



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "The Lord is my strength."

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—that means it is time to praise our God who watches over us and gives us strength. The Bible says, "The Lord is my strength." That is our Whisper Verse today. Let's whisper it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "The Lord is my strength." Include sign language.

Let's sing about our God, who watches over us, as we give our offering. Sing: "I Am with You" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

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

God gave Samson strength to lift and carry the big, heavy city gate! God is so great and strong that He can do everything. Sing: "How Great Is Our God."

God gives you strength to do all kinds of hard things and to get through all kinds of hard times. Sing: "I Can Do Everything."

THE WORD SAMSON AND THE GATE CLASSROOM PROMISE

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

Read poem. Display visual.

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- There once was a boy named Samson.
- God made him very strong.
- God told Samson's mother,
- "Let Samson's hair grow long."

- He grew up to lead God's people.
- He was found by the enemy.
- They locked him behind the city gate,
- One night when he fell asleep.

- Samson woke in the middle of the night.
- He tore loose that huge city gate.
- He put the pieces upon his shoulders,
- And carried them all away!

What did Samson do to the gate? (Picked it up and carried it up the hill.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Judges 16:3 from the teacher's Bible.

Who made Samson strong? (The Lord.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "The Lord is my strength." Include sign language or hand motions. Remember, "Lord" is one of God's special names.

THE WAY GOD GIVES US STRENGTH

CRAFT: Samson and the Gate

GAMES: Strong Samson, Jesus Gives Me Strength!

SNACK: Healthy Snack

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "God's Strength" Memory Pass
STORY TIME