



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 35

Samson and Delilah

Lesson Aim: To know God can use us
regardless of our circumstances.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your greatest strength?

GAME: Mighty Strong

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

Read Worship Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD SAMSON AND DELILAH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Gideon defeats the Midianites.

Today, we will hear how Samson grew up to defend Israel against the Philistines, even when Samson was their prisoner. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Judges 16:4-5, 15-20, 26-30. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Judges 16:28a. Pray. Read.

THE WAY THE HOLY SPIRIT STRENGTHENS US

Who were the Philistines? (The Israelites' enemy. God allowed them to make life hard for the Israelites, who had returned to their wrong ways.) **Samson was famous for being strong in fighting the Philistines, but Samson was not always strong in making right choices.**

Samson knew he shouldn't fall in love with a Philistine woman because the Philistines did not believe in the one true God. He chose to do it anyway. What was the secret of Samson's strength? (His hair. At his birth, God told his parents not to shave his head. His long hair was a sign he was set apart to God.) **Why did Samson choose to tell Delilah his secret when he knew she was trying to trick him?** (She nagged him by asking him every day until he gave in.) **Delilah nagged and pressured Samson to make a choice he knew was wrong. Has a friend ever nagged or pressured you to do something you knew would be a wrong choice?** Discuss peer pressure.

Samson grew so tired of Delilah's nagging that he gave in to her. What might have happened if Samson had asked God for strength to say no to Delilah? How might things be different for you if you ask God for strength to say no when you are about to make a wrong choice? (You might spend time with different friends, change habits, etc.)

The Philistines were cruel to Samson. They blinded him and made him work very hard in prison. What did Samson pray for when the Philistines brought him into their temple? (Strength to destroy the Philistines.) **How did God answer his prayer?** (He gave him strength to destroy the temple.) **God used Samson to defeat the Philistines, even while Samson was their prisoner! Just as He did with Samson, God can use us to build His kingdom, even when our own situation seems hopeless!**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson and gave him great strength many times. Thousands of years later, Paul reminded the people that all who believe in Jesus have the same Spirit with us all the time. Let's see what Paul says about the strength God gives us. Reveal Philippians 4:13. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

The Holy Spirit will strengthen us to do everything He asks us to do. What do you need strength for this week?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Piece of strong rope
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #35
- OFFERING OF ART: Samson pushing down the temple pillars
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Grow Up Strong

GAME: Thumb Wrestling Tournament

CRAFT: Strong as a Rope

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Watch Tag, Hot Potato Scramble

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW