

# Samson

## Judges 13-16

March 29, 2020

Age group: Twos - Pre-K

Large Group

Key Verse	Judges 13:24 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him.
Memory Verse	Joshua 24:15b "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
Series Point	God showed that He would do "whatever it takes" to provide for His people. He asks us to do "whatever it takes" to serve Him in return.
Lesson Point	God does not want to use the strong, He wants to use the obedient.
Now what? (action steps)	I can get stronger at obeying God by practicing each day.

### **Leader Preparation**

What can we say about Samson? He was a major dingbat! Yet despite all of his knuckleheadedness God chose him from birth for His (God's) purposes. Like most of Judges, the details of this story are often gory, full of promiscuity and sinfulness, and just plain unfit for children. Don't focus on the details, rather focus on the fact that God chose to use Samson for His purposes. Focus on the fact that Samson's strength came from God alone. Focus on the fact that as the Israelites lived in the Promised Land it became more and more apparent that when they followed the ways of people rather than God, things went badly for them. When they turned to God and followed God's ways, however, things went much better. God was molding His people, despite their stubborn hearts, into a people through which He would send the savior of the world.

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#### **Worship**

MC: Good morning, friends! Let's stand to our feet and praise Jesus. (Mc picks 2 worship songs.)

Great singing, friends! Today we are going to hear a story about a very strong man named Samson. Let's invite the puppets.

#### **Puppets**

Landon: Hello Everyone!

Riley: Hello Friends!

Landon: So our story starts with the Israelites not making good choices.

Riley: That is so sad!

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Landon: It is, Riley! The Israelites forgot about God and they forgot about doing what pleases Him. They did not want God to rule over them. They wanted to do things their way!

Riley: So God had to get their attention. He sent the Philistines to rule over them. They made the Israelites miserable.

Landon: It wasn't that God didn't love His people. They needed to know what life would be like without Him.

Riley: After 40 years, God sent an angel to a woman working in the fields. The angel tapped her on her shoulder and she became frightened.

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Landon: “Do not be afraid,” said the angel. “I have come with good news. The Lord has sent me to tell you that you are going to have a son!” The angel said, “You must not drink any strong drinks and you may never cut his hair!”

Riley: That was very big news! The woman ran to her husband to tell him what the angel had said. The husband was so happy and prayed to God to send the angel back with further instructions.

Landon: The husband ran to the field and the angel appeared and told him never to cut his son’s hair. He also reminded him that his wife could not have strong drinks. And most importantly, they were to prepare a goat as a burnt offering to God. So the husband did as he was told.

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Riley: Samson was born and he grew tall and strong – just as the angel commanded, they did not cut his hair.

Landon: Unfortunately, as he grew, Samson made some bad choices. He chose to follow the wrong friends, including a woman named Delilah. Delilah tricked Samson into telling her that his hair was what made him so strong.

Riley: Samson told her that since he was dedicated to God when he was born that if he cut it he would become weak.

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Landon: So Delilah ran straight to the Philistine kings and told them about Samson's hair. While Samson was sleeping, Delilah had his hair cut, and when he woke up, he was weak and his enemies captured him.

Riley: The Philistines blinded Samson and put him in prison!

Landon: While he was in prison, Samson cried out to God and was sorry for his sin. God heard him, Samson's hair grew, and he was made strong again.

Riley: The Philistines brought Samson out in shackles at a party to mock him.

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Mc: Samson saw that he had an opportunity to stop the Philistine leaders, even though he would die. He asked God for strength and he brought the pillars of the temple crashing down on everyone. Samson was only strong because of God, and God used him even though he made many poor choices. Let's watch our video together.

#### Video

Show [Samson \(Samson and Delilah\)](#)

#### Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank you for this day. Help me to always make good choices and to follow Your word always. In Your name we pray. Amen

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