

2-3 Year Olds

Bible Story: "Samson the Strong," pp. 124-127

Topic: Samson

Memory Verse: "All things are possible with God." Luke 1:37

Group Activity: Lay a large poster board Samson with yarn hair on the art table. At the right time, in the Bible story, let the children sneak up and cut his hair.

Songs: "God Made You Special," p.42

Special Snack Idea : Hors d'oeuvres for Zacchaeus' party – Easy Squirt Cheese on crackers

Art: Styrofoam cups, pictures of Samson's face, 1 baggie of rye grass, 1 large plastic spoon, 1 large bowl of dirt	Children plant rye grass seeds in a styrofoam cup. They then color a picture of Samson's face and tape it to the cup. Children take it home and cut the grass "hair" with scissors as it grows.
Blocks: 4 – 2 liter soda bottles filled with various amounts of sand, 4 bean bags	Since Samson knocked down the columns as his final feat, the children will try to knock down the soda bottle "columns" with bean bags.
Home Living: 1 small plastic bin with plastic Colored links	The children make a chain out of plastic links. How long can they make it?
Puzzles/Games: 1 boy or girl puzzle, 1 scissors box Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head	Teachers help children play with puzzles and games
Nature/Science: Play dough accessories Play dough (one color per room) 2 plastic knives	Children play with play dough accessories that make "hair" grow and then cut the "hair" off with a plastic knife.
Books: Books about hair Books about Samson	Teacher and children read the story books

Unit 10 – Week 3

Samson the Strong

Children's Discovery Bible
pp. 124-127

In the days when the Philistines were the Hebrews' enemies, an angel visited a Hebrew woman. "You will soon have a son," the angel said. "And if you leave his hair long, he will be strong. God will give him the job of protecting his people." When the baby was born, he was named Samson. His parents never cut his hair. And just as the angel promised, Samson grew into a very strong man.

Samson's girlfriend, Delilah, promised to help the Philistines capture Samson. "What's the secret of your strength?" Delilah asked him one day. Samson laughed and wouldn't tell her. She tried tying him up with strong straps, and then strong ropes. But he broke them easily. She braided his hair into her loom, but he jumped up just as strong as ever. Finally he said, "If my hair is ever cut, I will become as weak as any other man." So Delilah cut his hair next time he took a nap. And just as he had said, his great strength left him. As Samson slept, Delilah called to the Philistines hiding in her house. Then she shouted, "Samson, the Philistines are here." Samson jumped up, but his great strength was gone. The Philistines grabbed him and blinded his eyes. Then they gave Delilah some money and took Samson away to their city.

They put him in prison and chained him to a grinding stone. But they didn't know that as his hair grew longer, he grew stronger. One day, the Philistines had a big party. They brought Samson out to show to all the people. Everyone laughed at him, because they thought he was weak.

But when they chained Samson between two pillars, he pushed the pillars over and the roof fell down. Everyone in the building was killed. Samson punished the Philistines for everything bad they had done to him and to his people.

Bible story from Judges 13:1-7; 16:4-30