



His name was Samson. A Nazirite, chosen by God from birth to be separate. God said no razor could come upon his head.

Samson grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord moved upon him. Samson found his superhero strength from his uncut hair.

But Samson didn't live a superhero life. He spoke in riddles. He took what was pleasing to his eyes. And when he felt angry, he took revenge.

Samson judged Israel for twenty years. Their enemy, the Philistines, ruled over them. Samson fought an entire Philistine army with the jawbone of a donkey and won. Now the Philistines wanted to capture Samson and put him in prison.



Samson fell in love with a Philistine woman named Delilah. The Philistines asked Delilah to find the source of Samson's strength.

Delilah asked Samson where his strength came from. One night he told her his secret. In Judges 16:17, he said, "No razor has ever come upon my head. If I am shaven, then my strength shall leave me."

Delilah called for a man to shave Samson's head while he slept. When Samson woke, his strength was gone. The Lord had departed from him. The Philistines captured Samson. They blinded him so he could not see. Then they locked him in prison. And something happened. Samson's hair began to grow.

One day, the Philistines gathered in their temple. They called for Samson so they could make fun of him. Then they stationed him between two pillars.



Samson called to the Lord, "Oh, Lord God, remember me, I pray!" He asked God to give him strength one last time.

Samson took hold of the two pillars that supported the temple. He pushed with all his might. The temple fell on top of the Philistines. God gave Samson superhero strength to save the people of Israel.



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Parent Tip: Talk with your child about emotions. God gave us our emotions. But we shouldn't be led by them. God wants us to be led by the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.