



**February 14, 2021**  
**Samson and Delilah**  
**Judges 16:1-21**  
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Wow! We saw God do amazing things in our story last week when He helped Gideon defeat the enormous Midianite army with only 300 men. Gideon listened to God and did things God's way. He trusted God and was obedient to Him. God took care of Gideon, just as He promised He would do.

We have times in our lives when we act like Gideon. We do what God wants us to do and God does amazing things for us and through us. Other times we make bad choices, and as a result of our bad choices, bad things happen to us.

In our lesson for this week, we will learn about a time in Samson's life when he made some bad choices. Instead of trusting in God to lead him, he trusted in a person who was beautiful on the outside, but not on the inside. This bad choice caused Samson to lose a gift that God had given him, for a time.

Watch this video to learn about Samson and Delilah:

<https://youtu.be/WcTgzQAeuZo>

Samson made several bad choices in this story, didn't he? First, he looked at how beautiful Delilah looked on the outside and he fell in love with her, even though she was a Philistine. The Philistine's were the enemies of Samson's people, the people of Israel. They believed in other gods and made statues to worship instead of worshipping the true God.

The Philistine's offered Delilah 1,100 pieces of silver if she would get Samson to tell her what was the secret to his strength. That way, the Philistine's could defeat Samson and the Israelite people. Delilah tried over and over again to get Samson to tell her the secret of his strength. At first, he didn't want to tell her. Maybe deep down in his heart, he knew that she could not be trusted. But, instead of refusing to hang around with her, he told her lies and made her angrier with each lie he told.

Do you remember from the video the three lies that Samson told Delilah about what could take away his strength? If not, replay the video or look up in the Bible each thing that Delilah tried to make Samson lose his strength. Use the questions and verses below as your guide.

What was the first thing the Samson told Delilah that could make him weak?  
Did that work? (See Judges 16:7-9)

What lie did Samson tell Delilah the second time about what could make him weak?  
(See Judges 16:10-12)

What was the third thing that Samson told Delilah that could make him weak? (See Judges 16:13-14)

### **Read Judges 16:15-17**

How did Delilah finally get Samson to tell her the secret of his strength?

### **Read Judges 16:19-20**

How did Delilah make Samson lose his strength? If you look at verse 20, was it really Delilah, or cutting Samson's hair, that make him lose his strength or was it something else?

It was really God that took away the gift of Samson's strength. He did this to help Samson remember that he needed to trust in God above anything or anyone else.

Let's think for a little bit about how God might be trying to tell you the same thing in your life—that you need to trust in Him more than anything or anyone else.

Do you have any friends who do a lot of wrong things like saying bad words, bullying other kids, or taking things that don't belong to them?

Do you have any friends who like to watch movies or look at things on the internet that you are uncomfortable with when you go over to their house?

Do you have any friends that like to gossip, or talk about other people, when they are not around?

What could happen if you hang around people who do the things above all the time?  
What could happen if you go along with those things and don't speak up when you know it is wrong?

Right, you could end up like Samson and lose your connection with God. God will never leave you. But, when do things that are popular or attractive and don't consider if it's what God would want, it can easy to be tricked into doing things that could end up hurting you and others.

To check your heart, and your trust in God, ask yourself these questions:

Do I choose my friends by how nice they look or by how nice they are?

Do I hang around with people because they have nice things or because they do nice things?

Do I try to do what God would want me to do, or do I try to do what looks best to other people?

Do I try to make myself look good, or do I try to bring out the good in others?

On this Valentine's Day, remember that God loves you even more than anyone else loves you. He loved you so much that He sent His only Son to die on the cross for your sins. He says, "Be Mine" because of what Jesus has done for you.

Yeah, God sees what is in your heart. He sees your bad choices, but because you are His through faith in Jesus, He still loves you. He gives you a new chance each day to try to make good choices.

He has also given you a family who loves you very much. Your parents, grandparents, teachers, and Church leaders are people that God has placed in your life to help you make good choices. God lives in your heart, so listen to Him and listen to those God has put in your life to help you. Show some love to God and your family today.

**Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me so much that you sent your only Son, Jesus, to die for my sins. Thank you that this means that you love me, even when I make bad choices. Help me to make good choices with my friends and the activities that I choose. Help me to look at, and love, others like you do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The following activities are linked with this lesson:

### **God Searches Hearts Activity Page**

Instructions for this page:

- 1) Think about a bad choice you have made. Using a pencil, write one thing in the heart to represent that bad choice. It could be something specific like cheating, lying, cursing, fighting, or stealing. Or, just write "sin."
- 2) Write "Jesus" in the heart because, when you believe in Him, He lives there.
- 3) Say a short prayer, asking Jesus to forgive you for the bad choice you made. Then erase the bad choice or sin you wrote down.
- 4) Now, write the names of those you love and of those who love you and help you to make good choices. Use the lines on the shirt if you need more space.
- 5) Say another short prayer, thanking God for His love and for loving people in your life.
- 6) Color the page.

### **Jesus Loves Me Coloring Page** (Great for preschoolers- or anyone!)

#### **Love Letter to God**

Using the writing prompts, write a love letter to God. Then color the page.

#### **Love Letter to Family**

Using the writing prompts, write a love letter to someone in your family. Then color the page. Print as many copies as you need.

### **Samson and Delilah Coloring Page**

#### **Samson Maze**

#### **Love Bible Verse Coloring Page** (Adults – this is for you, too!)

As you color this page, talk about the relationship that Samson and Delilah had and how they treated each other. Was it like any of the things this verse says love is? Was it really love?