

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Primary Lesson One Hundred: Samson's Marriage

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Bible Drill
Bible Reading & Discussion: Deuteronomy 7:3-4; Numbers 6:1-8; Judges 14:1-20
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Salvation Review
Learning Objectives: (1) Samson broke the Law of Moses when he married a Philistine. (2) Samson broke part of the Nazarite vow when he touched the dead lion. (3) In spite of Samson's sin, the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon Samson and gave him the strength to kill the lion and to strike down thirty men. (4) To ultimately save man from the power and consequences of sin, it took the work of the perfect Savior, Jesus Christ.
- 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: Bibles for students to use
5-10 minutes Strategies: Bible Drill
Instructions: Students hold closed Bibles up over head. The leader then calls out a Scripture reference – first the book, then the chapter, finally the verse. When the leader says, "Charge," the students look for the reference in their Bibles. When the reference is found, students stand and read it.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Round Robin
Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:3-4; Numbers 6:1-8; Judges 14:1-20
Instructions: Students should read the Scripture as a "round robin." Each person reads two verses aloud around and around the table until the passages have all been read.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Question cards, answer cards, word poster #1
10 minutes Strategy: Answers First
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Answers to questions are written on index cards and handed out randomly to students. The leader asks a question and the student with the correct answer card stands up and reads the answer.
Questions:
- A person making a Nazirite vow was making a vow to blank himself to the Lord. (Separate)
 - A Nazirite was never to drink blank. (Wine)
 - A Nazirite was never to cut his blank. (Hair)
 - A Nazirite was never to touch a blank body. (Dead)
 - A Nazirite was to be blank to the Lord. (Holy)
 - In the last lesson we learned that Samson was to be a Nazirite and that he was to begin to save the Israelites from the hand of the blank. (Philistines)
 - When Samson was ready to marry, he chose a daughter of the blank. (Philistines)
 - According to the Law of Moses, was an Israelite to marry a non-Israelite? (No)
 - The blank used Samson's choice of a bride, "for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines." (Lord)
 - When a young lion came roaring at Samson, the blank of the blank rushed upon him and he tore the lion in pieces. (Spirit, Lord)
 - Later, Samson went back to see the body of the lion and he scraped honey from the carcass of the lion. How did Samson break the laws of a Nazirite when he got the honey? (He touched a dead body.)
 - Who helped Samson's companions to solve the riddle? (Samson's wife)

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- To pay those that had solved the riddle by cheating, the blank of the blank rushed upon Samson and he struck down thirty men of the town and took their garments. (Spirit, Lord)
- Samson was so angry that he went back to his blank house. (Father's)

Show students word poster #1 and have them act out the words: God is...Creator, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Life-source, Just, Merciful, Righteous, Life-sustainer, Creator of Nations, In control, Long-suffering, Glorious, Providence, Deliverer, Savior, All-seeing, Faithful, Freer from law, Judge, Provider, Prayer answerer, Sovereign, Gracious, Way to Heaven, Protector, Promise keeper, Success maker, King of kings, Holy, Law maker, Skill instiller, Guide, Victory giver, Truth, Immutable/unchangeable, Rest provider

Ask students which words on poster #1 describe God in this lesson. (Answers: In control, long suffering, etc.)

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, listing His attributes.

Note to Instructor: Students will review the 13 Questions about Salvation. Use game cards that were made during a past lesson to play the game.

Bible Memory Transitional Thought: Samson was an imperfect, sinful judge, breaking the Law of Moses by marrying a non-Israelite and breaking the Nazarite vow by touching a dead body. In spite of his sin, God empowered Samson and used him to deliver Israel. A perfect Savior was needed to ultimately deliver man from the power and consequences of sin, the God-man, Jesus Christ.

Materials: Question, answer, and verse game cards

Strategy: Pick-a-card

Instructions: Shuffle cards. Deal 6 cards to each player. Place the left over cards in the center of the table face down. Each player picks up his/her hand and looks for matches. Matches are laid down face up for all to see. The player to the right of the dealer begins by drawing a card from the center pile. The player must then discard a card face up for all to see in the center. The next player chooses a card from the center – either one that is face down or the one that was discarded that is face up – and then discards face up into the center. A player will never have more than 6 cards in his/her hand. Whenever a match is made it is placed face up for all to see. Have players “prove” their matches by reading them aloud. The first player to lay down all cards in his/her hand wins.

Bible Craft Materials: Unfinished flap books from previous lesson, pencils, markers, sample project

As time allows Activity: Flap Book Project

Note: This project will be completed today.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give each student his/her unfinished flap book from the previous lesson. Have students neatly write one question at the top of each page. Have students write the answer and verse farther down the page. Tape a smaller piece of paper over the answer and verse to make a flap. (Student should see the question, but the answer and verse should be covered by the flap that can be lifted to disclose them.) Have students proceed until the 13 salvation questions, answers, and verses are included in the book. Have students decorate the cover, page borders, flaps, etc. Students may take home completed books.

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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Question: What is the covenant of grace?

Answer: It is an eternal agreement within the Trinity to save certain persons and to provide all the means for their salvation.

Verse: "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins." Romans 11:27

Question: What is election?

Answer: It is God's choice of certain sinners for salvation.

Verse: "Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him..."

Ephesians 1:4

Question: How does God save the elect?

Answer: God saves the elect by the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ.

Verse: "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Question: Being the Son of God, why did Christ become man?

Answer: Christ became man to fulfill the will of God the Father.

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

Question: Why did Christ die?

Answer: In the place of sinners, Christ died as the perfect sacrifice, taking the punishment for their sins and satisfying God's justice.

Verse: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree'" Galatians 3:13

Question: How did Christ conquer death?

Answer: When Christ resurrected from the dead he overcame the power of death.

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

Romans 6:9

Question: How does the work of Christ save sinners?

Answer: A sinner is saved through faith in the work of Christ.

Verse: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Question: What is regeneration?

Answer: It is the act of God enlivening the sinner's heart, leading to faith.

Verse: "Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved."

Ephesians 2:5

Question: What is righteousness?

Answer: Righteousness is God's goodness and holiness.

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

Question: What is justification?

Answer: Justification is the act of God counting a person righteous because God has accepted Christ's righteousness in place of the person's unrighteousness.

Verse: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...to be received by faith." Romans 3:23-25

Question: What is repentance?

Answer: Repentance is turning from sin.

Verse: "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" Romans 6:1-2

Question: What is sanctification?

Answer: It is the act of God making his people holy in heart and conduct.

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

Question: Is the process of sanctification ever complete in this life?

Answer: No. It is certain and continual, but is complete only in heaven.

Verse: "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6