

## SAMSON BAS RELIEF PROJECT

“Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, “O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God...” (Judges 16:28).



### *Materials*

Square of sturdy cardboard  
Clay (modeling or self-hardening)  
Clay tools  
Pictures of Samson in the temple  
Samples or pictures of relief work

### *Method*

1. Read the story of Samson and the Philistines.
2. Discuss how Samson might look and what the temple must have looked like. (Find a picture to show.)
3. Introduce the idea of relief work. Show some examples.
4. Give each child a square of cardboard.
5. Cover the cardboard with a layer of clay.
6. Samson and the temple pillars can either be “discovered” in the clay and built up, or sculpted separately and added on top. A combination of these methods may work well to get all the details the children want, such as hair, chains, *etc.*
7. Depending on what kind of clay you have used, you may wish to let the clay harden or bake it.
8. Display the work.