

Preschool | October 25

Today's Bible Story: Samson • Judges 13:1–16:31

Key Question: Who gives us strength?

Teaching Focus: God gives us strength.

Monthly Memory Verse: *"My help comes from the Lord. He is the maker of heaven and earth."* • Psalm 121:2 NIRV

1. Opening & Prayer

"Hi, friends! Today we're going to watch *Samson*. Listen carefully to find out: **Who gives us strength?** But first, let's pray.

Dear God, thank You for always being with us. Help us listen and learn about Your strength today. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

2. Video Lesson on Jellyfin

3. Samson Pushes the Pillars!

What You Need:

- ☐ "Samson Pop-Open Card" template, one per child
- ☐ Crayons or markers
- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Scissors or paper trimmer for prep team only
- ☐ Permanent marker to write each child's name



What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print the templates on cardstock. Have the prep team cut the dashed border and crease the four solid fold lines. Accordion-fold both sides, then open each card flat. Write each child's name on the back. Place one card and supplies at each child's spot.

During the Activity: Invite the children to decorate Samson, the four pillars, and the rocks. When each child finishes, refold the prepared creases so the two pillars on each side stand together.

After the Activity: Let the children open their cards and stretch their arms outward like Samson. Connect the card to the Bible Story and review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "In our Bible Story, God gave Samson great strength. When Samson was inside the Philistines' temple, he prayed and asked God to help him one more time. God gave Samson the strength to push against the big pillars, and the temple came crashing down. Our cards show Samson standing between those pillars. Let's decorate them and remember: God gives us strength."

During the Activity: “Add colors and stickers to Samson, the pillars, and rocks. (*Allow time.*) Now let’s fold the pillars. Ready? Open your card and stretch your arms like Samson! God gave Samson strength.”

After the Activity: “Take your card home and tell your family about Samson. Samson’s strength came from God. **Who gives us strength?** God does! **[Teaching Focus] God gives us strength.**”