



1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 8 • Session 4

SAMSON AND THE PHILISTINES

Judges 13-16

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

REPENTANCE IS TURNING AWAY FROM SIN AND TURNING TO JESUS.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the eyes of the Lord, so He handed them over to the Philistines for 40 years. The angel of the Lord appeared to a man and his wife. The angel gave them special instructions to prepare for the birth of their son. The angel also said, “Never cut his hair, because he will be set apart to save Israel from the Philistines.” They named their son Samson. When Samson grew up, a young lion came roaring at Samson. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully on him, and he tore the lion apart with his bare hands. Later, Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines wanted to know why Samson was so strong. They decided to pay Delilah to betray Samson. Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me, where does your great strength come from?” He replied, “If someone ties me up with seven fresh bowstrings, I will become weak like any other man.”

When he was sleeping, Delilah tied him up and called the Philistines. He snapped the bowstrings as if they were yarn. Twice more, Delilah asked how Samson could be defeated. He told her two different lies. Samson finally told her the truth: “My hair has never been cut because I am set apart for God. If my head is shaved, I will be weak.” She had his head shaved, and the Philistines captured him. They chained him between two pillars. Samson prayed, “God, please strengthen me once more.” He pushed against the pillars, and Samson and the Philistine leaders died as the temple collapsed.

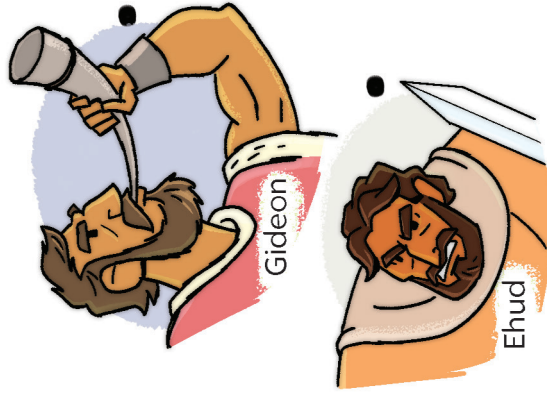
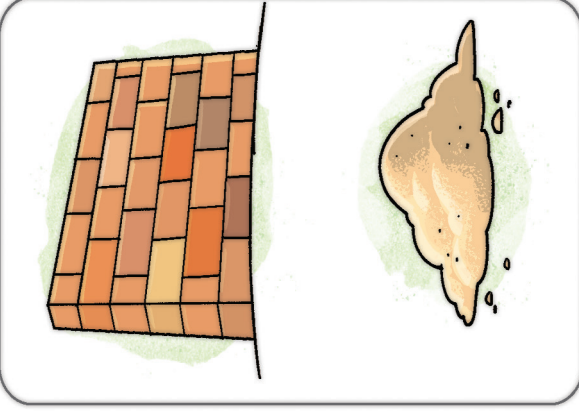
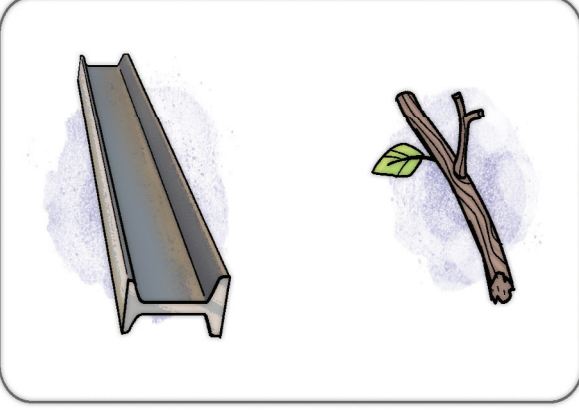
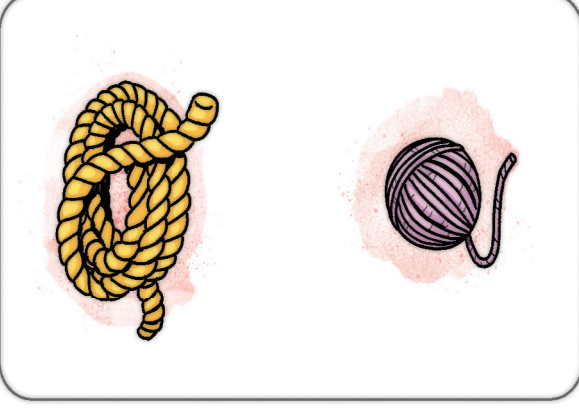
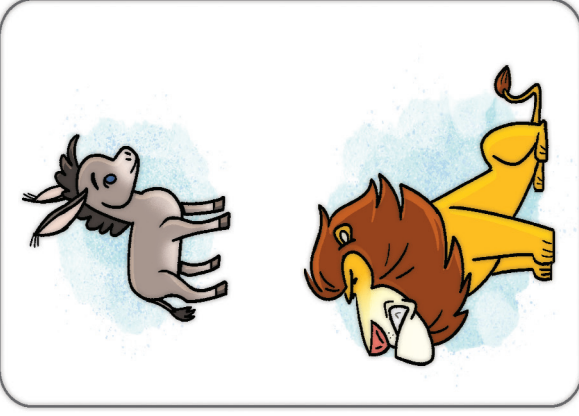
Christ Connection: Samson’s great strength came from God alone.

He had no power to defeat the Philistines on his own. We cannot please God on our own. Through faith in Jesus, people are saved from sin and receive the Holy Spirit, who helps them live to please God.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!



Stronger | Samson's great strength came from God alone. In each pair, circle the picture that is stronger.
Then read Isaiah 40:28-29 and write who God gives strength to:



A prophetess who helped lead God's people to defeat King Jabin of Canaan. (Judges 4:4)

The first judge of Israel, and he defeated the King of Aram. (Judges 3:9-10)

A Nazirite judge, who vowed never to cut his hair and defeated the Philistines. (Judges 16:29-30)

The second judge of Israel, and he saved God's people from the Moabites. (Judges 3:15)

He placed fleece on the ground to test God's promise to help him defeat the Midianites. (Judges 6:39)



Which Judge? | God raised up judges to save His people from their enemies.
Match each judge to his or her correct description.

