



## Under the Big Top: Incredible Bible Stories

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### LESSON - GOD HAS A PLAN FOR ME!

Under the Big Top, we hear amazing stories from the Bible, and today we have a true Bible story that shows us something very special: God has a plan for us! Today, we're going to meet a man named Samson. But before Samson was big or strong, something important happened first. Samson's story started before he was born!

**SAY IT:** Samson was special to God!

Samson lived at a time when God's people were having a hard time. They felt scared and needed help. But God already had a plan. There was a mommy who was very sad because she couldn't have a baby. One day, God sent an angel to talk to her. The angel told her happy news; she was going to have a baby!

**SAY IT:** God had a plan!

**DO IT:** Point up to the sky.

The angel told Samson's mommy and daddy that their baby would belong to God in a special way, and they knew that God would have a job for him to do one day. This means that God chose Samson and loved him.

**SAY IT:** God knew Samson!

**DO IT:** Point to your head, like you have an idea.

And guess what? Just like God knew Samson, God knows YOU too! Before you were born, God saw you. God loved you. God had a plan for you.

**SAY IT:** God knows me!

**DO IT:** Point to yourself and smile.

As Samson grew, God stayed with him. God helped him grow little by little because God walks with us as we grow.

**SAY IT:** God is with me!

**DO IT:** Take two small steps in place.

And since God is with you, He has a plan for you everywhere that you go.

**SAY IT:** God has a plan for me!

**DO IT:** Point to yourself and give yourself a big hug.

Just like God had a plan for Samson, God has a plan for YOU, and He loves you very much.

**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving us and having a plan for us. Thank You for knowing us before we were born. Help us trust You as we grow every day. We love You, Jesus! In Jesus' name, Amen.

### LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

#### 2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did God know Samson before he was born? **(Yes)**
2. Did God forget Samson's family? **(No)**
3. Did God know you, too? **(Yes)**
4. Does God have a plan for you? **(Yes)**

#### 4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. Who was today's Bible story about? **Samson**
2. Who told Samson's mommy the good news? **An angel**
3. Who made Samson special? **God**
4. Does God have a plan for your life? **Yes**



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### ACTIVITY 1: GOD'S PLAN PATH

**Items Needed:** Painter's tape (to make simple paths/shapes on the floor)

**Connection:** God had a plan for Samson before he was born. God has a plan for us too.

**Step 1:** Use tape to make a simple path on the floor (straight line, gentle curve, or stepping spots).

**Step 2:** Have children take turns walking the path slowly.

**Step 3:** As they walk, say together, "God has a plan for me!"

**Step 4:** Remind the kids: God walks with us every step of the way.

### ACTIVITY 2: GROW, GROW, GROW!

**Items Needed:** Fake plant or paper flower, music

**Connection:** Samson didn't grow strong all at once. God helped him grow little by little.

**Step 1:** Sit the children in a circle.

**Step 2:** As the music plays, pass the plant or flower around the circle.

**Step 3:** When the music stops, the child holding the flower says, "God helps me grow!"

**Step 4:** Remind them, "God helps us grow as we get bigger, just like Samson."

### ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

**Items Needed:** Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

## CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

### GROWING WITH GOD CRAFT

**Items Needed:** Jecery 30 Sets Garden Paper Craft Kit DIY Foam Flowerpots

**Connection:** God helped Samson grow little by little, and God helps us grow too!

**Step 1:** Distribute flowerpots and stickers

**Step 2:** Allow students time to decorate their flowerpots

**Step 3:** Help each student write their name on their flowerpots

### SAMSON COLORING SHEET

**Items Needed:** Coloring sheet and crayons.

**Connection:** God had a plan for Samson

**Step 1:** Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

# SAMSON'S BIRTH FORETOLD

Judges 13



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