

# Lesson 5

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Kids

**What did God require of the king?  
God required that the king be obedient or  
God would oppose him.**

*Read aloud: Deuteronomy 17:18-20*

## **Recommended Illustration**

Ask the kids, “who is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of all time?”

Choose a sport or any competitive group activity that you know your kids love for the blank.

Once they’ve identified the GOAT (greatest of all time), ask your kids to spend time imagining what it would be like to have this person on their team. What would it be like to know that they’re on your side in every match/game/tournament?

Next, flip the script. Let them know that the GOAT has decided to leave their team. Ask your kids to imagine what it would be like for this person to always be on the opposite team. Whomever you’re facing in competition, she’s there, always on their side. No matter where you go, no matter where you turn, this person is always on the other side. How does it feel?

## **Helpful Insights**

God had promised Israel lots of things, but one thing in particular stands out as more important than all the rest. He gave this all important promise to Abraham when he promised to "forever be the God of Abraham and his children."

There were lots of nations, lots of peoples, lots of lands, lots of honey and milk. Lots of kings and horses and armies and temples. There were lots of priests and lots of sacrifices. These things happened all throughout the nations that surrounded Israel.

None of those other nations, however, could claim that Yahweh, the creator of the universe, was their God. Only Israel had this claim. This gave them confidence in every situation, and provided them with an identity unlike any other nation.

Now consider this week's catechism again: God required that the king be obedient or God would oppose him. This is the God of the universe. This is the only true God. This is the most important part of being Israel. God says to the king: obey, or I will take away the most important thing about you.

## **The Point**

God is essentially saying to the King, if you disobey me, you will no longer be considered my friend, but rather my enemy. The most powerful being in the universe will no longer be for you but against you. Nothing could have been more frightening for the king. At least nothing should have been. Nothing is more valuable than God's friendship, and to lose it would mean losing everything.

