

Mosaic Teaching Guide

Teaching Series: *Sunday School Stories*

Teaching Three: *Samson and Delilah*

Text: Judges 13-16

Judges 13.2-11

There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren, having borne no children. And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, 'Although you are barren, having borne no children, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, or to eat anything unclean, for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth. It is he who shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines.' Then the woman came and told her husband, 'A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like that of an angel of God, most awe-inspiring; I did not ask him where he came from, and he did not tell me his name; but he said to me, "You shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death."' '

Question: What is your favorite Disney film?

Introduction: You are More than You Have Become

If there is a story in all of the Scriptures that should not be in the Sunday School curriculum surely the story of Samson would have to be one of them.

The Book of Judges

The story of Samson is in the book of Judges, perhaps the most ignored book in the entire Bible

Samson is the last, worst, and possibly most gifted of all the judges.

Samson's Birth Narrative

"The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of the Philistines forty years" (13.1).

So at the beginning of Samson's story we learn that Samson is going to be given extraordinary gifts for an extraordinary mission.

Choose Carefully

Samson's Exploits

Samson and Delilah

"But Samson's hair began to grow again."

The Moral of Samson's Story

Let it never be said of Mosaic, "They are much more than they have become!"

Next Week: David and Goliath