was back with the Israelites, where it belonged.

Christ Connection: The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Years later, God gave His people something greater than a sign that He was with them; God gave them His Son, Jesus—God in the flesh. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel, which means "God with us."

My child has completed the Christ Connection on his/her own and has discussed it with me:
Parent Signature: _____