

Samson and the Lion

Judges 14

Introduction

Samson was going to a place called Timnah, and he came to a vineyard there. The Word tells us what happened next.

“Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart [as one would have torn apart a young goat] though he had nothing in his hand” (Judges 14:5-6).

The lion attacked Samson, taking him by surprise. Imagine being Samson and having to fight a fierce lion! The Lord gave Samson the strength to kill the lion. The Lord could give Samson great strength as long as he did not cut his hair.

We don't have lions roaring at us, but the Lord gives us strength to fight against doing what is wrong. He gives us this strength through the teachings in the Word. The Lord teaches us the difference between what is right and what is wrong. These teachings are like Samson's hair because they can help us be strong.

Samson and Lion Project

Make your own picture of Samson fighting the lion or color the picture provided.

Materials

Samson and lion coloring page (see attached page)
colored pencils, wax crayons or colored markers

Procedure for making your own picture

1. Show Samson fighting the lion with his bare hands. Remember to make his hair long because the Lord made him strong as long as he did not cut his hair.

Procedure for using the picture by Donald Moorhead

1. Color the picture of Samson fighting the lion with his bare hands.
2. Consider adding more to this picture:
 - a. Make Samson's hair longer
 - b. Picture the Lord above Samson to show who made him strong.
 - c. Draw vineyards around Samson and the lion. Perhaps show some bees in the vineyard. (Later a swarm of bees would come make honey in the carcass of the lion.)

