

Children's House Church - Bible Study

Bible Story: God Used Samson (Judges 13-16)

Read Together: Judges 16:23~30

Today's Bible Study Time

1. Read together Judges 16:23~30
 2. Think about the discussion questions below and summarize what happened to the life of Samson.
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[The Book of Judges - Background]

1. Joshua led the people of Israel to the Promised Land by obeying God's commandments.
 2. The Book of Judges is the story of Israel's failure after the death of Joshua.
 3. God told them to drive out those who lived in the Promised Land, but they disobeyed.
 4. "Judges" were God's chosen leaders to bring the people of God back to God.
 5. It was a bad cycle:
 - 1) People of Israel sinned
 - 2) They suffered consequences
 - 3) They repented
 - 4) God raised a judge and saved them
 - 5) People of Israel sinned again
 6. The Book of Judges ends with Judges 21:25, saying, "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."
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[Summary]

The Israelites were stuck in a pattern of ignoring God, being attacked by enemies, and then calling out to God to rescue them. God let their enemies, the Philistines, rule over them. One day, the angel of the Lord spoke to a man and his wife. They would have a son, and their son would save God's people from the Philistines. God had special instructions for their son: He should never cut his hair.

The couple named him Samson. God made Samson strong. Samson decided he wanted to marry a Philistine woman. Samson and his parents went to meet her. Along the way, a lion jumped out and Samson killed the lion. Later, bees made honey in the lion's body.

Samson told a riddle to a group of Philistines at the wedding. The Philistines could not figure it out. They asked Samson's bride for help. She told the men the answer. Samson was angry, and he left without his wife. Samson ran away to another city, where he fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines gave Delilah money to help them find out. Samson told Delilah, "If you cut my hair, I will be weak." A Philistine came and cut his hair. The Philistines grabbed him and took him away in chains. The Philistines made Samson stand between two pillars in their temple. God strengthened Samson. Samson pushed on the pillars and collapsed the temple. Samson and everyone in the temple died.

[Discussion Questions]

Q1. What does this story teach me about God?

Q2. What should we learn from Samson's story?

Q3. Does God only use "perfect" people? If not, what do you think?

Q3. How does Samson's story remind us of Jesus?

[Christ Connection]

Samson's sin led to his own death, but God used his death to save the Israelites from their enemies. Samson's story reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but God sent Him to die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin and give them eternal life.
