

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

PROMISE OF STRENGTH

GOD IS OUR REFUGE

(make a house over your head with your hands)

A VERY PRESENT HELP

(bring both hands to your heart)

AND STRENGTH.

(show strong muscles)

IN TROUBLE.

(make a worried face and place hands on cheeks)

STORY: SAMSON'S STRENGTH – JUDGES 16

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM JUDGES 16 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Samson was known for being strong, but his story reminds us that real strength does not come from muscles, talent, or bravery. Samson's strength was a gift from God. When Samson turned away from God's calling and disobeyed, the Lord left him, and his strength was gone. But even at the end of his story, God heard Samson's prayer and gave him strength once again. This reminds us that our strength comes from God too. He gives us what we need to follow Him, trust Him, and keep going.

1. What made Samson different from other people?
2. Did Samson's strength come from himself or from God?
3. What happened when Samson stopped listening to God?
4. Why do you think Samson prayed to God at the end of the story?
5. What are some times when you need God's strength in your life?

BIG IDEA: TRUE STRENGTH COMES FROM GOD

DID YOU KNOW...?

Samson was one of the judges of Israel. In the Bible, judges were not people who wore robes and sat in courtrooms like judges today. They were leaders God raised up to help rescue His people from their enemies and lead them back to Him. Samson's story took place during a time when God's people often forgot about Him and made wrong choices. Over and over again, the people would turn away from God, get into trouble, cry out for help, and then God would raise up a judge to rescue them. Samson was one of those leaders. His incredible strength was meant to show that God was with him and that God alone was the source of his power.

SOMETHING TO NOTE!

Samson's story helps us see that God is the true source of strength. It can be easy for kids to think strength only means being big, fast, brave, or powerful. But biblical strength is deeper than that. True strength is trusting God, obeying Him, and depending on Him when we are weak. Samson's life is also a reminder that even when people fail, God is still willing to hear a humble prayer. This story points us to our need for God's power, not our own.

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT:

Before you pray, talk together about places where your family needs God's strength this week. Maybe it is making a wise choice, being kind, telling the truth, having courage, or trusting God in a hard situation.