

Lesson #80: Samson Receives Strength from God

[Judges 15:9-16; 16:4-30](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/5vN0krbFGUk>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/suV0nFSXLaE>

Worship Theme: God gives everyone gifts.

Memory Verse: "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinth. 9:15)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is So Strong <https://youtu.be/VvrF94VKKHA>
2. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
3. I Can Do All Thing Through Christ <https://youtu.be/RAti7KCmlvM>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Samson, Tiger, Beautiful Girl



1. Children will take different actions to play this game.
2. Samson: Children will show off their muscles.
3. Tiger: Children will raise both hands and make a tiger's claw and put it near the mouth. Ask the



children to open their mouths and show their teeth.

4. Beautiful Girl: Children will raise their index finger and put it near their mouth and act like a beautiful girl.
5. Divide the children into two teams and have them stand back to back.
6. Each team will discuss and choose the action they want (Samson, tiger, or the beautiful girl).
7. Explain to the children that Samson wins the tiger; tiger wins a beautiful girl; beautiful girl wins Samson.
8. The teacher will count 1, 2, 3 and the children will turn and face each other with their selected action. If both teams have the same action, they need to do it again.
9. If the group wins 3 times, they win the game.
10. After the game, explain to the children that today we will learn about Samson who had power to win everything because he received strength from God.



Introduction:

Who likes to receive gifts? What are some gifts that you would like to get? (Let the children answer.) Did you know that God gives everyone special gifts? Yes, he does! God gives gifts to everyone because he has jobs for everyone to do. Some of us are good at running and jumping and climbing. Some of us are good at telling stories. Some of us like to sing and play music. God gives us different gifts, but he gives gifts to everyone. Today, we are going to read about Samsom. God had a very special job for him and gave him an amazing gift!

Bible Story:

In the bible today, the Israelites did not listen to God again, and they were ruled by a group of people called the Philistines, who treated them very badly. God wanted to save Israel and wanted someone to begin to set his people free from these evil people.

God gave a very special baby to a man and his wife. This man and wife wanted a baby very much and was very happy when God gave them this special baby. They named the baby Samson. God wanted them to treat this baby in a very special way so that when he grew up, he could do the special job God needed done.

God told the mom and dad that this boy must never drink alcohol, and he must never cut his hair. That was how other people would know that he was special to God. God wanted Samson to help set his people free from the evil Philistines.

God had a special gift for Samson when he grew up so that he could start to get rid of the Philistines. God made Samson very strong. Samson was so strong that when a lion jumped out to attack him, Samson could fight and kill the lion. That's a special gift! The Philistines were not happy that Samson was so strong. One day, they tried to capture Samson by tying him up with lots of ropes. But Samson broke the ropes he was tied with just as easily as you broke the thread.

God gave him the gift of great strength so he could do the big job God wanted him to do which was to free Israel from the Philistines. And he did! He was able to use his special gift to help free the Israelites from the Philistines!

Just as God gave Samson a very special gift to do a special job, God gives each of us gifts, too. This is because God has jobs for each of us to do. You don't need to wait until you're bigger. You can use your gifts for God right now!

Questions to discuss:

1. What special gift did God give to Samson? (strength; he could fight a lion by himself)
2. What job did God have for Samson? (to free Israel from the Philistines)
3. What jobs do you think God has for you now, and what gifts has God given you to do this job? (Let the children answer)

Game: "Who's Stronger?"

1. Divide the children into two equal groups, and select a group leader.
2. Draw a line between the two groups. (You can use a rope or tape.)
3. The two leaders will lock their hands with the line in between them. The rest of the group will lock their hands on the waist of their team members.
4. When the teacher counts 1, 2, 3, each group will try to pull the other over the line.
5. The group who pulls the other team over the line wins the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that just as we became stronger with the help from each other, we can do anything when we receive the power from God.



Memory Verse:

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Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

It's great to have a friend in Jesus! When we make mistakes but repent, God is always there to forgive us. And when we use our abilities for him, he's able to do great things through us. Samson had unbelievable strength that he started out using for God. But then he failed God and stopped focusing on God! When have you felt you really failed God? How has that failure affected your serving God? Even if you failed God, he can still use you just as he used Samson. You just need to rely on God's strength and serve him with the gifts you've received.

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Memory Verse: _____
