

**Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program**  
**Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 33**  
**Samson Kills a Lion (Judges 13:3-5; 14:5-6)**

**Theme:** Heroes

**I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher**

- A. Samson represents the power of the Lord in our life.
- B. The Philistines represent knowing truth but not caring to live according to it. This is what is called "faith alone."
- C. Killing the lion means that the-Lord can give us strength to resist any temptation, and the honey afterward shows the happiness that comes from winning over temptation.
- D. There is no real strength apart from love in the heart.

**II. Story Circle**

- A. Introduce the Story
  - 1. Samson was a Nazarite - a man who served God.
  - 2. Nazarites did not cut their hair. As long as Samson did not cut his hair the Lord gave him incredible strength.
  - 3. The Lord needed a strong hero to help the Israelites defeat their enemies.
  - 4. Let's read about Samson's strength.
- B. Tell/Read the Story
  - 1. Judges 13:3-5; Judges 14:5-6
- C. Ideas to Discuss
  - 1. Who was the very strong man that we read about today? (Samson)
  - 2. Why was he so strong? (Because he followed the Lord and didn't cut his hair.)
  - 3. What animal attacked Samson? (A lion)
  - 4. What did Samson do? (Killed the lion)
- D. Further Ideas
  - 1. Samson was very strong! Strong enough to kill a lion with his bare hands.
  - 2. The Lord gives us all strength. Who do you know that is very strong?
  - 3. Who is the strongest of all - even stronger than Samson? (The Lord)

### III. Enrichment Activities

#### A. Music

1. "My God is so Great" from *Wee Sing Bible Songs*
2. "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

#### B. Activities

1. Let the children show you how strong they are. Remind them that the Lord is the One who makes them so strong.
2. Fingerplay (point to body parts and do as words suggest)

I have two eyes that wink and blink

I have a mind that makes me think,

I have two hands that clap for fun,

I have two feet that jump and run,

I have two ears to hear a song,

Two lips to praise Him all day long,

I have a body strong and good,

To use for the Lord as I should.

#### C. Project

1. Draw a picture of Samson
  - a. Have the children draw a very strong Samson
  - b. Provide long pieces of yarn for them to glue on as hair
  - c. Text slip: "The woman bore a son, and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him." (Judges 13:24).

### IV. Teaching Aids

A. Illustrations in *The Children's Bible*

B. Felt board

### V. Further Reading for the Teacher