

UNIT 2
SESSION 2

Samson Chose Revenge

UNIT VERSE

Give me understanding,
that I may keep your law
and observe it with my
whole heart.

PSALM 119:34 (ESV)

Tell the Story



Can you put the story of Samson in order? Draw a line from the words to put them in the right statement. Then number the statements to put them in the right order for the story found in Judges 13–16.



lion

Samson got his first _____.



haircut

An angel told Samson's _____ to set their son apart to God.



secret

Samson pushed down the _____ of the temple.



parents

Samson lost his _____.



love

Samson told his _____ to Delilah



pillars

Samson killed a _____.



blinded

Samson fell in _____ with Delilah.



strength

The Philistines captured and _____ Samson.

Samson told a riddle about a lion.
Can you solve these silly riddles?

HINT: The answers are hidden on this page!

What stays hot even if you put it in the refrigerator?

What letter of the alphabet has the most water?

What five letter word gets shorter if you add two letters to it?

What two keys can't open any lock?

The Choices You Make

God wants you to make choices that honor Him. But how do you know the best choice? These verses can help! Find and read each verse. Then make a note of how you can follow God with your actions.

John 13:34

Proverbs 3:7

Matthew 7:1

Micah 6:8

James 3:17

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CONVERSATION

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JUDGES 13–16

An angel spoke to Samson's parents before Samson was born. The angel said, "Your son will be set apart for God's service. You must never cut his hair. He will begin to save Israel from the powerful Philistines."

When Samson was grown, he met a Philistine woman and demanded his parents, "Get her for me as a wife! I want her!" On the way to the woman's town, God's Spirit gave Samson great power. A young lion charged at Samson. Samson tore the lion apart with his bare hands.

At Samson's wedding he told some Philistines a riddle about the lion. The Philistines convinced Samson's bride to tell the riddle's answer, and Samson was furious. He killed 30 Philistine men. When Samson's new bride was given away to another man, he angrily burned the Philistines' fields.

Sometime later, Samson fell in love with Delilah, another Philistine woman. Each Philistine leader offered Delilah 1,100 pieces of silver if she could reveal the secret of Samson's great strength. Over and over Delilah begged Samson for his secret. Finally, Samson gave in. "My hair has never been cut," he admitted. "It is the source of my strength."

When Samson fell asleep, Delilah called a man to cut his hair. Then she cried, "Samson, the Philistines are here!" Samson did not realize his strength was gone. The Philistines captured Samson, blinded him, and forced him to grind grain in prison.

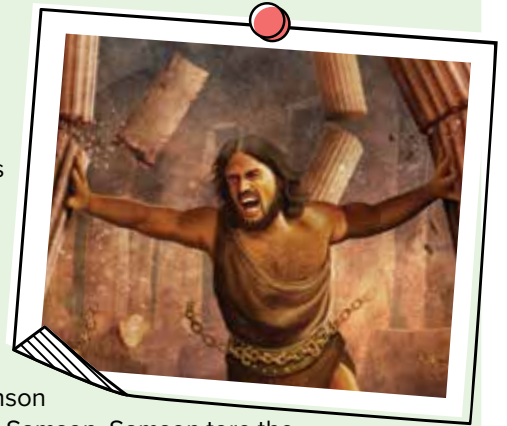
The Philistines gathered in their temple to honor their false god. "Our god has handed over our enemy!" the Philistines said. They called for Samson to be brought out so they could make fun of him.

With help, Samson braced himself against the pillars of the temple. He prayed, "God, remember me. Strengthen me just once more."

Samson pushed with all his strength, and the temple collapsed. As Samson died, he killed more Philistines than he had during his life.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Proverb 3:7

LIFE POINT: People can make good choices.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, your child heard that people can make good choices. Samson did not choose to make good choices. He chose to sin or to disobey God. Every day your family has the choice to obey or disobey God. What will you choose?

LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story about Samson. Talk about consequences of sin—disobeying God. Remind your child that everyone sins, and no one except Jesus is perfect, or without sin. Anyone can ask for forgiveness for any sin.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People are responsible for their choices.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Proverbs 3:7

Monday: Philippians 2:3

Tuesday: 1 John 2:9

Wednesday: James 4:7

Thursday: Proverbs 12:22

Friday: Ephesians 5:5

Saturday: 1 John 3:15

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Samson Chose Revenge* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

