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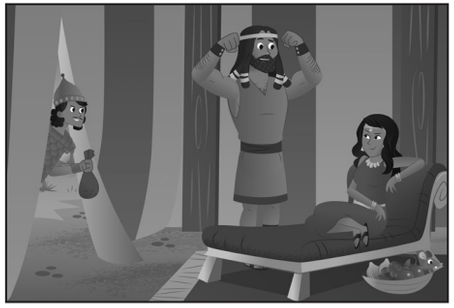
Samson
Judges 13-16

Again, God's people disobeyed Him. So God let the Philistines rule over them for forty years. Then He chose a man named Samson to set them free.

An angel promised Samson's mother that she would have a son. Samson would have to make three promises to God. Never drink wine. Never touch dead things. Never cut his hair.

God made Samson very strong. He killed a lion, and bees made honey in its body. Samson touched the dead lion, breaking one of his promises to God! He even ate the honey.

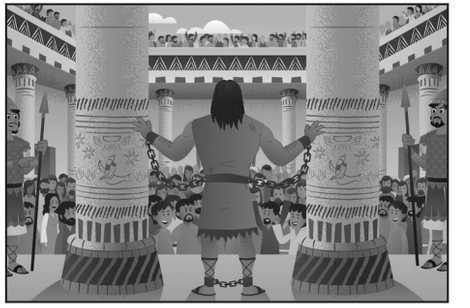
Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines promised her lots of money if she found out why Samson was so strong. She asked him again and again.



Finally, Samson told Delilah his secret. "If my hair is cut, my strength will go." So, while he slept, Delilah called for a man to cut off his hair. Samson's strength left him.

When the Philistines arrived, they captured him easily. They blinded him. Then they put him in prison and set him to work, dragging a heavy grinding stone.

Slowly, Samson's hair grew back. The Philistines brought Samson into their temple to thank their false god, Dagon, for defeating him. Samson asked God to make him strong one last time.



Samson stood between two pillars and pushed on them. The temple fell down, killing all the Philistines, and Samson with them. Samson didn't keep his promises, but God kept His.