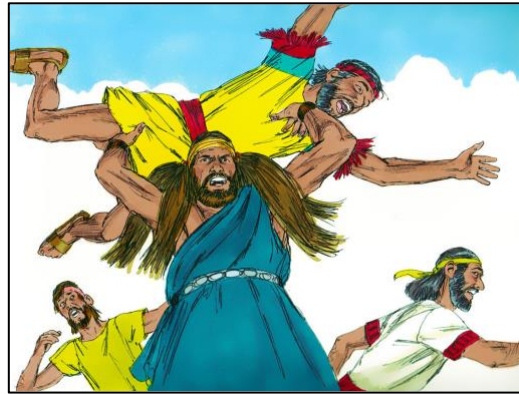


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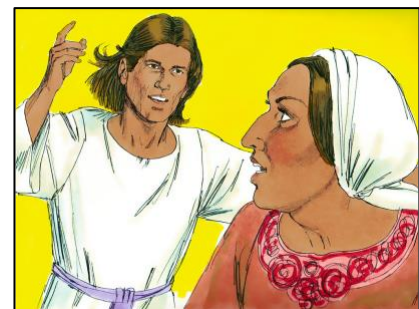


## **SAMSON – THE STRONG JUDGE (Part 1)** **(JUDGES 13-15:18)**

It happened again! The Bible says that the Israelites forgot about God and worshipped idols. So, God allowed the Philistines to rule over them. The people asked God to save them.

**God had a plan to raise up a *judge that would be different from the others*. He would not lead an army. The new Judge would be strong and mighty. He would be stronger than any of the Philistines. The new Judge would be a hero that the Philistines would be afraid of.**

God sent an angel to talk to Manoah and his wife. He said, "You will have a son who will save the Israelites from the Philistines. God said, you must promise to let his hair grow long. He must never cut his hair. And he cannot drink wine."



When their son was born, Manoah and his wife called him Samson. They taught Samson that he must obey God. He must keep the Nazarite Vow – the promise to never cut his hair or drink wine.

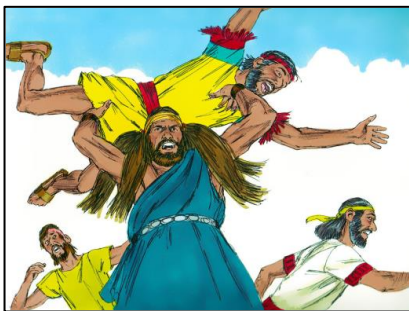
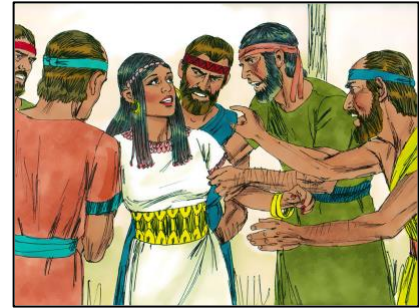
God caused Samson to grow up to be a strong man. Once he killed a lion with his bare hands. Israel was very proud of Samson. Many days later, Samson saw the dead lion. He noticed that bees had built a hive in the bones. Samson ate some of the honey.





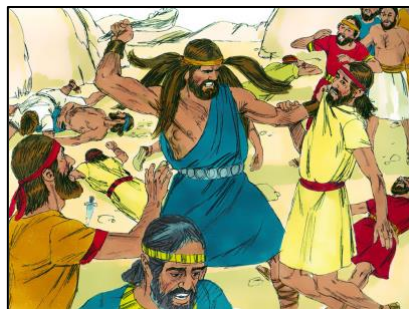
Samson was strong, but he often got into trouble because he wanted his own way. He decided he wanted to marry a Philistine girl even though she did not believe in God. (He should have married an Israelite girl.) At his wedding feast he told a riddle to the guests: "Out of the eater came something to eat; Out of the strong came something sweet."

Samson's new wife wanted her friends to know the answer, so she cried and begged Samson to tell her. Samson finally told her. She told her friends. Now they knew... the riddle meant that honey came from a lion.

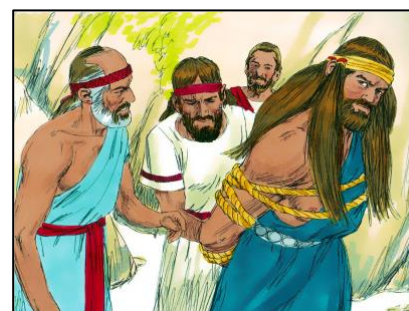


The Philistines had tricked Samson. **The strength of the Lord came to him** and he killed 30 Philistines.

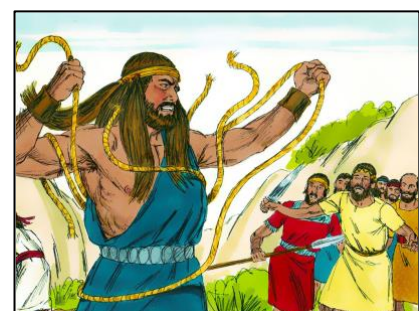
Later, he caught 300 foxes. He lit the tails on fire. He let the foxes go into the fields of the Philistines. All of the fields caught on fire and the crops were destroyed.



The Philistines killed Samson's wife and then tried to capture him. Samson found a bone from the jaw of a dead donkey. He was so strong that he was able to kill 1000 Philistines with that donkey jawbone.



One time Samson was tied up with new ropes. But the Lord gave him strength to break the ropes. God wanted everyone to know He is strong and He can give strength to His people.



Samson's Early Years

An angel told Manoah's wife,  
"You will have a son."

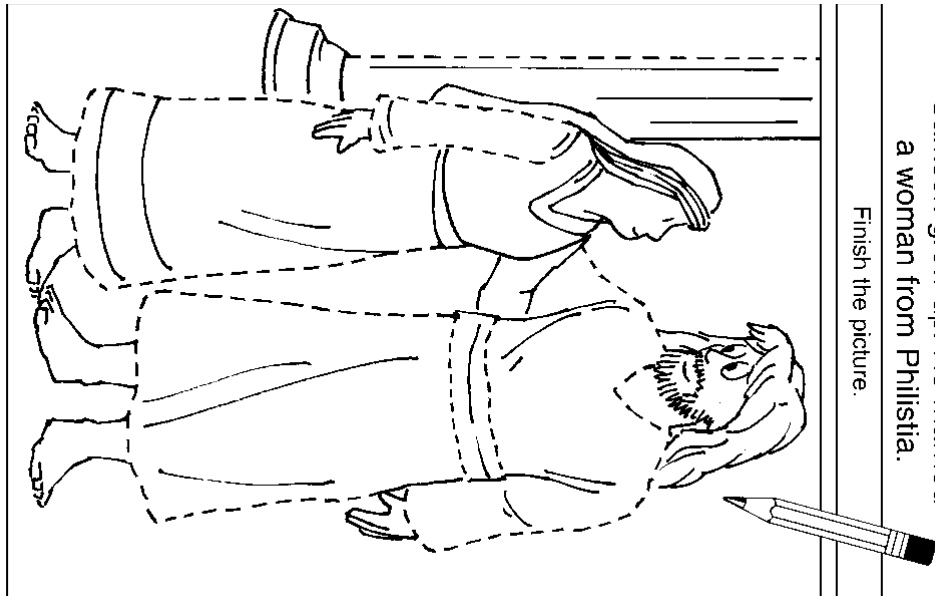
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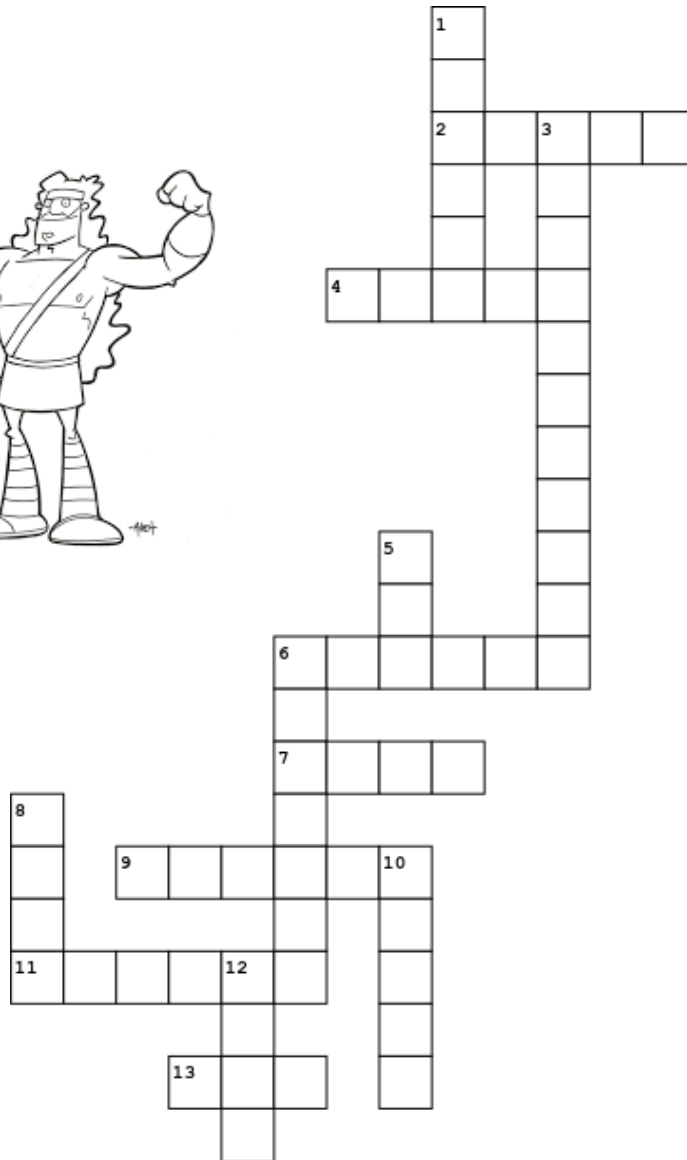
Samson grew up. He married  
a woman from Philistia.

Finish the picture.



S A M S O N

### SAMSON CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**Across**

- 2. Samson broke free from these
- 4. Who talked to Monoah and his wife?
- 6. What Bible book tells about Samson?
- 7. Philistines killed her
- 9. Father of Samson
- 11. Samson told this at his wedding
- 13. Animal that caught the crops on fire

**Down**

- 1. Opposite of weak
- 3. Samson fought these enemies
- 5. Who gave Samson his strength?
- 6. Part of donkey Samson used in battle
- 8. Samson was not allowed to cut it
- 10. Samson ate this from the dead lion
- 12. Samson killed this with bare hands