

## 1 Samuel 5:1-5

Combo

### Teachers Dig In

#### Dig In to the Bible

- Read: 1 Samuel 5:1-5
- In This Passage: The Philistines capture the Ark of God, a holy box that represents God's presence. They put the Ark in a temple with an idol named Dagon, and Dagon keeps falling before the Ark! This demonstrates that God is real and the idol isn't.
- Bible Point: God is real...
- Application: ...so we believe he's the one true God.
- Summary Verse: "So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

#### Dig Deeper

- You'll Be Teaching: *God is real.* This lesson will help kids explore modern-day idols. They're probably not statues like Dagon, but they may be things kids put before God. Help kids understand that because God is real, we believe in and worship only him as the one true God.
- Think About: Ask God to show you what might be an idol in your life—anyone or anything that becomes more important than God.

#### Dig In to Prayer

- Pray that your kids will recognize God as the real, true God, regardless of what our society might tell them.

#### Quick Tip

- Sunday school teachers must maintain a delicate balance. We need to prepare our kids for the things of this world they must face, but we don't want to take away their innocence in the process. That's why it's so important for you to know your kids. As you discuss today's point, some kids may stick to talking about idols such as sports or celebrities. Older kids might ask questions about other religions or scientific theories. Allow kids to grapple with this point on their level, but draw them back to the same conclusion: God is real, and we believe he's the one true God.