

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## Samson

Judges 13-16

### STORY POINT: GOD GAVE SAMSON STRENGTH TO DEFEAT THE PHILISTINES.

The Israelites disobeyed God, so God let the Philistines rule over them. God chose Samson to save the Israelites from the Philistines. God made Samson strong.

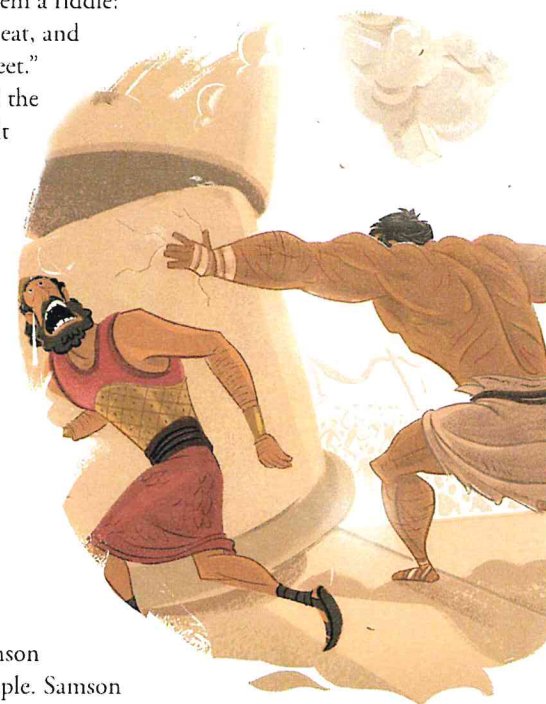
When Samson grew up, Samson killed a lion. Later, some bees had made honey in the lion's body. Philistine men came to Samson's wedding. Samson told them a riddle: "Out of the eater came something to eat, and out of the strong came something sweet."

The riddle was about the lion and the honey, but the men could not figure it out. They asked Samson's bride for help. She told the men the answer. Samson was angry and he left.

Later, Samson fell in love with Delilah. The Philistines gave her money to find out why Samson was so strong. Samson told Delilah the truth: "If you cut my hair, I will not have my strength." So when Samson was sleeping, a Philistine man cut his hair. Delilah shouted, "Samson! Wake up! The Philistines are here to kill you!" Samson wasn't strong anymore. The Philistines took him away in chains.

One day, the Philistines made Samson stand between two pillars in their temple. Samson cried out to God, "Lord, strengthen me once more." So God strengthened Samson. Samson pushed on the pillars and collapsed the temple. Samson and everyone in the temple died, but Samson had saved the Israelites from the Philistines.

*Christ Connection: Samson's sin led to his own death, but God used his death to save the Israelites from their enemies. Samson's story reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but God sent Him to die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin and give them eternal life.*



### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Share an area in which you are weak and need to depend on God to help you. Ask other family members to share too.
- Tell about a time your actions impacted others for good or bad.
- Talk about a time you disobeyed. What were the consequences?