

# Samson and the Lion

## A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Judges 14:1-20

Characters: Samson, Samson's parents, Philistine woman of Timnah, Thirty companions

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WHEN SAMSON GREW up, he saw a Philistine woman and wanted to marry her. Remember, the Philistines were the bad guys who were mean to God's people. Samson's mom and dad were worried. 'Can't you marry someone from our people?' they asked.

But Samson wanted what he wanted.

On the way to see the woman, a HUGE lion came roaring at Samson! But God made Samson super strong. Samson grabbed that lion and tore it apart with his bare hands, just like tearing paper! He was SO strong!

Later, Samson walked by where the lion was. Guess what? Bees had made honey inside the lion! Samson ate some of the honey. It was yummy!

When Samson got married, there was a big party that lasted seven days. Samson told everyone a riddle: 'Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet.' It was about the lion and the honey!

Samson said, 'If you can figure out my riddle in seven days, I'll give you thirty new outfits. But if you can't, YOU have to give ME thirty outfits!'

The Philistine men couldn't figure it out. They told Samson's new wife, 'You better get the answer or we'll hurt you!'

She cried and cried until Samson finally told her. Then SHE told them!

Samson was SO mad when they gave him the answer. He knew his wife had told them! God gave him super strength, and he went and got the thirty outfits from some Philistines.

Samson was learning that making wrong choices causes BIG problems!