



it was God's sign to his people that he was their God.

Now there was to be a great battle, and the Israelites thought that if they had the Ark of the Covenant they would win. So Eli let them have the sacred Ark—and he allowed his two sons to carry it.

The rest of the story is almost too sad to tell, for the Israelites lost the battle.

Poor Eli, so old and feeble and nearly blind, sat and waited for word from the battle, and when a messenger came running with the terrible news that the two sons had been killed and the Ark taken by the enemy, the old priest fell down and died.

#### A QUESTION FOR YOU

Are you always obedient when mother calls, or do you want to wait "just a minute"?

#### TWO VERSES TO THINK ABOUT

**"The wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord."**

—Romans 6 : 23.

**"Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."** —I Samuel 3 : 9.