



# IDC KIDS

Oct 19, 2025

8:30am & 11:15am

## SAMSON AND THE PHILISTINES

JUDGES 13-16

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

God made Samson strong and used Samson's death to save His people from the Philistines. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to rescue us from sin and give us life with God forever.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

### KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

2 Chronicles 7:14

### STORY POINT:

Samson's strength came from God.

### LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

#### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

#### SAY

We know lots of strong people! Today we will learn about a very strong judge named Samson. **Samson's strength came from God.** This comes from Judges 13. Let's sing a song, then watch a video about Sampson, and then practice our bible verse 2 Chronicles 7:14.

#### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.*



### 3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

(SKIP FOR TWO YEAR OLDS)

Ask the following review questions:

- What did you like about the Bible story?
- What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- What special instruction did God give to Samson? (He should never cut his hair.)
- What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- After Samson was captured, he prayed to God for help. We admit we need help when we repent from our sin. What does God do for us when we repent? (He forgives us.)
- What is repentance? **Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.**

<b>SAY</b>	Samson was a judge whom God made very strong. God used Samson to save His people from the Philistines. Just like Samson saved God's people when he died, Jesus made the way for us to be saved when He died for our sins. When we turn to God and away from sin, Jesus gives us life with God forever.
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### 4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

<b>SAY</b>	Our big picture question asks, <b>What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to God.</b> In our story today, the people forgot about God and turned away from Him. So, God let their enemies rule over them. The people knew they needed God's help to save them. <b>God used Deborah to lead His people</b> and help them win the battle against their enemy. Our greatest enemy is sin. We must turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. God helps us turn to Him when we ask Him to help us.
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### 5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at 2 Chronicles 7:14. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Chant small parts of the key passage and encourage the preschoolers to repeat after you. Repeat several times in different voices.

<b>SAY</b>	<b>Samson's strength came from God.</b> God made Samson strong and used Samson's death to save His people from the Philistines. Jesus made the way for us to be saved when He died for our sins. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from sin and give us life with God forever.
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### 6. PRAY

<b>SAY</b>	Dear Jesus, thank You for sending Samson to the Israelites to save them from the Philistines. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Thank You for forgiving us when we sin. Help us to obey You. Thank You for giving us life with you forever when we repent. Amen.
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## ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

### 1. LISTEN CLOSELY

Demonstrate the motions for *Samson* (holding up muscles), *Delilah* (put your finger over your lips like you have a secret), and the *Philistines* (angry face). Explain to preschoolers they will listen closely and do the corresponding motion when you say each of the three words. Call out the different words, varying the speed from slow to fast. Consider allowing each child a turn to be the caller.

#### SAY

Today in our story, the Philistines asked Delilah to find out why Samson was so strong. Samson told her it was because of his long hair. Delilah called a man to cut Samson's hair, and Samson lost his strength. **Samson's strength came from God.** When Samson cried out to God, God made him strong again. Samson saved God's people from the Philistines! Jesus saved us when He died for our sins. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us from sin and give us life with God forever.

### 2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

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## DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.



## TEACHING OUTLINE

### ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

#### 1. GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

#### 2. TELL THE BIBLE STORY

### SAMSON AND THE PHILISTINES

God's people disobeyed God again and again. Each time, God let their enemies have power over them. Now the Israelites were being ruled by the Philistines.

One day, **the angel of the Lord spoke** to a man and his wife. He said they were going to have a **son who would save Israel from the Philistines**. God had special instructions for their son: **He should never cut his hair**.

The woman had a baby and named him Samson. God made Samson very strong. **He was a mighty warrior**. When Samson grew up, he fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistine leaders wanted to know why Samson was so strong, so they asked Delilah to help them.

**Delilah asked Samson, "Why are you so strong?" Samson said, "If you tie me up, I will be weak." But that was not true.** Delilah tied up Samson. When she said, **"Samson! The Philistines are here to get you!" Samson broke free.**

Delilah asked Samson again, "Why are you so strong?" Samson told Delilah, "If you weave my hair into a loom, I will be weak." But that was not true either.

Delilah begged Samson to tell her the truth, so Samson did: "If you cut my hair, I will be weak."

While Samson was sleeping, **a man came and cut his hair**. Delilah woke up Samson. **"Samson!" she said, "The Philistines are here to get you!"** But Samson was not strong anymore. The Philistines grabbed him and took him away.

Over time, Samson's hair began to grow back. One day, the Philistines made Samson stand between two columns in their temple. **Samson cried out to God, and God made Samson strong again.** Samson pushed on the columns, and the temple fell down. Samson and everyone in the temple died, but **Samson had saved God's people from the Philistines.**

#### 3. TELL THEM THE CHRIST CONNECTION

*God made Samson strong and used Samson's death to save His people from the Philistines. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to rescue us from sin and give us life with God forever*