

Samson's Last Victory

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Judges 16:23-31

Characters: Samson, Philistine rulers, Worshipers of Dagon, Servant boy

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THE PHILISTINES WERE having a big party in their temple. They were celebrating because they had captured Samson. 'Our fake god Dagon is stronger than Samson's God!' they shouted. That wasn't true, but they didn't know that.

'Bring out Samson!' they yelled. 'Let's make fun of him!'

Poor Samson couldn't see because they had hurt his eyes. They brought him into the temple where thousands and thousands of people were watching and laughing at him. It was so mean!

But something had happened while Samson was in prison. His hair had grown back! And more importantly, Samson had been thinking about God. He was sorry for not obeying God. He wanted to serve God again.

Samson asked the boy leading him, 'Put me by the big pillars so I can lean on them.' The temple had two **HUGE** pillars in the middle that held up the whole building.

Then Samson prayed: 'God, please remember me. Please give me strength just **ONE** more time. Help me stop these bad guys who are saying their fake god is stronger than You.'

God heard Samson's prayer!

Samson put one hand on each pillar. He said, 'Let me die with the Philistines!' Then he **PUSHED** as hard as he could.

CRASH! The pillars broke! The whole temple fell down! All the bad guys who were hurting God's people were defeated. Samson defeated more Philistines that day than in his whole life!

Samson died too, but he died as a hero. His family came and buried him.

Samson's story teaches us important things: God wants us to obey Him all the time, not just sometimes. When we make mistakes, we should say sorry to God—He will forgive us! And even when we mess up **BIG** time, God can still use us if we turn back to Him. God's power is the **REAL** power, and He loves to help us when we trust Him!

