



# Weekly Family Devotions

First Week of March, 2017



## Reading of Psalm and Proverb

<sup>1</sup> Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament. <sup>2</sup> Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. (Psalm 5:1-2)

<sup>1</sup> My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight, <sup>2</sup> that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. (Proverb 5:1-2)



Shorter Catechism:

*Question 5: Are there more gods than One?*

*Answer 5: There is but one only, the living and true God*

*Deuteronomy 6:4* - Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one

*Jeremiah 10:10* - But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath.



Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

(YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdbxSpJn1yQ>) – Sing along!

## Bible Lessons



“God Tumbles Dagon” (I Samuel 5:1-12) – Bible Text on the other side

- What happened to Dagon, the Philistines’ god?
- What happened to the city of Gath after the Ark was moved to it?
- How did the people of Akron respond to the Ark coming to their city?

## Family Prayer



- Share Prayer topics for Family, Church, Friends, Missionaries, Nation
- Take turn in praying.
- When finished, hug each other.



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### I Samuel 5:1-12 “God Tumbles Dagon”

The Ark in Ashdod and Ekron

**5** After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. **2** Then they carried the ark into Dagon’s temple and set it beside Dagon. **3** When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the LORD! They took Dagon and put him back in his place. **4** But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the LORD! His head and hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained. **5** That is why to this day neither the priests of Dagon nor any others who enter Dagon’s temple at Ashdod step on the threshold.

**6** The LORD’s hand was heavy on the people of Ashdod and its vicinity; he brought devastation on them and afflicted them with tumors. <sup>[a]</sup> **7** When the people of Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, “The ark of the god of Israel must not stay here with us, because his hand is heavy on us and on Dagon our god.” **8** So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and asked them, “What shall we do with the ark of the god of Israel?”

They answered, “Have the ark of the god of Israel moved to Gath.” So they moved the ark of the God of Israel.

**9** But after they had moved it, the LORD’s hand was against that city, throwing it into a great panic. He afflicted the people of the city, both young and old, with an outbreak of tumors. <sup>[b]</sup> **10** So they sent the ark of God to Ekron.

As the ark of God was entering Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, “They have brought the ark of the god of Israel around to us to kill us and our people.” **11** So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and said, “Send the ark of the god of Israel away; let it go back to its own place, or it <sup>[c]</sup> will kill us and our people.” For death had filled the city with panic; God’s hand was very heavy on it. **12** Those who did not die were afflicted with tumors, and the outcry of the city went up to heaven.