

SAMSON AND DELILAH

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⁴Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. ⁵The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, “See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver.”

⁶So Delilah said to Samson, “Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.”

⁷Samson answered her, “If anyone ties me with seven fresh thongs that have not been dried, I’ll become as weak as any other man.”

⁸Then the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh thongs that had not been dried, and she tied him with them. ⁹With men hidden in the room, she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” But he snapped the thongs as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered.

¹⁰Then Delilah said to Samson, “You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied.”

¹¹He said, “If anyone ties me securely with new ropes that have never been used, I’ll become as weak as any other man.”

¹²So Delilah took new ropes and tied him with them. Then, with men hidden in the room, she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” But he snapped the ropes off his arms as if they were threads.

¹³Delilah then said to Samson, “Until now, you have been making a fool of me and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied.”

He replied, “If you weave the seven braids of my head into the fabric on the loom and tighten it with the pin, I’ll become as weak as any other man.” So while he was sleeping, Delilah took the seven braids of his head, wove them into the fabric ¹⁴and tightened it with the pin.

Again she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” He awoke from his sleep and pulled up the pin and the loom, with the fabric.

¹⁵Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you won’t confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven’t told me the secret of your great strength.” ¹⁶With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death.

¹⁷So he told her everything. “No razor has ever been used on my head,” he said, “because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man.”

¹⁸When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, “Come back once more; he has told me everything.” So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands. ¹⁹Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him.

²⁰Then she called, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!”

He awoke from his sleep and thought, “I’ll go out as before and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Delilah want to know what made Samson so strong?
5		2.) What was one way Delilah tried to capture Samson?
5		3.) Why did Delilah have Samson's head shaved?
5		4.) Why do you think the Lord left Samson?

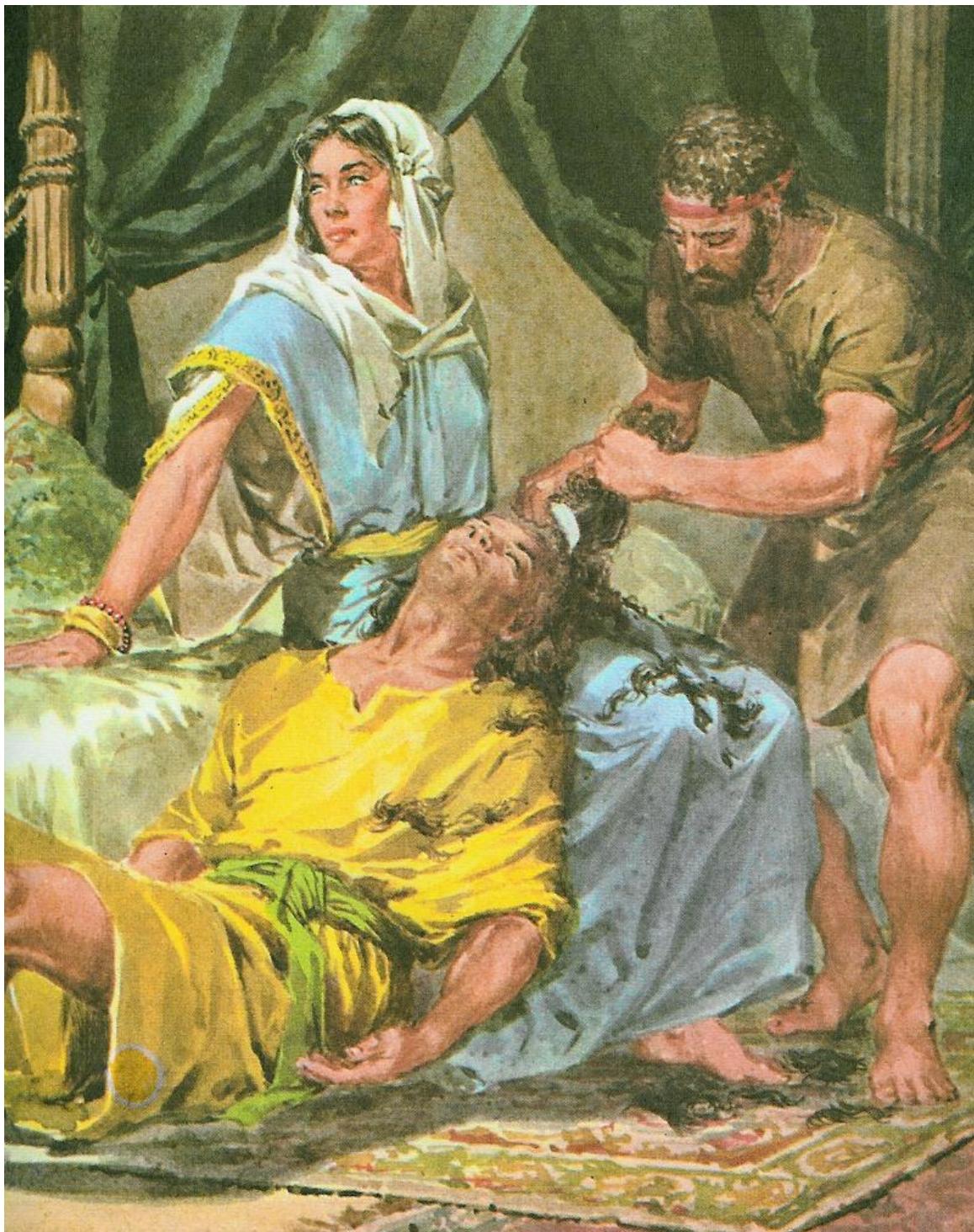
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 3:7</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION	
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____	DATE ___/___/___

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Delilah had Samson's hair cut which made him weak

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SCISSORS

Students will make scissors to remind them that Delilah found out that Samson's strength was in his hair. She used this knowledge against him by having a Philistine shave off his seven braids of hair. This caused his strength to leave him.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Scissor Pattern
3. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
4. Glue
5. Yarn
6. Paper Brads
7. Aluminum Foil
8. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the scissor pattern on 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the scissors with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
3. Cut out the scissor pattern
4. Push a paper brad through both black dots to connect both pieces of the scissors.
5. Glue pieces of aluminum foil to blade portions of the scissors.
6. Glue pieces of yarn to the scissors to represent Samson's hair.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their scissors, remind them that Samson's strength was in his hair. His hair was symbolic of his consecration to the Lord. By allowing a Philistine woman to come between him and the Lord it put a strain on his relationship with God. Judges 6:20 tells us that Samson did not know that the Lord had left him. Later, God uses Samson to destroy even more Philistines by pushing down the pillars in the temple (Judges 16:30). Help students realize that even in our weakness God can make us strong.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

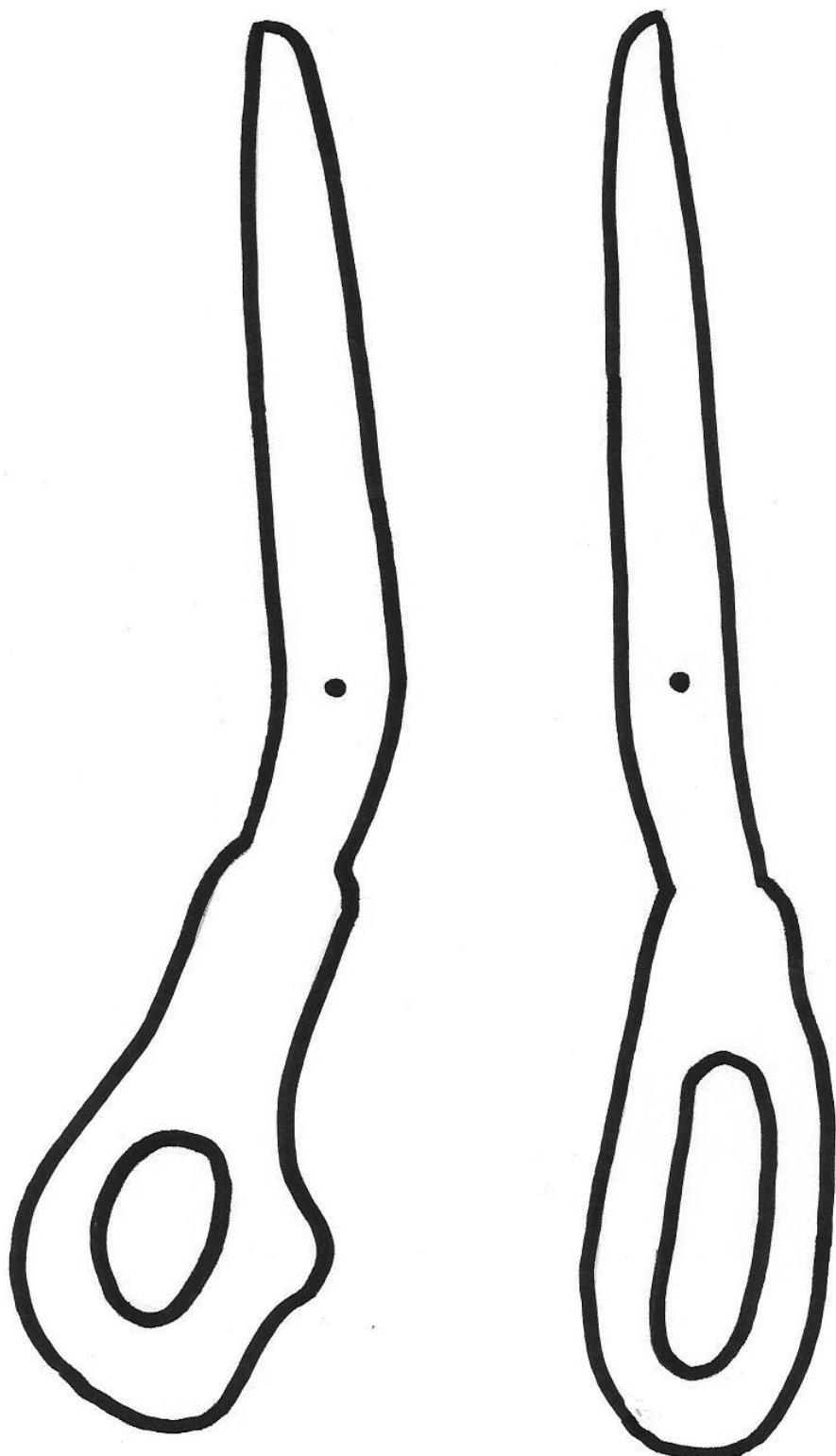
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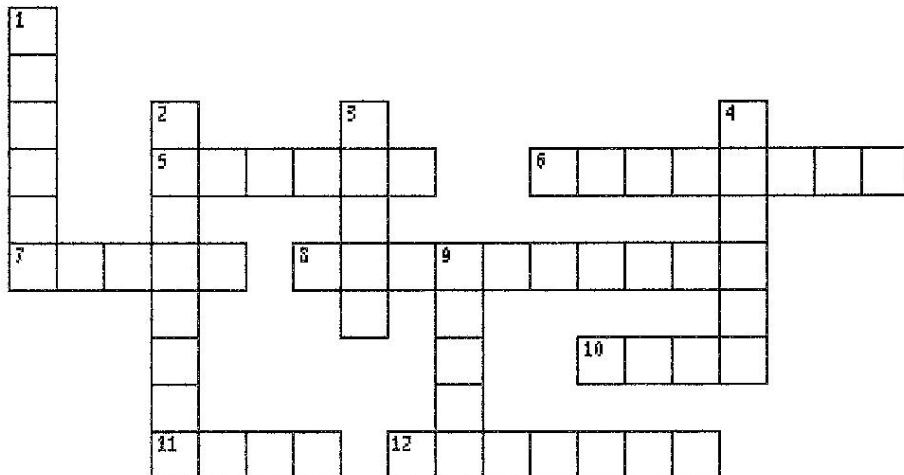
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SCISSOR PATTERN



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- 12 ACROSS Samson "loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was _____. " JUDGES 16:4
- 2 DOWN Now the lords of the Philistines said to her, "Find out where his great _____ lies, and by what means may we overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him." JUDGES 16:5
- 1 DOWN They said to her, "Every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of _____. " JUDGES 16:5
- 8 ACROSS "Samson said to her, 'If they bind me with seven fresh _____, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man.' " JUDGES 16:7
- 10 ACROSS "But he broke the bowstrings as a strand of _____ breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known." JUDGES 16:9
- 7 ACROSS Samson then said to Delilah, "If they bind me securely with new _____ that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man." JUDGES 16:11
- 5 ACROSS But Samson "broke them off his arms like a _____. " JUDGES 16:12
- 11 ACROSS Samson said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my _____ into the web of the loom- " JUDGES 16:13
- 3 DOWN "He told her all his heart, and said to her, 'No _____ has ever come upon my head.' " JUDGES 16:17
- 9 DOWN "Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him _____ off the seven locks of his head." JUDGES 16:19
- 6 ACROSS "He did not know that the LORD had _____ from him." JUDGES 16:20
- 4 DOWN "They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the _____. " JUDGES 16:21

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JUDGES 16:4-20

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Sources tell us that Samson has fallen in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines were happy to hear this.

"Find out the secret of Samson's strength and then we can tie him

up," the Philistines said, "We will give you silver if you do."

Samson tricked Delilah by telling her three different ways he could be tied up. Each time he was tied up, though, he was able to break free.

Witnesses saw Delilah crying because Samson had made a fool of her.

"If you love me, why won't you tell me the secret of your strength?" asked Delilah.

Finally, Samson told her that his strength was in his hair. It had never been cut.

Delilah let Samson fall asleep in her lap. The Philistines came and shaved off his seven braids of hair.

When Samson woke up, he thought he would have his strength still. Samson did not know that the Lord had left him.

For more details, please read Judges 16:4-20 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Who had Samson fallen in love with?
2. What did the Philistines want to do to Samson?
3. What happened each time Samson was tied up?
4. Why do you think the Lord left Samson when his hair was cut off?

MEMORY VERSE

"Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil."

Proverbs 3:7

DRAW A PICTURE OF SAMSON WITH NO HAIR

