



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 72

Samson Receives Strength

Judges 13:1–5, 14:5–7, 15:4–5, 15:13–15, 16:17–22, 16:28–30

How many stats do you remember about Samson? Write the correct number in the blanks below. Look up the verses to find answers you don't know.

Name _____



1. How many years the Philistines oppressed the Israelites (Judges 13:1). _____
2. How many garments Samson took to pay for losing his riddle at the wedding feast (Judges 14:19). _____
3. How many foxes Samson caught to burn the Philistines' fields and orchards (Judges 15:4). _____
4. How many Philistines Samson struck down with the jawbone of a donkey (Judges 15:15). _____
5. How many pieces of silver each of the Philistine lords offered Delilah to betray Samson (Judges 16:5). _____
6. How many fresh bowstrings could not bind Samson (Judges 16:8–9). _____
7. How many locks of hair were shaved from Samson's head while he slept (Judges 16:19). _____
8. How many pillars Samson pushed down with the Lord's help (Judges 16:29). _____
9. How many Philistines died when Samson collapsed the building (Judges 16:27). _____
10. How many years Samson judged Israel (Judges 16:31). _____

Answers: 1. 40, 2. 30, 3. 300, 4. 1,000, 5. 1,100, 6. 7, 7. 2, 8. 2, 9. 3,000, 10. 20



Fill in the missing words in the memory verse.

WHEN THE _____ CRY FOR HELP, THE LORD _____ AND DELIVERS THEM
OUT OF ALL THEIR _____. THE LORD IS _____ TO THE BROKENHEARTED AND
_____ THE CRUSHED IN _____. **PSALM 34:17–18**



What You Heard *In the Word*

- Samson was set apart from birth to judge Israel and deliver them from the Philistines.
- Samson lost God's blessing and his strength because of sin, but he repented and was used by God one last time to bring down a building full of Philistines.



OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose you heard a friend say he wished God would give him a superpower like he gave Samson. **What could you say?**

God's gifts to Samson were awesome! God sent his Spirit to empower Samson at specific times to save his life and give him victories over the Philistines, who were enemies of the Israelites. God gives different gifts to us, but they aren't given for selfish reasons like fun or fame. Samson was set apart by God from birth. He was chosen to fight the Philistines, but Samson lost God's blessing because of sin. God has a purpose for you and me, too, and gives us what we need to accomplish it. We may not have super strength, but we are strong in the Lord when we obey him.



HomeWord *For Parents*

The evil of idolatry caused the Lord to deliver the Israelites into the hands of the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13:1). But God appeared to the barren wife of Manoah and promised a son who would deliver the people. God also specified that the boy would be set apart by following the laws of a Nazirite, which included drinking no wine, eating no unclean thing, and not shaving his head (Judges 13:4–5). The son born to Manoah and his wife was Samson, who received God's blessing and supernatural strength. God used even Samson's mistakes to accomplish his will against the Philistines. Samson's failed marriage to a Philistine woman eventually led to a battle in which Samson defeated 1,000 Philistines using just the jawbone of a donkey (Judges 15:14–15).

Despite his victories and feats of strength, Samson had a weakness for ungodly women. His love for Delilah led to him revealing his special relationship to God as a Nazirite. Delilah betrayed him to the Philistines, and God removed his blessing. Samson was captured, blinded, and forced to grind at the mill in a Philistine prison (Judges 16:15–22). Yet, because of God's mercy, Samson's account does not end there. God listened to Samson's prayer for strength to destroy about 3,000 Philistines who gathered to worship their false god Dagon and to mock Samson and the true God. Blind Samson, positioned between two pillars, was given the strength to collapse the whole building filled with Philistines (Judges 16:23–30). Samson had his failings, but he is listed among the faithful in Hebrews 11:32–34.



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