

Samson

What Samson Did:

Samson is a popular Bible because of his strength. It is said that Samson did not cut his hair, and it was the secret of his strength. He once tore a lion apart using his bare hands and killed thousands of men. It is also said that Samson reached inside the body of the lion several days later and pulled out a honeycomb. He meet a woman named Delilah, but he did not know that she was really a spy for the Philistines, who wanted to kill Samson. She enticed Samson to tell her the secrets of his strengths, but he would not. She cut off his hair and he was soon imprisoned because his strength was gone. In prison, his hair grew back and so did his strength. He pulled the pillars that supported to prison and the building collapsed killing himself and many Philistines.

Find it in the Bible:

There are several places that mention Samson in the Bible. His birth is discussed in Judges 13:1-25. It talks about his aging parents and his birth. Judges 16:4-31 is the place where the Bible talks about Samson meeting Delilah and his eventual death.

Memory Verse:

Samson loved God and God gave him strength.

Game Ideas:

Knock Down the Pillars

Construct a “wall” with blocks (larger cardboard blocks are perfect for this game). Give the children bean bags or soft balls and have them throw them at the wall. See how many blocks they can knock over with two or three throws. Tell them that Samson was given strength and he used his strength to knock down the prison.

Snack Suggestion:

Honey

It is said that after Samson killed the lion, he found that bees had built a nest inside the lion’s body. He reached inside and got the honey from the bees. Bake a can of biscuits and give the children honey to spread onto the biscuits. You can also serve honey-flavored cookies or honey graham crackers.

Samson Craft:

Samson Hand Puppet

Give each child a brown paper sack and help them make a hand puppet that resembles a picture of Samson. The children can even make two of these, one for Samson and one for Delilah. When they make Samson, add lots of long brown yarn for the hair. Give the children safety scissors to cut Samson’s hair.

Suggested Prayer:

Dear Lord, You forgave Samson when he strayed from you. We know that when we have sinned, we know that you still answer our prayers. You will forgive us if we are sincere.

Amen.