

Chapter 5

The Philistines took the captured Sacred Chest to the shrine of Dagon in one of their towns.

Next morning, they found the statue of Dagon on its face on the ground, in front of the Sacred Chest.

They picked Dagon up and put him back in his place. But next morning he was down again, with his head and hands cut off from the rest of his body.

While the Sacred Chest was in the Philistine town, the people there were struck with tumors and many people died.

The people told their leaders to take the Sacred Chest back to Israel where it belonged.

Dear God, please help everyone know
that there is no other God but you

Chapter 6

The Sacred Chest of the Lord was in Philistine territory for 7 months.

Then the Philistines put the Chest on a cart pulled by 2 milch cows.

The cows went straight to the Israelite town of Beth-shemesh, without anyone leading them.

The people of Beth-shemesh were overjoyed to see the Sacred Chest.

Dear Lord, thank you for the joy in our hearts
which comes from friendship with you