



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges–Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 35

Samson and the Gate

Lesson Aim: To know God makes us strong.

THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Samson and the Gate
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: The Strongest Person I Know
- BLOCK CENTER: God Gives Us Strength
- DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Food to Grow On

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

It's Praise Time—that means it is time to praise our God who watches over us and gives us strength. Sing: "It's Praise Time." **The Bible says God is our strength. Let's thank Him for that.** Children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, thank You for making us strong. No matter what You ask us to do, we know You will give us the strength we need to follow You. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions.

THE WORD SAMSON AND THE GATE

CLASSROOM PROMISE

I'm so glad you came to church today! You get bigger and stronger every time I see you. How old are you? Are you bigger and stronger than when you were fill in one year younger? You are? Can you show me your muscles? Give children a chance to flex their muscles. **Do you know who makes you strong? (God.) God makes you strong. In our story today, we will hear about a man named Samson who God made so strong he could tear down a**

city gate. Let's listen to our story. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Judges 16:3.

WATCH THE WORD: JUDGES 13:5; 16:2-3

Read poem. Display visual.

- **There once was a boy named Samson.**
- **God made him very strong.**
- **The more he grew, the more everyone knew,**
- **To God he did belong.**
- **He grew up to lead God's people.**
- **He was not liked by the enemy.**
- **They waited for him by the city gate,**
- **One night when he fell fast asleep.**
- **But, Samson woke in the middle of the night.**
- **He tore loose that huge city gate.**
- **He lifted the pieces on his shoulders,**
- **And carried them far away!**

What did Samson do to the gate? (Tore it loose and carried it away.)
Who made Samson strong? (God.) **Who makes you strong?** (God.)

THE WAY GOD GIVES US STRENGTH

CRAFT: Samson and the Gate

GAMES: Strong Samson, Jump for God!

SNACK: Healthy Snack

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Judges 13:5; 16:2-3

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Jesus Gives Me Strength!,
Memory Verse Echo

STORY TIME