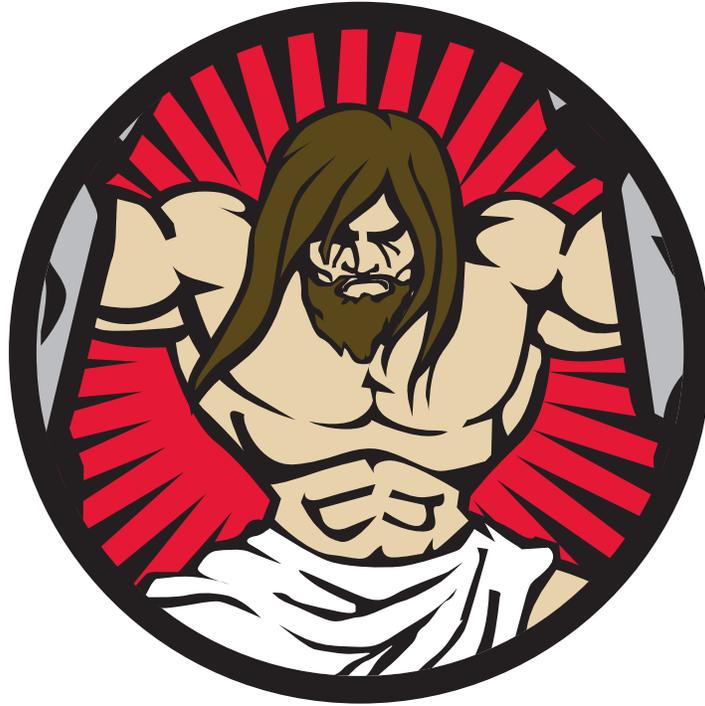


## DAY TWO



**Theme: Strength from God**

**Lesson: Story of Samson** *Judges 13-16*

**Memory Verse:** "Finally be strong in the Lord

and in the strength of His might." - Ephesians 6:10

**Bible Point: Rely on God to give you strength**

### Classroom

The room should have the following three sections: City gates torn down by Samson, foxes and torches that Samson used to set fire to the Philistines crops, and the temple columns as the main focus of the room. (See page 93.)

(5 Minutes)

**Teacher:**  
*Before beginning the introductory comments on the day's lesson, encourage the children to pull out their Bible and go over the memory verse with you.*

### Introduction

**Teacher:** Who did we learn about yesterday?

**Children:** David.

**Teacher:** What superpower did we learn we needed from the story of David.

**Children:** We need to have courage!

**Teacher:** That's right! David was given the courage to do great things for God.

*Have Samson hide behind a backdrop just behind the temple columns.*

**Teacher:**  
*Give your students time to answer each question. If you don't get the answers you are looking for, lead them to the answers provided with this outline.*

## **Introduction continued**

- Teacher:** Today, we are talking about superstrength. Who was the strongest man in the Bible?
- Children:** Samson.
- Teacher:** That's right! But, was Samson strong on his own?
- Children:** NO!
- Teacher:** Where did Samson's strength come from?
- Children:** God.
- Teacher:** That's right! Only when Samson relied on God was he truly strong! Samson's story can be found in the book of Judges in the Old Testament. Open your Bibles up to Judges the 14th Chapter. This is where the story of Samson begins. Instead of just reading it, we are going to invite Samson in today to share with us some of his memories and what he learned from them.

(15 Minutes)

**Samson:**  
*This is a lot to remember! It's not important that you memorize everything here. This script was written as a guide. Memorize the key points and use your own words. Remember: you are speaking from experience. It's important to be real and believable.*

## **LESSON**

**(Enter Samson)**

**Samson:** I want to share a very important lesson I have learned in my life. Many of you probably know all about some of the things that I've done. How many of you know what I am most known for?

### **(Some things to mention)**

- I am one of the strongest men in the Bible.
- God used me to help deliver Israel from the Philistines.
- I used my hands to rip a city's gates from their posts.
- I was never allowed to cut my hair.
- I once took three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail and fixed torches to them in order to teach the Philistines a lesson by burning their crops.
- I've killed a lion with my bare hands.
- I fought an entire army using only an old donkey jawbone.

Those things are all true and many of them make great stories, but I want to share with you what was most important about my life.

How many of you know that before I was born, an angel of God visited my mother? Do you know why God sent an angel to visit her?

Well, my parents had been trying to have a child but had been unable to for a really long time. God sent an angel to my mother to tell her that she was about to have a baby. You can imagine how incredibly excited she was to hear this news. The angel told her that I was to be a Nazirite. Does anyone know what a Nazirite is?

*Make sure there is enough room for all of the children to watch. Also impress upon them the need for quiet to hear what is being said.*

## **Lesson continued**

- Samson:** Nazirite:
- Someone who is separated or consecrated for God.
  - They can never cut their hair or shave.
  - They were to be servants of God.

You see, that is the most important fact about my life! That I was committed to being a servant of God! All my amazing accomplishments and all of my incredible feats of strength were not really mine at all, but God's! Everything I was able to do I only did because GOD gave me the strength to do them.

In fact, the one time I went against my promise to God and allowed my hair to be cut, I lost all my strength. This was a very difficult time for me. My enemies captured me and hurt me and made fun of me and all because I didn't rely on God.

Well, I learned my lesson. I learned that true strength comes from God. And you know what? After I came to that conclusion and asked God to forgive me, He gave me the strength to do the right thing once again. It was only AFTER I acknowledged HIS power that I was strong again.

Remember this kids: Everything that you're able to do, you do because God gives you the ability and strength. Always remember to thank God and remember Him for your success.

(5 - 10 Minutes)

### **Teacher:**

*Personalize your lesson by adding your own points and questions to the application.*

*If you need to fill additional time, sing songs with the children.*

## **Application**

- Teacher:** Was being strong the most important thing about Samson's life?
- Children:** NO!
- Teacher:** What is the most important thing to remember about Samson's life?
- Children:** That he was committed to be a servant of God.
- Teacher:** What does the Bible say the Lord did for Samson in Judges 13:24?
- Children:** It says that the Lord blessed him.
- Teacher:** Did Samson get his strength from lifting weights?
- Children:** NO!
- Teacher:** Did he get it from eating a lot of vegetables everyday?
- Children:** NO!
- Teacher:** Where did Samson get his strength from?
- Children:** God. When Samson was obedient to God. God made him strong.

**Songs to sing:**

“My God is  
so big!”

“The joy of  
the Lord is my  
strength.”

## ***Application continued***

- Teacher:** Who remembers the puppet skit we saw today? Can anyone tell me what happened?
- Children:** The Chameleon tried to trick Ronnie, Roy, Nell, and Mylo into helping him steal the answers to the school tests.
- Teacher:** That’s right! Does anyone remember what the Chameleon needed Ronnie for?
- Children:** His strength!
- Teacher:** That’s right! Ronnie was strong physically and could break open the briefcase. But, Ronnie showed strength in a much different way. Can anyone tell me how?
- Children:** Ronnie didn’t steal, even though he was pressured by his friends. Instead, he went and got Principal Bart.
- Teacher:** That’s right! Even though Ronnie was physically strong, he discovered that his true strength was standing up for what was right even though he was unpopular with his friends. What should we do if our friends want us to do something we know is wrong?
- Children:** We need to listen to God! Walk away! Talk to our parents, preacher, or teacher about it.
- Teacher:** That’s right! And for us to truly be strong today, we need to follow God’s word and listen to Him! Does anyone remember the memory verse from today?
- Children:** “Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His MIGHT.”  
Ephesians 6:10
- Teacher:** Who does this verse and Samson’s story say we should rely on?
- Children:** The Lord, God.

*(End class with a prayer. Pray that God will give us all strength to listen to Him and do the right thing.)*



To order, see page 130.

***Have Samson come back and pass  
out his Bible trading cards!***

***To order your trading cards use the order form located  
on your “Christian Academy” CD.***

***Teacher:***

*The posted time for each section is only a suggestion based on a 25-30 minute class. You will want to adjust these times to accommodate your class period. Allow yourself 5-10 minutes to get to know the kids, learn names, and interact with them.*