

TIGARD COVENANT KIDS'
Sunday School Online Lesson Plan
June 2020

THE STORY OF SAMSON

Dear Parents,

The Book of Judges spans approximately 400 years and is the account of how Israel behaves between the death of Joshua and the leadership of a king. Instead of remaining loyal to God, these generations of Israelites wander in their faith, worship idols, indulge in violence, and descend into chaos. God sends 15 judges during those years to bring peace to Israel, of which Samson was one, but the peace would only last until the judge passed away, and sure enough, the Israelites would once again returned to their wicked ways.

To God be the Glory!

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References: God' Word; Amazing Stories for Young Believers by Dave Strehler

Materials Needed: Tablet/Computer and Bible

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, GOD WANTS TO TELL YOU SOMETHING:

"I love you with an everlasting love because you are a part of me. I created you and breathed life into your lungs. You are not an accident. I know everything about you... when you sit down, and when you stand up, when you laugh and when you cry. You are more important to me than you will ever know, and I have great plans for your future. I will never stop doing good to you. I am for you and never against you. I loved you so much that I sent my only son Jesus to be your savior. You are my special child and your name is stamped on my heart for all eternity." Love from your father in Heaven.

INTRODUCTION

This week we are going to learn about the strongest man that ever lived. His name was Samson and God told his parents when he was very young that Samson would be used by God to save Israel with the super strength he had given him. But God also said the secret to his strength was his long hair, and if it were ever shaved, his strength would be gone. When Samson was growing up, the Philistines ruled over Israel and they treated the Israelites horribly. But when Samson grew into a man, he fought the evil men with all his strength for many years, and the Philistines grew to hate Samson. They wanted to destroy him.

Let's watch this video to see what happened to Samson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcTgzQAeuZo>

QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think the Philistines hated Samson so much? **(their armies could not defeat him)**
2. When Samson met Delilah, what do you think was the first thing he thought when he saw her? **(that she was beautiful)**
3. Do you think Samson took time to get to *really* know Delilah before he trusted her with his secret?
4. Do you think he should have?
5. Do you think Samson should have wondered why Delilah was asking him so many questions about his strength?
6. What kind of deal did Delilah make with the Philistines? **(she would find out Samson's secret for money)**
7. Where do you think the guards took Samson when they arrested him? **(to prison)**
8. Do you think he was treated well in prison? **(No, in fact they gouged out his eyes so he could never see again and made him work long hours)**
9. Do you think Samson ever got his strength back?

Let's read the Bible to find out: Please read **JUDGES 16:21-31**

CONCLUSION

Throughout the Old Testament,
God used imperfect men and women to complete
His plan for Israel.
But when God wants to use someone,
it doesn't matter how imperfect they are.
God will give them what they need to serve Him.
God did a mighty work in Samson,
and one day, He'll do a mighty work in you too!
He has a great plan for each of us,
and He will always be with us to show the way.

SCRIPTURE

*Samson prayed to the Lord:
Sovereign Lord, remember me again.
Judges 16:28*

Let's pray together. Repeat after me.

Dear God,

*Thank you for your awesome love.
Thank you for the ways you look out for us and protect us.
Show us the plans you have for our lives,
and keep your loving hand on me and my family always.
I learned today that Samson paid a high price for
not choosing his friends wisely and disobeying God.
I want to be wise and obey God so my life is happier.
Please help me to love you more, because
of all the wonderful things you do for me and my family.*

In Jesus' Name

Amen

Activity below:

Connect the dots from 1-59 to find out who Samson fought with and won.

STRONG SAMSON



God made Samson strong. God had said that Samson should never cut his hair or he would lose his strength. (Judges 13:1 - 14:7)

