

SAMSON BAS RELIEF PROJECT

“Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, “O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God...” (Judges 16:28).



Materials

Square of sturdy cardboard
Clay (modeling or self-hardening)
Clay tools
Pictures of Samson in the temple
Samples or pictures of relief work

Method

1. Read the story of Samson and the Philistines.
2. Discuss how Samson might look and what the temple must have looked like. (Find a picture to show.)
3. Introduce the idea of relief work. Show some examples.
4. Give each child a square of cardboard.
5. Cover the cardboard with a layer of clay.
6. Samson and the temple pillars can either be “discovered” in the clay and built up, or sculpted separately and added on top. A combination of these methods may work well to get all the details the children want, such as hair, chains, *etc.*
7. Depending on what kind of clay you have used, you may wish to let the clay harden or bake it.
8. Display the work.