

## Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

### Preschool Lesson Ninety-nine: Samson's Birth

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges  
Bible Reading & Discussion: Judges 13:1-25  
Bible Memory & Craft: Verses about Salvation Review  
Learning Objectives: (1) The people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and were given into the hand of the Philistines for 40 years. (2) The Lord told Manoah and his wife that they would have a son. (3) Manoah and his wife were given instructions concerning their son because he would be a Nazirite. (4) Samson was a picture of the messiah, Jesus Christ, Who was born to save sinners from the penalty of their sin through His death upon the cross.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.  
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.  
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed  
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate  
Instructions: Lead students to sing songs about the Bible & the Judges. Spend time discussing the meaning of new songs. Ask students to help lead songs, including actions and visuals.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use  
15 minutes Strategies: Impromptu Retelling  
Scripture: Judges 13:1-25  
Instructions: After Scripture has been read, students perform roles by pantomiming actions and repeating lines from the reading. Leader prompts students as needed. (Scene 1: Angel of the Lord & Manoah's wife; Scene 2: Manoah & his wife; Scene 3: Manoah alone; Scene 4: Angel of the Lord, Manoah & his wife)
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Word poster #1  
10 minutes Strategy: Order Please  
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle in order by height or birth date, etc. Students answer questions in this order.  
Questions:
- When the people of Israel again did evil, the Lord gave them into whose hand? (The Philistines)
  - For how many years was Israel in the hand of the Philistines? (40)
  - Who appeared to Manoah's wife? (The Angel of the Lord)
  - Manoah's wife was told that she was going to have a son. What was she told that she could not drink? (Wine, strong drink)
  - What was never to touch the head of the child? (A razor)
  - Manoah's son would begin to save Israel from the hand of the *blank*. (Philistines)
  - What did Manoah offer as a burnt offering to the Lord? (A young goat and grain)
  - How did the Angel of the Lord leave Manoah and his wife? (He went up in the flame of the altar.)
  - When Manoah's son was born, what was he named? (Samson)
  - Who blessed Samson? (The Lord)
- Tell students that in this lesson we see that God is "in control." Have students repeat the word and have students salute, holding the right hand up to the brow.
- Group Prayer** Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, listing His attributes.

*Note to Instructor: For the next few lessons students will review the verses about Salvation.*

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**Bible Memory** Transitional Thought: From the womb Samson was set aside to be a Nazirite to God. He was born to begin to save Israel from the Philistines. Samson was a picture of the messiah, Jesus Christ, Who was born to save sinners from the penalty of their sin through His death upon the cross.

Materials: Bean Bag

Strategy: Bean Bag Review

Instructions: Have students stand in a circle. Using the two review verses, start to quote a verse and then toss the bean bag to someone to share the next word. Continue until both verses have been reviewed sufficiently.

*Verse: "...not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ..." Philipians 3:10*





*Verse: "for all have sinned...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through...Christ Jesus...to be received by faith." Romans 3:23-25*

**Bible Craft** Materials: Rebus books from past lesson, markers, sample project

As time allows Activity: Rebus Book

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Hand out rebus books from past lessons. Assist students to turn the next two pages into Rebuses (or picture sentences) of the two review verses listed above. Collect the books for future lessons.

Example:

"...you shall  his name  for he will save his  from their ."

*Matthew 1:21*

### Closing

Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.

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Verse: *"...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."* Matthew 1:21

Verse: *"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."* John 6:38

Verse: *"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..."* Galatians 3:13

Verse: *"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."* Romans 6:9

Verse: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God..."* Ephesians 2:8-9

Verse: *"Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ..."* Ephesians 2:5

Verse: *"...not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ..."* Philippians 3:10

Verse: *"for all have sinned...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through...Christ Jesus...to be received by faith."* Romans 3:23-25

Verse: *"...Are we to continue in sin...? By no means!"* Romans 6:1-2

Verse: *"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless..."* I Thessalonians 5:23

Verse: *"...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."* Philippians 1:6