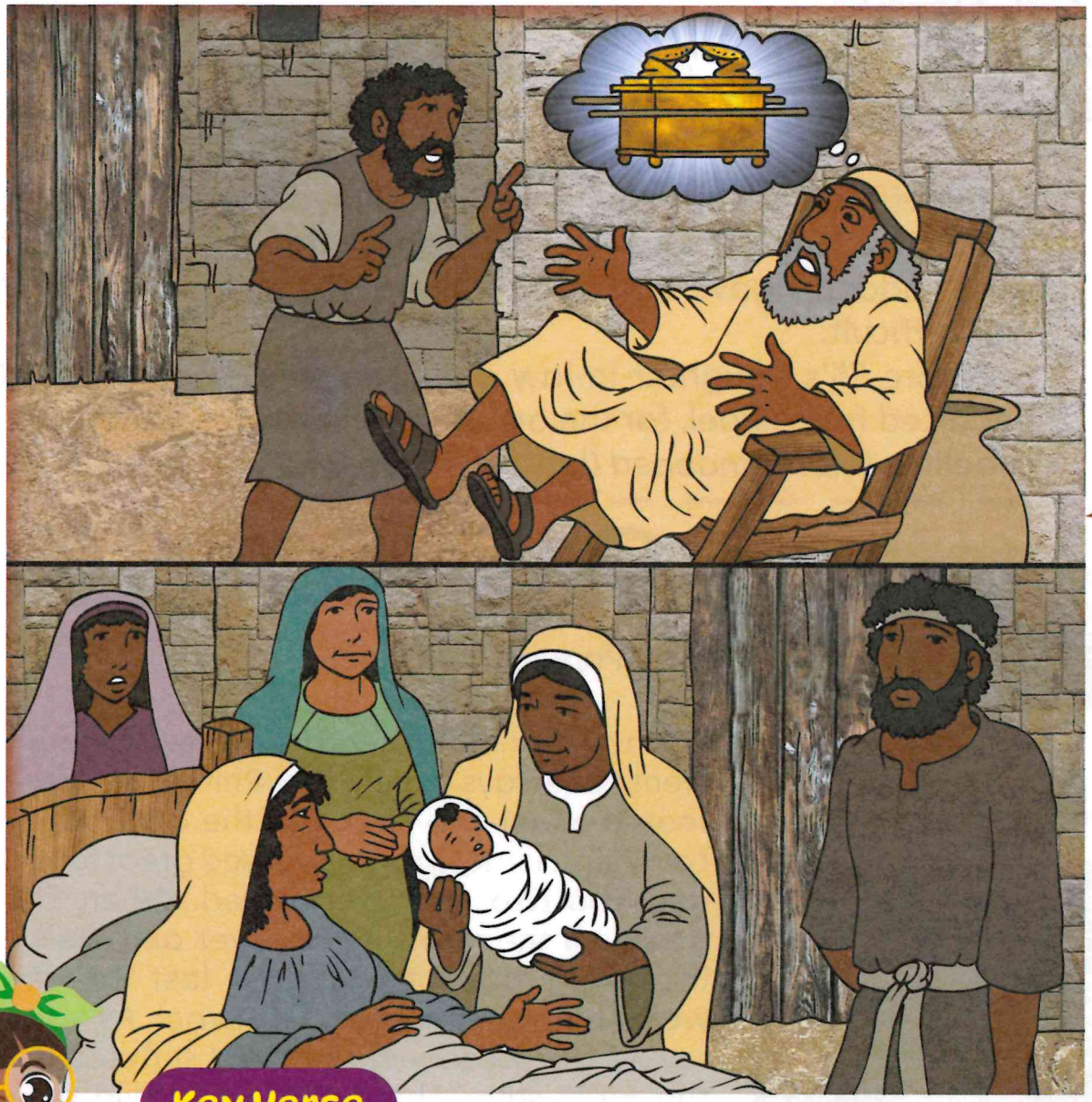
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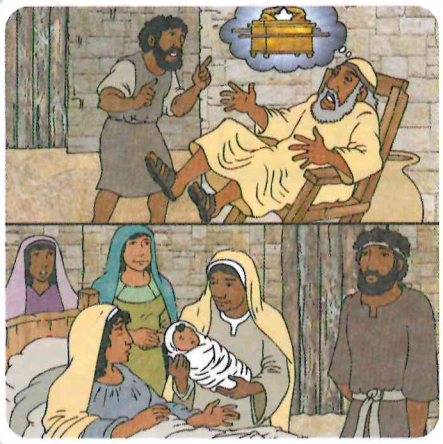
Everything Goes Sideways

Lesson Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:14-20, 22



Key Verse

[The wife of Phinehas] said, "The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured." (1 Samuel 4:22)



Everything Goes Sideways

(1 Samuel 4:14-20, 22)

Eli, old and blind, heard a loud cry. A man who had fled from the battle told Eli that everything had gone sideways. Israel was defeated, the army suffered great loss, Eli's sons were killed, and the ark of God was captured. Hearing this, Eli fell off his chair, broke his neck, and died. He served for forty years. Startled by the news, Eli's pregnant *daughter-in-law* (son's wife) suddenly gave birth, but bringing the child into the world was difficult.

Before Eli's daughter-in-law died, she said, "God's glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured." The Israelites felt *abandoned* (left alone) by God.

Faith Block

Trust God, not things!

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, your child heard how everything went sideways when the Philistines defeated Israel and captured the ark of the covenant. Israel's army suffered great loss, and Eli's two sons were killed. When Eli heard all the news, he fell over and died. His dying daughter-in-law's last words were that the glory had left Israel. As you review the consequences Israel suffered in this Bible story, share with your child the rewards and consequences of our actions.

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Your Child's Teacher

Disobedience versus Obedience

In today's lesson, the Israelites believed they could disobey God and not face punishment. When we stay close to God we obey Him. Look at the pictures in the DISOBEYING column. Draw a line to the picture in the OBEYING column that shows the corrected behavior.

DISOBEYING









OBEYING









Ark of the Covenant

The ark of the covenant was very special to the people of Israel. It represented God's presence among the people. In today's Bible story, Israel treated the ark of the covenant like a "good-luck" charm. God was not pleased. Color the picture of the ark of the covenant below.

