



Unit 9 | Session 2

GOD USED SAMSON

Judges 13-16

The Israelites were stuck in a pattern of ignoring God, being attacked by enemies, and then calling out to God to rescue them. God let their enemies, the Philistines, rule over them.

One day, the angel of the LORD spoke to a man and his wife. They would have a son, and their son would save God's people from the Philistines. God had special instructions for their son: He should never cut his hair.

The couple named him Samson. God made Samson strong. Samson decided he wanted to marry a Philistine woman. Samson and his parents went to meet her. Along the way, a lion jumped out and Samson killed the lion. Later, bees made honey in the lion's body.

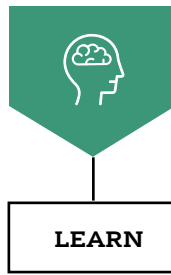
Samson told a riddle to a group of Philistines at the wedding. The Philistines could not figure it out. They asked Samson's bride for help. She told the men the answer. Samson was angry, and he left without his wife. Samson ran away to another city, where he fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines gave Delilah money to help them find out.

Samson told Delilah, "If you cut my hair,

I will be weak." A Philistine came and cut his hair. The Philistines grabbed him and took him away in chains.

The Philistines made Samson stand between two pillars in their temple. God strengthened Samson. Samson pushed on the pillars and collapsed the temple. Samson and everyone in the temple died.

Christ Connection: Samson's sin led to his own death, but God used his death to save the Israelites from their enemies. Samson's story reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but God sent Him to die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin and give them eternal life.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Can you solve these riddles?

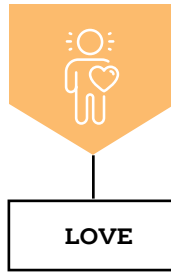
1. It belongs to you, but your friends use it more.
2. How many months of the year have 28 days?
3. What has a face and hands but cannot smile or wave?
4. What gets wetter as it dries?
5. Three men were in a boat. It capsized, but only two men got their hair wet. Why?
6. A boy throws a ball as hard as he can. It comes straight back to him every time, even though no one and nothing touches it. Why?
7. What is so delicate that it breaks when you speak?
8. Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?
9. What goes up but never comes down?
10. If a brother, sister, and their dog weren't under an umbrella, why didn't they get wet?

» What does this story teach us about God?

» How does Samson's story remind us of Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

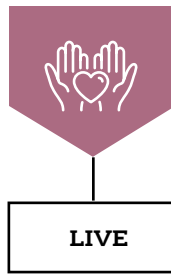
» Why is sin such a big deal?

» Does God only use “perfect” people? Why?

» Why is Jesus the only One who could pay for the sins of the world?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Romans 6:23 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His grace and for using people in His plan to make Jesus known throughout the earth.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Romans 6:14

☐ Isaiah 41:10

☐ Ephesians 2:8-9

☐ Exodus 15:2

☐ Hebrews 4:14-16

☐ 1 Chronicles 16:11