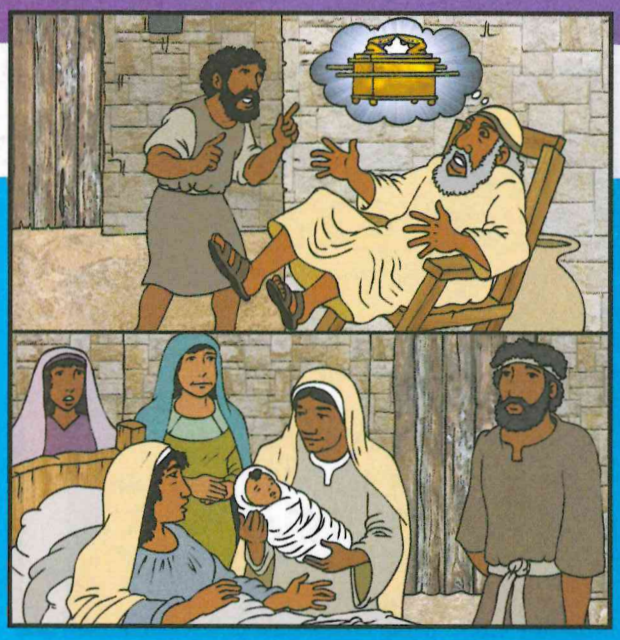
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BIBLE LESSON 10

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

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

God's Word

14 Eli heard the outcry and asked, "What is the meaning of this uproar?" The man hurried over to Eli, 15 who was ninety-eight years old and whose eyes had failed so that he could not see. 16 He told Eli, "I have just come from the battle line; I fled from it this very day." Eli asked, "What happened, my son?" 17 The man who brought the news replied, "Israel fled before the Philistines, and the army has suffered heavy losses. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured." 18 When he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell backward off his chair by the side of the gate. His neck was broken and he died, for he was an old man, and he was heavy. He had led Israel forty years. 19 His daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant and near the time of delivery. When she heard the news that the ark of God had been captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she went into labor and gave birth, but was overcome by her labor pains. 20 As she was dying, the women attending her said, "Don't despair; you have given birth to a son." But she did not respond or pay any attention.

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22 She said, "The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

Bible Story

Everything Goes Sideways

1 Samuel 4:14-20, 22

In the events of today's Scripture text, when Eli heard a noise, he wanted to know what caused the uproar. A man hurried over to Eli. At this time, Eli was ninety-eight years old and blind. The man told Eli that he had just fled from the battle line.

Eli asked, "What happened?"

The man told Eli about the things that had gone sideways. The Israelite army lost a lot of soldiers and was on the run from the Philistines. Also, Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were dead, and the Ark of God had been captured. When the man mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell off his chair, broke his neck, and died. He had led Israel for forty years. His daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was nearing the time of her child's birth. When she heard the news about the Ark of God and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she went into labor. The bad news and her labor pains overwhelmed her. As she was dying, the women who were attending her told her not to worry because she had given birth to a son. She did not respond or pay any attention to them.

She said to them, "The Glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God has been captured."

What a Mess!

(Part 1)

"Frankie, can you come back and pick up your backpack?" her mother called.

"Frankie, you forgot and left the dog food out after you fed the dog this morning," her father said. "Come and put it away before Ruffles gets into it and makes a mess."

It seemed that all Frankie ever heard was, "Frankie, pick up this or that." What was going on? They never called on her sister or brother to pick up things. She was beginning to feel like nobody liked her!

"I don't know why everyone is always telling me to do things," Frankie whined, complaining to her sister.

"That's because we're not walking tornadoes and we don't leave things all around," her sister replied.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello, all! Nicholas and Cornelius here! In today's lesson, lots had gone wrong for the people of Israel. The worst thing that happened was that the Ark of God—the covenant between God and His people—was captured by their enemies. This situation greatly impacted the Israelite people, causing them to panic . . . as they thought that God had abandoned them. What do you do when things go sideways in your life because of your actions?



What a Mess!
(Part 2)

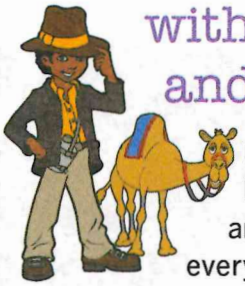
Frankie's sister's comment made her think about whether she was messy and disorderly. Frankie peeped into her sister's room, and she saw that everything was in its place. The only thing out was the drawing pad that her sister was working on. Then Frankie looked at her room. It looked like a windstorm had blown through. Frankie decided that she had to make a change.

Frankie worked hard all morning to straighten up her room. When she was done, everyone in the family stopped by and was amazed at what she had done.

"Wow, Frankie," her brother said. "I can't believe my eyes."

"I know," Frankie replied. "I decided that I would turn over a new leaf."

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius



In today's lesson, Frankie learned that she left chaos and destruction behind her everywhere she went. We all know someone like Frankie. Maybe, in our own family, we are Frankie. What are the disadvantages of trying to navigate through chaos? What are the advantages of keeping things in order? Let's discuss some steps that we can take to prevent chaos in our homes and lives.

Decode the Message

Fill in each blank with the correct letter from the Letter Key to form a phrase related to today's lesson.

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Letter Key		
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13 – C	22 – L	31 – U
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