

# Preschool

## Samson

### *Activities & Crafts*

**Session Title:** Samson

**Bible Passage:** Judges 13–16

**Story Point:** God gave Samson strength to defeat the Philistines.

**Key Passage:** 1 John 1:9

**Big Picture Question:** What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

#### **Build block columns**

Encourage children to work together to build two block columns. Take turns being the one to stand between the blocks and push the columns down. Be sure preschoolers do not build the columns higher than chin level and that other children stand clear of falling blocks.

Say • **God made Samson strong.** He was able to push on the columns and the temple fell down. Samson and other people died, but the Israelites were saved from the Philistines! God had used Samson to save His people again. Samson reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but He died for our sin. Jesus died and rose again to rescue God's people from sin and give them life with God forever.

#### **Pretend to cut hair**

Guide preschoolers to draw a face in the middle of a small paper plate. Invite preschoolers to place play dough in a garlic press and squeeze to make hair. Add the play dough hair to the edges of the paper plate face. Preschoolers may use blunt-tipped scissors to cut the hair. If a garlic press is not available, use a rolling pin to roll out a flat sheet of play dough and cut it into long strips with a plastic knife. Be sure to wash the garlic press and the scissors before the play dough dries.

Say • God had special instructions for Samson: He should never cut his hair. Samson let Delilah trick him into telling her why he was so strong. She told the Philistines, and they cut Samson's hair while he was asleep. Samson lost his strength. When Samson called out to God, **God made Samson strong** again. ***What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.*** We can call out to God when we sin, and He will forgive us because of Jesus.

#### **Participate in a contest**

Prepare contests for boys and girls to test their abilities.

Provide a heavy book for preschoolers to take turns holding for a length of time.

Take turns throwing a paper airplane down a long hallway or across the room. Mark where each airplane lands.

Take turns tossing a beanbag into a basket. Tell each child to back up one step until he or she misses the basket.

If your space allows, lead preschoolers to race across the room or down the hall.

Affirm each child's abilities.

Say • **God made Samson strong**; however, he made wrong choices. Samson died because of his sin, but God used Samson's death to help His people. Samson reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but He died for our sin. Jesus died and rose again to rescue God's people from sin and give them life with God forever.

### **Act out the Bible story and video it**

Provide biblical costumes and props such as a baby doll for baby Samson, cardboard columns, and so forth. Assign children different roles. Tell the Bible story and guide preschoolers to act it out. Reassign roles and act it out again. Consider videoing the children and sharing the videos with parents. Be sure to use follow your church's security procedures regarding videoing children.

Say • **God made Samson strong**, but Samson did not use His strength to honor God. Samson died because of his sin, but God used Samson's death to help His people. Samson reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but He died for our sin. Jesus died and rose again to rescue God's people from sin and give them life with God forever.