



## Unit 9, Session 4

# Samson

Judges 13–16

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**Story Point:** God gave Samson strength to defeat the Philistines.

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One day, the angel of the LORD told a husband and wife that they would have a son who would save the Israelites from the Philistines. The woman had a baby, and she named him Samson. God made Samson strong. When Samson grew up, he saw a Philistine woman and wanted to marry her. One day, a lion jumped out at Samson. Samson killed the lion. Later, some bees had made honey in the lion's body. Samson ate some of the honey.

Philistine men came to Samson's wedding. Samson told them a riddle: "Out of the eater came something to eat, and out of the strong came something sweet." The riddle was about the lion and the honey, but the men could not figure it out. They asked Samson's bride for help. She told the men the answer. Samson was angry, and he left his wife.

Later, Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines gave Delilah money to find out why Samson was so strong.

Finally, Samson told Delilah the truth: "If you cut my hair, I will not have my strength." So when Samson was sleeping, a Philistine man cut his hair. Delilah shouted, "Wake up! The Philistines are here to kill you!" Samson wasn't strong anymore. The Philistines grabbed him and took him away in chains.

The Philistines made Samson stand between two pillars in their temple. Samson cried out to God, "Lord, strengthen me once more." So God strengthened Samson. Samson pushed on the pillars and collapsed the temple. Samson and everyone in the temple died, but Samson had saved the Israelites from the Philistines.

*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.*



## EXPERIENCE the Story

*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 answer these riddles?
  - What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
  - What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
  - What has to be broken before you can use it?
  - What has a neck but no head?
  - What gets wetter the more it dries?
  - What goes up and doesn't come back down?
  - What belongs to you but is used more by others?
  
- What does this story teach us about God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How does Samson's death remind us of Jesus?

### CHRIST CONNECTION

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## APPLY the Story

- Find 1 John 1:9 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking God to deliver you from temptation and any sin that is hindering your relationship with Him.

### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11:32-34      | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 14:8  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 40:29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2:5-9     | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:4 |