



**Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 35**

The Story of Samson

Judges 14:6, 15:14-15, 16:4-31

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The set for Units 7-10 is designed to look like the outside of the King City Herald, a large newspaper building circa 1940's. A door leads to the office. A phone booth provides the place for the superheroes' quick costume changes. The center panel can be removed to reveal the superheroes "Secret Lab," filled with screens and gadgets (similar to Batman's Bat Cave), where the heroes watch over the city. There is a useable fire escape with a door and a ladder down to ground level. There is a ramp on stage right. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Scoop Gibson is a street-wise, savvy reporter who hides his secret identity as superhero "Scripture Guy." Kasey Carter is a young, college-educated reporter (can be male or female) whose secret identity is superhero "Kingdom Crusader." The Philistine is an evil enemy who wants to take over King City (appears on video or on a side stage).

Plot: Scripture Guy shows Kasey his secret lab and tells about Samson. The Philistine attacks Scripture Guy with temptation. Kingdom Crusader saves him and they go after the Philistine. We learn our strength comes from the Spirit of the Lord.

Costumes: Fedoras, 1940's Zoot suits (high-waist, wide-legged, tight-cuffed pegged trousers, long coat with wide lapels and wide padded shoulders) and/or 1940's dress suit (padded shoulders, thin belt), Superhero costumes worn underneath (capes, face masks, body suit, tights, etc.), "SG" emblem on Scripture Guy costume, "KC" emblem

on Kingdom Crusader costume, Philistine: black robe, red mask, Princess Leia (Star Wars) wig.

Props: Note pad, pencil, ray gun, Bible, if Philistine is live actor: electric generator and large stone

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music.
2. Ominous music theme
3. Heroic music
4. Newspaper box: "Good news" or other triumphant song clip. Music plays when box is opened to reveal the Bible.
5. Freeze ray sound
6. Zap sound
7. Radio static
8. Telephone ring

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring superheroes is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Fallback slide reads "King City Chronicles"
3. A newspaper box holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Philistine video available at ResourceWell.org
5. Scripture Slide: **"Then Samson prayed to the Lord, 'O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God please strengthen me just once more...'"**
Judges 16:28a
6. Strobes, moving lights
7. Beacon with cross shape in the center

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)

Dateline: King City, a city devoted to the glory of God. But in her dark underbelly there are villains gathering...evil men who seek to steal God's glory! Will King City find her hero? Can she be saved and restored to her former glory? For the answer to these questions and more, tune in every week to the King City Chronicles!

Scripture Guy (Appears.)

Kasey Carter, Kasey Carter, are you there?

Kasey (Enters on fire escape with blindfold.)
Up here, Scripture Guy! Can I take off this blindfold now?

Scripture Guy

Not yet! Follow my voice and climb down the ladder.

Kasey

Ladder! You do realize I can't see!

Scripture Guy

Shhh, keep it down. In a moment, you're going to see something no other human being has ever seen. Remove your blindfold.

Kasey (Removes blindfold.)

Whoa! A secret lab right here in the heart of King City!

Scripture Guy

Yes, from this lab I can watch over the entire city and protect her from harm.

Kasey (Pulls out note pad to write.)

Wow, an exclusive interview! Let me get this down! "Scripture Guy, like a modern day Samson, draws strength from God and watches over King City."

Scripture Guy

You know, it's funny you should say that. Samson and I do have a lot in common. I watch over King City but as their judge, Samson watched over Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

Kasey

Who were the Philistines?

Scripture Guy

The Philistines were enemies of the Israelites. Get the Good News and I'll tell you more. (Kasey opens box. SFX: "Good News," VFX: Beam of light shines from box.)
Here we are. Did you know Samson fought a lion and won?

Kasey

How did he do that?

Scripture Guy

The Spirit of the Lord came upon him. Another time, he defeated a thousand Philistines with just the jawbone of a donkey as his weapon.

Kasey

How did he do that?

Scripture Guy

The Spirit of the Lord came upon him.

Kasey (Reads notes aloud as he writes.)

"Samson got his strength from the Spirit of the Lord."

Scripture Guy

Don't we all? But one day, he fell in love with a Philistine woman named Delilah.

Kasey

He fell in love with the enemy?

Scripture Guy

Exactly. We must be careful to stay close to the Lord and not listen to our enemy. It only leads to trouble.

Kasey

Did Samson get in trouble?

Scripture Guy

I'll say he did. The leader of the Philistines came to Delilah and asked her to spy on Samson and find out the secret of his strength.

Kasey

Aha, because if they knew his secret, they could trick him and overpower him.

Scripture Guy

Exactly!

Kasey

He didn't tell her, did he?

Scripture Guy

Actually, he gave her some hints.

Kasey

Why would he do that?

Scripture Guy

Delilah was beautiful and...well, sometimes our feelings can fool us. He followed his feelings and forgot his vow to God was the most important thing. He gave into (SFX: ominous music theme) "temptation."

Kasey

What is (SFX: ominous music theme) "temptation?"

Scripture Guy

It's kind of like when you want something you know is wrong.

Kasey

Ah, I see. You don't have any temptations, do you Scripture Guy?

Scripture Guy

Everyone has (SFX: ominous music theme) temptations.

Kasey

Even superheroes?

Scripture Guy

Of course! Our enemy, Satan, uses temptations to distract us from focusing on God and serving Him.

Kasey

Wow, this is gonna make a great story!

(VFX: Philistine appears on video in front of an electric generator, or on side stage)

Philistine

Freeze, you foolish mortals! (Pulls out ray gun. SFX: Freeze ray. Kasey and Scripture Guy freeze.) **It is I, the Philistine! Enemy of good guys everywhere! I knew Scripture Guy had a weakness! Temptation! I have used my freeze ray to disable him. Now, while he is frozen I shall send a little package to his phone booth!** (Holds package. SFX: zap, VFX: strobes at phone booth, SFX: static) **Now, I shall unfreeze them so he can get his "special delivery!"** (SFX: freeze ray)

Scripture Guy

Whoa, that was strange! (SFX: phone rings)

Kasey

Hey, that's Scoop's phone! I'll get it! (Enters booth and comes out with package.) **It's a package. For you!**

Scripture Guy

A package for me? Who would send me a package?

Kasey

Probably a secret admirer.

Scripture Guy

I have a secret admirer? This is so flattering! It's not every day you get a surprise like this. Who's it from?

Kasey

It says, "From Phyllis Stein."

Scripture Guy

Phyllis Stein? I don't know a Phyllis Stein.

Kasey

Can I open it for you?

Scripture Guy

I don't know. Maybe you should. I really want to see it, but I'm just not sure.

Maybe I should wait...or I could let you open it now. What do you think?

Kasey

I'm going to open it!

Scripture Guy

All right, go ahead! (Kasey opens package.)

Oh no! Not that! Anything but that!

(collapses)

Kasey

Scripture Guy! What is it?

Scripture Guy

Temptation...package is full of temp...

(SFX: ominous music theme)

Kasey

Oh no! Who could have done this?

Philistine

I did it! You silly person! I am the Philistine!

Kasey

Not the Philistine! (Exits into phone booth.)

(SFX: static)

Philistine

That's right, run away! Everyone fears the Philistine! And now, the once mighty Scripture Guy, my mortal enemy, is helpless! I shall watch and enjoy as you writhe in pain, knowing your temptation has stolen all your strength! No one can save you! No one can stop me! No one can face the Philistine!

Kingdom Crusader (enters) **Kingdom**

Crusader will face you! Get thee behind me, Philistine!

Philistine

Another super hero? I didn't count on you!

(Philistine runs screaming.)

Kingdom Crusader

Run like the coward you are! Scripture Guy, read the main Bible verse!

Scripture Guy (SFX: Scripture slide)

Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more..."

Kingdom Crusader

It's working! You called on the Lord and He is restoring your strength!

Scripture Guy

Yes, like Samson, my strength comes from the Spirit of the Lord. Quickly, toss that temptation! (He tosses package. SFX: "Heroic music") **Now, we must find that Philistine!**

Kingdom Crusader

He was standing in front of a generator of some sort!

Scripture Guy

The Power Station! The Philistine has always been hungry for power! He plans to steal King City's power! Will you help me stop him, Kingdom Crusader?

Kingdom Crusader

It would be my honor!

Scripture Guy

Meet me at the Power Station! (exits)

Kingdom Crusader (Exits through audience.)

I will! I give everything to honor our King! (SFX: "Heroic music," VFX: strobes, moving lights, beacon light)