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## CONVERSATION

## Samson Chose Revenge

#### **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?



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



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



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