

Samson Sensory Story- Judges 13-16

Script	Sensory Experience	Makaton signs / symbols
<p>1. A baby was born called Samson. God said never cut your hair or drink wine and I will make you very strong.</p>	<p>Sensory experience: baby powder or baby oil to evoke smell of a baby. Could wrap the doll in a towel to hold or place the powder/oil in a sealed jar to release the smell slowly and intensely.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baby • Strong
<p>2. Samson was so strong he killed a lion and carried big heavy gates to the top of a hill.</p>	<p>Sensory experience: explore strength through having something heavy to put on a lap or around the shoulders such as a weighted snake or a pair of oven gloves with bags of rice sewn into the pockets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong • Heavy • Lion
<p>3. Samson loved Delilah. The enemies gave her money to find out the reason for Samson's strength.</p>	<p>Sensory experience: have silver coins hanging in a clear bag from a coat hanger or other hook and jangle them in a light source such as a torch.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money • Why?

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4. Samson told her three things which were not true: To tie him up with new bowstrings	Sensory experience: different thicknesses, colours and textures of string, wire, rope hanging downwards to run hands or feet through or to slowly pass over hands. These could be tied to an umbrella which opens up over each person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth • Lie • Tie
5. to tie him with rope	Sensory experience: a thick piece of rope wrap it around each persons arms or legs if they are okay with that.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tie • Rope
6. and to tie his hair in a loom... but he broke them all.	Sensory experience: plat lengths of ribbon in different colours. Or weave them in and out of a prepared simple loom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair • Break

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<p>7. Finally, Samson told her the secret of his strength was his long hair. Delilah shaved off his long hair.</p>	<p>Sensory experience: battery massager to mimic shaving, place on persons arm or wherever they can tolerate. Alternatively, string or wool strands hanging from a coathanger, umbrella or hoop and cut them so they fall onto the person's hands.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secret • Hair • Cut
<p>8. Samson woke up - his strength had gone. The enemies blinded him, and made him a slave.</p>	<p>Sensory experience: A dark fabric pulled over both your heads to experience the darkness of blindness. Hiding under fabric brings the sensory world into a much closer and intimate experience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wake • Gone • Blind
<p>9. When Samson's hair grew back, he prayed to God, and pushed down the building. All the enemies died.</p>	<p>Sensory experience: under the dark fabric, bring or build a tower of bricks and in the darkness knock them down. Or use just sound of something being built and them crashing down. (online or record it on a button yourself)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair • Pray • Break

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Going Deeper:

Key teaching point: The people cried out to God and he sent them a rescuer.

1. **When God's people remembered him, they were safe and happy**
2. **The people forgot God, and everything went wrong.**
3. **Then they prayed and cried out to God for a rescuer.**

Deeper teaching:

Samson was born to be a special person used by God to rescue his people. In a time of trouble for Israel when they kept being invaded and attacked. God loved them, but couldn't help them when they turned away from him. He sent a series of Judges to 'save' his people when they did turn to him, and often they had peace again. But Samson and the other Judges eventually died. And God's people slipped into their old ways. Later, God sent a rescuer for everyone, for all time, because he loves them too. This is Jesus. Jesus died for our rescue, but came alive again. This means he is alive forever. We only need one rescuer for all time and all people. Jesus Christ.



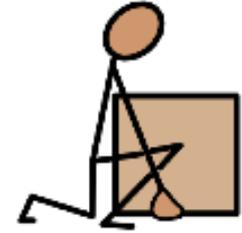
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Samson



lion



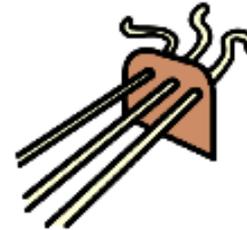
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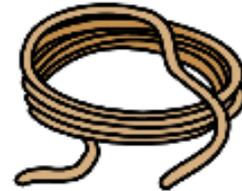
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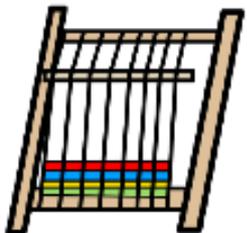
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bow string



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