

The Travelers' Times

Family Time with Time Travelers
April 29, 2020 Year 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

IBZAN, ELON, ABDON - SAMSON & DELILAH

Judges 12 - 13 & 16

In tonight's lesson, we studied one of the most famous characters in the Bible. Even those who know very little about the Bible could probably tell you that Samson was the strongest man who ever lived. But, there is a lot more to Samson's story.

Samson was apparently a strong willed person. He did not listen to his parents' advice. He chose to keep company with bad people. He put himself in situations where he would be tempted to make poor choices, which he did. Maybe Samson thought since he was so strong that he was invincible. Instead, his strength gave him a false sense of security. He should have had the strength to say no to hanging out with friends who only wanted to harm him. Too late, he realized Delilah did not really love him. However, God did love him until the end, & honored his last request before he pulled down the Philistine temple, killing himself & thousands of Philistines.

What a sad story! Yet sometimes we also choose to surround ourselves with people who do not help us be better Christians. They drag us down & tempt us to act in a way we know is not right. Make good choices at work, at school, at church. Find people who will help you be the best Christian possible. Our friends really do make a difference. Samson's life would have been much more useful to God had he picked better friends. Let's learn from his mistakes!

Together Time Ideas

- Samson was a Nazarite from birth. To find out more about what this meant, read Numbers 6.
- Friends should make us better people. Think of at least three qualities a good friend will have.
- Are you a good friend? Discuss how you will treat someone if you are their friend.
- Read John 15:14. How do we show we are a friend to Jesus?
- Discuss this week's memory verse. What does this mean? Should grown-ups be careful when they pick friends too?
- Write a thank you note to one of your friends. Tell them how much you appreciate them.

NEXT WEEK'S PANTRY ITEMS

Jelly or Canned Fruit

Fun Facts for Memory Maniacs

- In Hebrew, Samson's name is Shimshon.
- Samson's name means "sunlight".
- Samson killed 1,000 Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey.

Memory Verse

"Bad company corrupts good morals."

1 Corinthians 15:33

MAY MEMORY CHALLENGE

Play
Hit or Miss
Game

Hit or Miss Game

Materials Checklist

Large sheet of paper
Felt pen
Blindfold
Masking tape

Preparation

Write on the paper
10-15 words mentioned
in the Bible story.
Add some words that
have nothing at all to
do with the story (see
sketch). Attach paper to
wall or bulletin board
at children's eye level.

Procedure

Blindfold a volunteer. At a distance
of about 5 feet, turn volunteer
around 3 times & direct them
toward the paper. Volunteer touches
paper with index finger. Remove
blindfold. If volunteer "hits" a
word by touching it, they tell if the
word belongs in the Bible story.
If the word belongs, volunteer (or
classmate chosen by volunteer) uses
the word in a sentence telling
information from the Bible story.
Repeat process with additional
volunteers until all words have
been used.

**This is only an example.
Use words from tonight's lesson.**

Cornelius

Gentile

tree

prison

dream

dinner

unclean

Joppa

Caesarea

soldiers

animals

angel

bread

sheet

Peter

salvation

robbers

Jewish