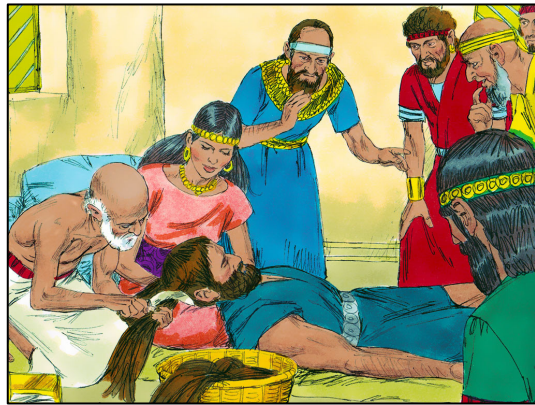


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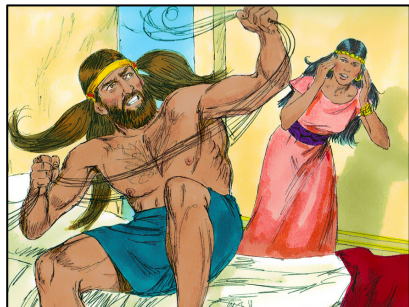
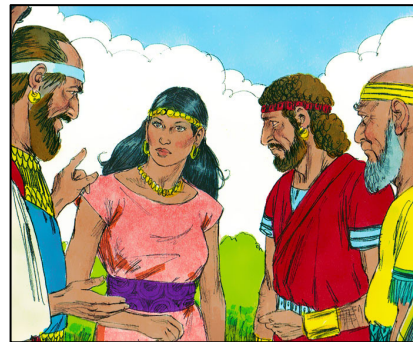


Lesson #13: SAMSON & DELILAH (Judges 15:18-16:31)



The Bible says that Samson fell in love with Delilah, another Philistine woman. She didn't love God.

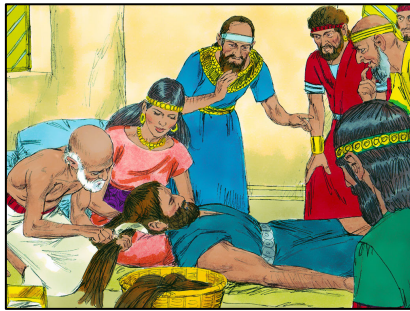
The Philistine rulers said to Delilah, "We will give you silver pieces if you can get Samson to tell you what makes him so strong. Then, we can overpower him."



Delilah asked Samson to tell her the secret of his strength. But 3 times Samson tricked her and didn't tell her the real secret. The Philistine leaders tried to capture Samson. But each time Samson broke out of their trap.

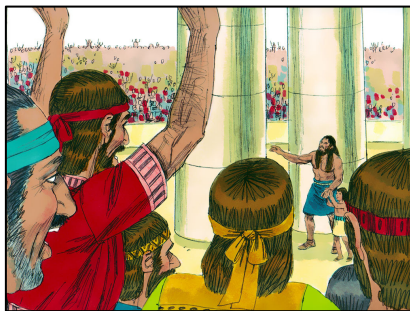
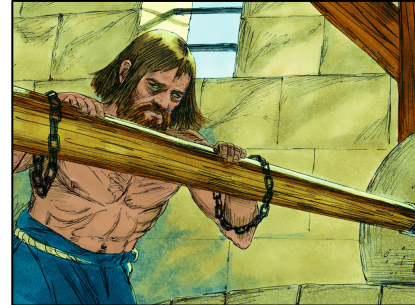
Delilah pouted, "You don't really love me. You've made fun of me three times now, and you still haven't told me what makes you so strong!" Delilah kept nagging Samson until he shared his secret with her. "My hair has never been cut because of promise to God," he confessed. "If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me."





While Samson was asleep, Delilah called in a man to shave off his hair. Then she said, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" Samson woke up and realized his hair was gone. God's power had left him! The Philistines captured Samson.

They hurt his eyes to make him blind. They put him in chains in prison. They forced him to grind grain.



But Samson's hair began to grow back. The Philistines held a big festival in their idol's temple. They praised their idol god, called Dagon. They said, "Dagon has given us victory over our enemy Samson!" They brought Samson out so they could laugh at him.

The idol temple was full of about 3,000 people. Samson prayed, "Lord, please give me strength just one more time." God strengthened Samson. He pushed on the pillars and collapsed the temple. Samson and everyone in the temple died.



The Bible tells great stories about Samson's mighty acts. He was a hero judge for 20 years. With God's power he killed so many of the enemy Philistines. The Bible also tells about Samson's mistakes, like falling in love with Philistine women.



God chose Samson to show His strength and to save the Israelites. **Later God sent Jesus, the PERFECT and WISE savior. Jesus died to save us forever.**

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY



S A M S O N

D E L I L A H

STRENGTH isn't just *physical*.

Write words on the letters below that require "spiritual strength," such as telling the truth or being kind.



Think About This:

1. Do you think Samson always used his strength wisely? Why or why not? _____

2. What does Samson's story teach us about obeying God? _____

3. What does Samson's story teach us about God's plan? Is it just for those who obey perfectly? _____
