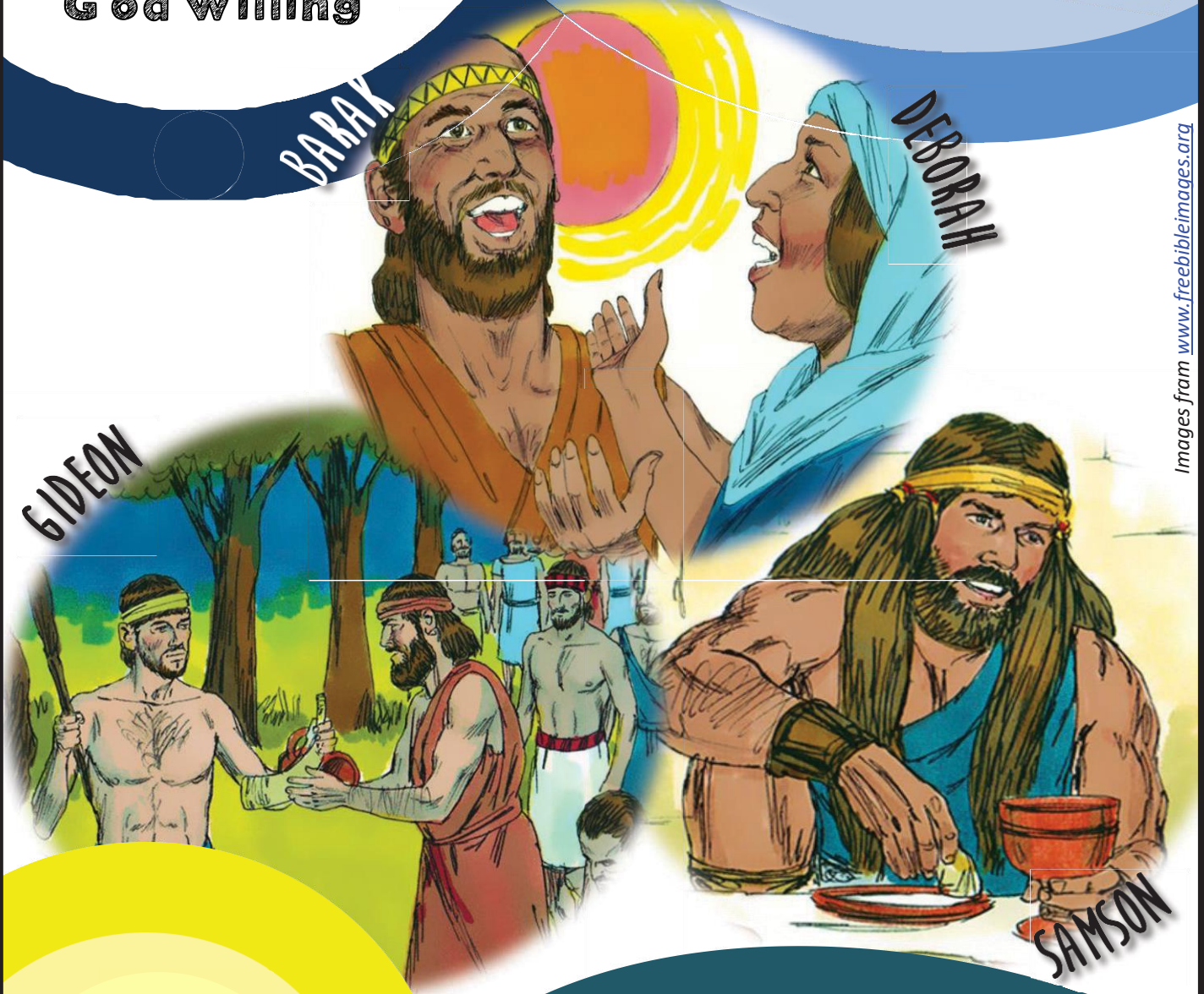


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Grades
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BRANTFORD JUNIOR CYC & LITTLE DISCIPLES GATHERING
FEBRUARY 3, 2024 @9:30AM LOCATION: ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS

Dear Parent & Student,

This year our study is on **The Judges!** Please note each **WORKBOOK** is assigned by grade. Enjoy the study and work on the booklet as much as possible prior to arrival! The books will be marked according to each child's ability, some sections may be labeled for higher grade levels only, do what is appropriate for your child's ability. Bonus points will be awarded for finishing the **EXTRA CREDIT** activity for the appropriate grade level. We will also be learning a **MEMORY VERSE** for camp, as well as some **SONGS**. Visit our website www.brantfordjuniorcyc.com to hopefully find everything you need, or email us at if you have any questions! registration@brantfordjuniorcyc.com

Registration cost:

\$30/person, \$90 family, \$20 /teen helper. If the cost is at all prohibitive, please pay what you are able to or consider there to be no requirement for payment. There will also be a freewill offering during the gathering to help the cost of the gathering. Registration can be taken as CAD or USD Cash or Cheque, or CAD e-transfer to brantfordfinance@gmail.com but must be earmarked/commented "Ancaster".

Please Note: ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please register by January 1, 2024.

You can find the workbooks online and place them in the appropriately colored duotang for each grade.

Pre-K-JK-SK: Red **Grades 1-3:** Yellow **Grades 4-7:** Blue

Don't forget to bring your Bible and workbook to the gathering! Please also remember to bring snowsuits, mitts, hats, snow boots, and warm clothing to enjoy the outdoors! Also bring any small sleds or shovels, frisbees, balls or anything else that would be fun for the afternoon. Weather permitting, there may be huge snow piles that allow for some degree of sledding and digging...We will have to see.

Be sure to read and follow the Basic Rules below! Look forward to seeing you at Camp, or sooner if our Lord returns before then!

BASIC RULES:

1. LISTEN & OBEY! Be mindful and respectful to your teacher(s) and follow their instructions. Pay attention to all adults supervising both indoor and outdoor activities.
2. BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS! Stay within the limits of our activities while in outdoor play. Volunteer safety monitors will be at each activity (in yellow vests).
3. **Parents are RESPONSIBLE for their own children. If not supervising your children yourself, for their safety, please be sure they are appropriately monitored during all free time. There may be traffic on site to be mindful of.**
4. BE HELPFUL! Help younger children as we are all attending this location for the first time, this will be a learning experience.
5. Place coats/boots in appropriate location upon entering the main building.
6. Place left over food/plates/garbage in garbage bags/containers.
7. HAVE FUN! Have a 'fruitful' and 'fun-filled' day!

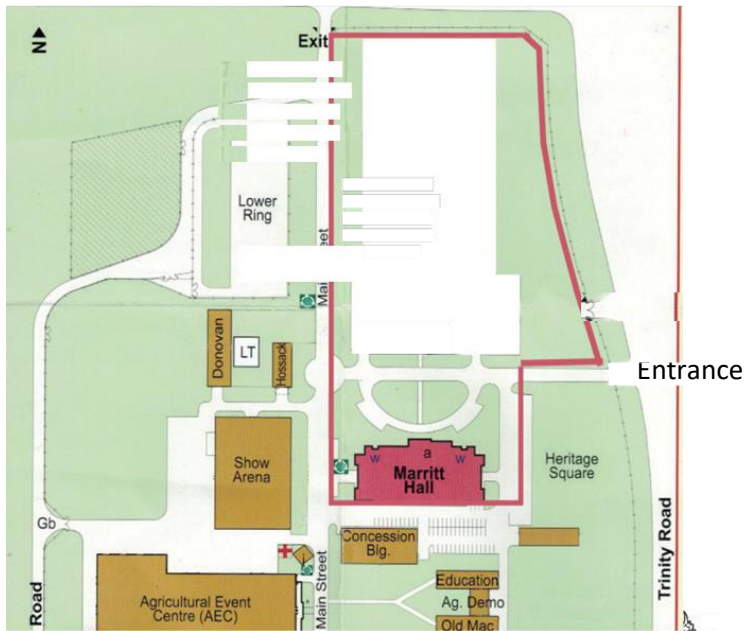
Note... **Volunteers are needed** for 'safety monitors' as additional watchful eyes will be a great help!
We are the **ONLY** group in the Marritt Hall but there maybe other people at the fairgrounds renting other buildings the same weekend.

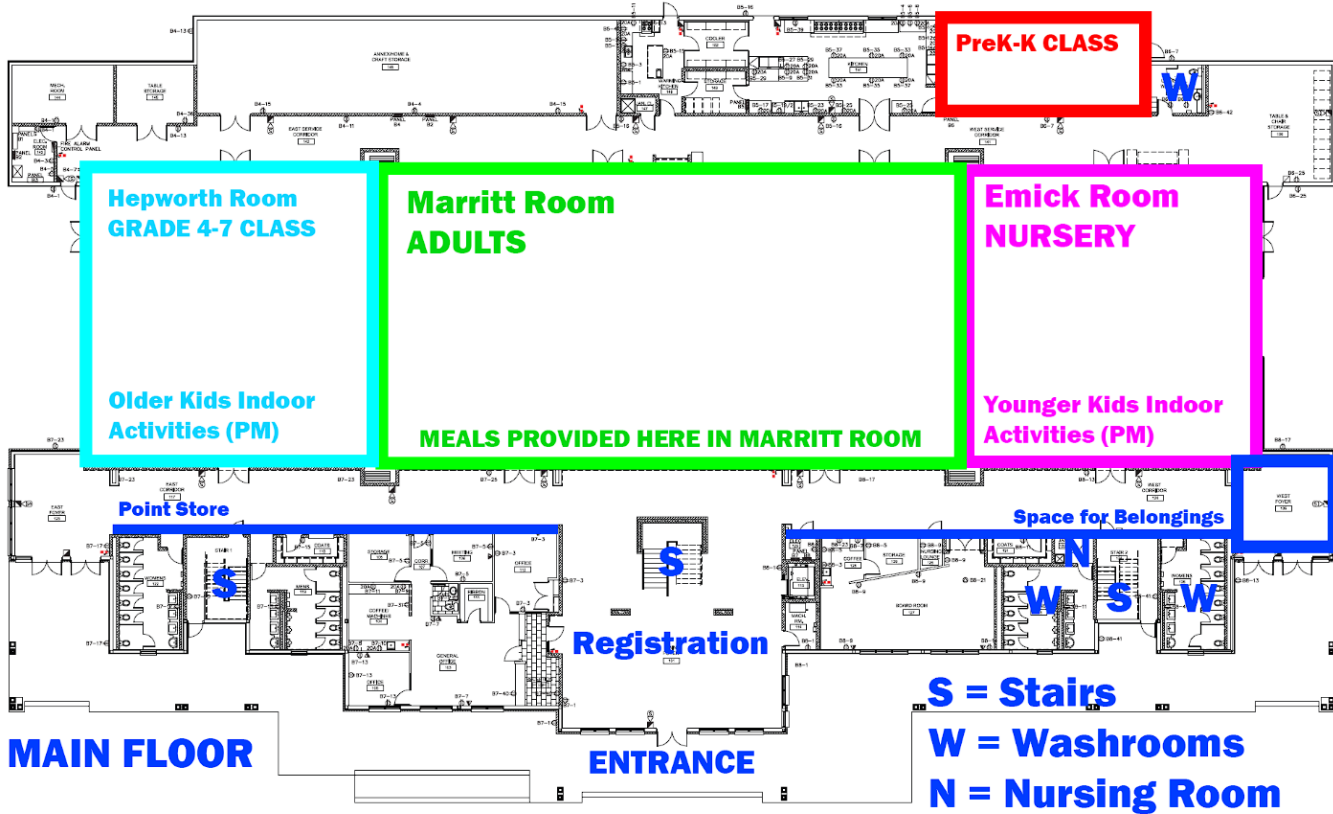
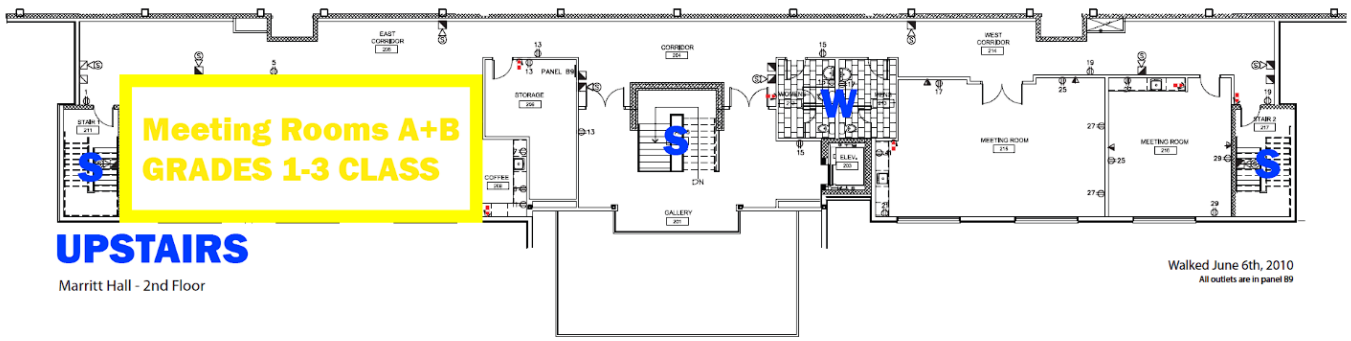
Things to Know Before You Come

We are very privileged to have access to such an outstanding facility, and the continuation of behavior reflecting our biblical principles can help ensure we can continue to use it in future years!

Take a few minutes to study the maps and make yourself familiar with the site map, building & activity locations for the safety and enjoyment of everyone! Please be aware that we may not be the only group using the fairgrounds, as such there may be traffic, as well as other people to be aware of.

We have rented Marritt Hall and have access to the parking lot and green space in and around the red box. Crossing guards will be posted at the road, but parents are responsible for their children.





Registration 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Devotion: 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
 Go To Classes: 10:15-10:30 a.m.

1st Class 10.30 - 11.45 a.m. (PreK-K will dismiss @ 11:15 to go to Point Store.)
 Adults to mark books in the Marritt Room.

Lunch 12.00 - 1:00 p.m. (lunch included with registration)

Activities 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (Grades 1-7 go to Point Store)
 2nd Class 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 Adult class in the Marritt Room.
 Presentation 3:30-4:15

Supper 4:30 pm. (supper included with registration)
 Cleanup 5:30 p.m.

Please practice the songs as they will be sung by the group and the end of the day

SONG **Gideon**

Long time ago the angel appeared
and spoke unto God's man,
Listen Valiant Gideon,
you shall conquer Midian,
Here is my battle plan.

Chorus
Gideon, Gideon marching off to fight,
Pitcher in his left hand, trumpet in his right,
Though it may seem foolish
Not to trust in the sword,
Gideon was no fool, for he trusted in the Lord.

Three hundred men obeying God's command,
Preparing for the fight,
Trusting in the savior
Bold in their behavior,
Marching into the night.

Chorus

Gideon said to God,
O Lord who am I to face this might foe?
Look at whom thou speakest,
Lord I am the weakest,
Surely, I cannot go.

Chorus

Check www.brantfordjuniorcyc.com for a copy of the song to listen to for practice.

MEMORY VERSE

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD - Lam. 3:25-26

EXTRA CREDIT

All Extra credit is completely optional for bonus marks

Print out from your computer or copy out with a pencil your memory verse onto a sheet of paper and decorate or draw pictures of it for extra credit! You can also get someone to label what you draw!



SECTION 1 - DEBORAH AND BARAK - JUDGES 4

Please read the story below with someone and answer the questions at the end.

Cruel Canaanites were attacking the  children of  Israel, so


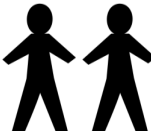

 Israel cried out to God for help.  Deborah was God's prophetess.





 Deborah sat under a  palm tree and the  children of  Israel came to

her for judgement.  Deborah told  Barak that God wanted him to

fight against  Sisera, the captain of the cruel Canaanites.

 Sisera had lots of  men, many  weapons and  900  chariots

of iron.  Barak had fewer  men, hardly any  weapons and no

 chariots. But  Barak had God on his side. Still  Barak was  afraid!



Barak



Deborah

asked to go with him in the battle, and so she did.



Barak



Barak's

God fought for and army destroyed all the



one.



Sisera,



ran

Canaanite army - except the captain away



tent

to the of a woman named



Jael.



Jael

pretended



Sisera

to help by giving him something to



drink

and making

him comfortable so he could rest. But as soon as



Sisera

fell

asleep killed him with a



Jael



tent peg!

She



ran

out and

told that the captain of the Canaanite army was dead.



Barak

The evil Canaanite army was now completely destroyed.

Review Questions

Read the questions below from the story you have just read and circle the correct answer.

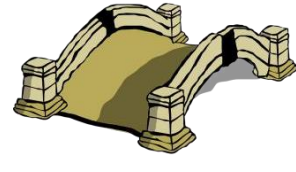
1. What did Deborah sit under to judge the children of Israel?



A palm tree



An umbrella



A bridge

2. Sisera had lots of _____ of iron.



Pots



Chariots



Chains

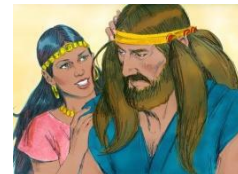
3. Who were the two people who took Israel into battle against Sisera?



Cain and Abel

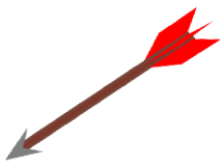


Deborah and Barak



Samson and Delilah

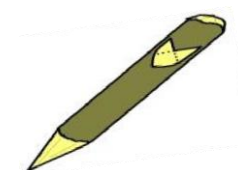
4. What did Jael kill Sisera with?



An arrow



A rock



A tent peg

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DEBORAH ENCOURAGES BARAK

Barak was afraid to fight against Sisera and the Canaanite army. They were a large army with weapons and chariots! Barak said he would only go if Deborah went with him.

Use the code to find out what Deborah's response was when Barak asked her to go and fight the battle with him!

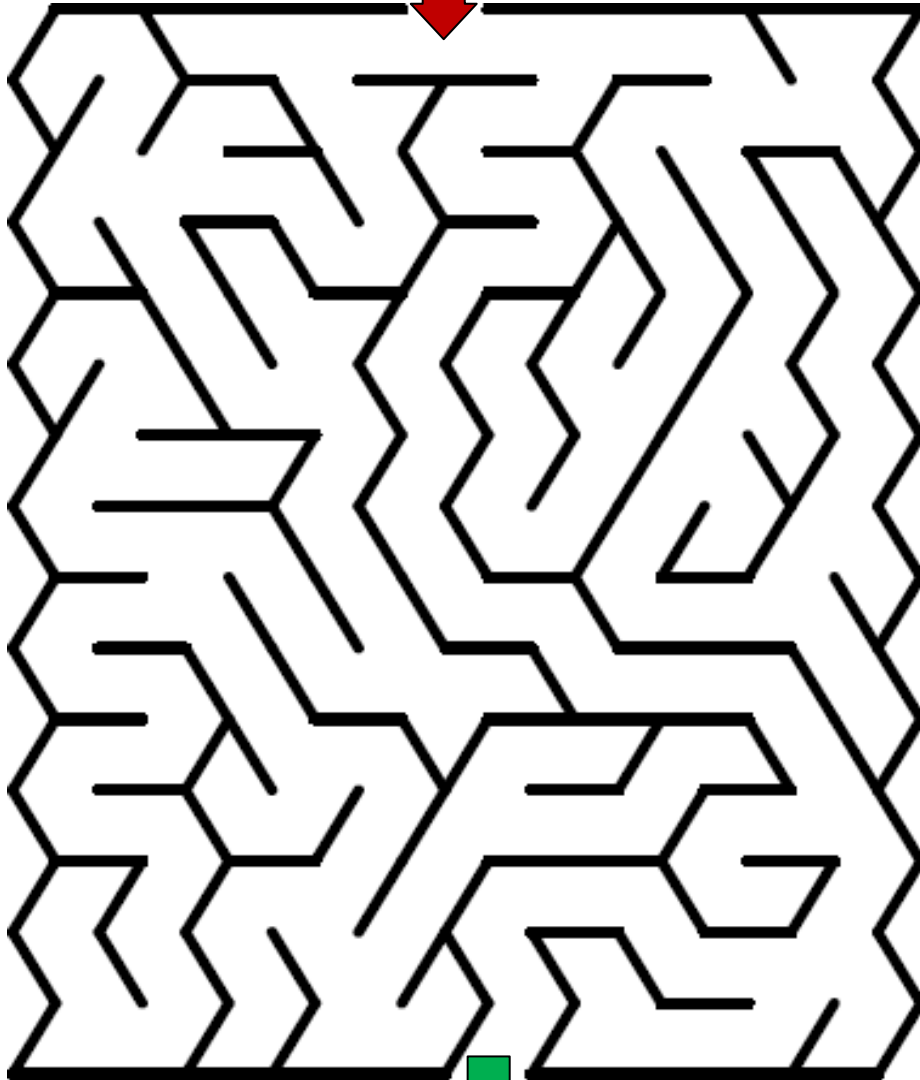
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SISERA RUNS AWAY

Barak's army destroyed all of the Canaanite army – except one! Sisera, the captain escaped!

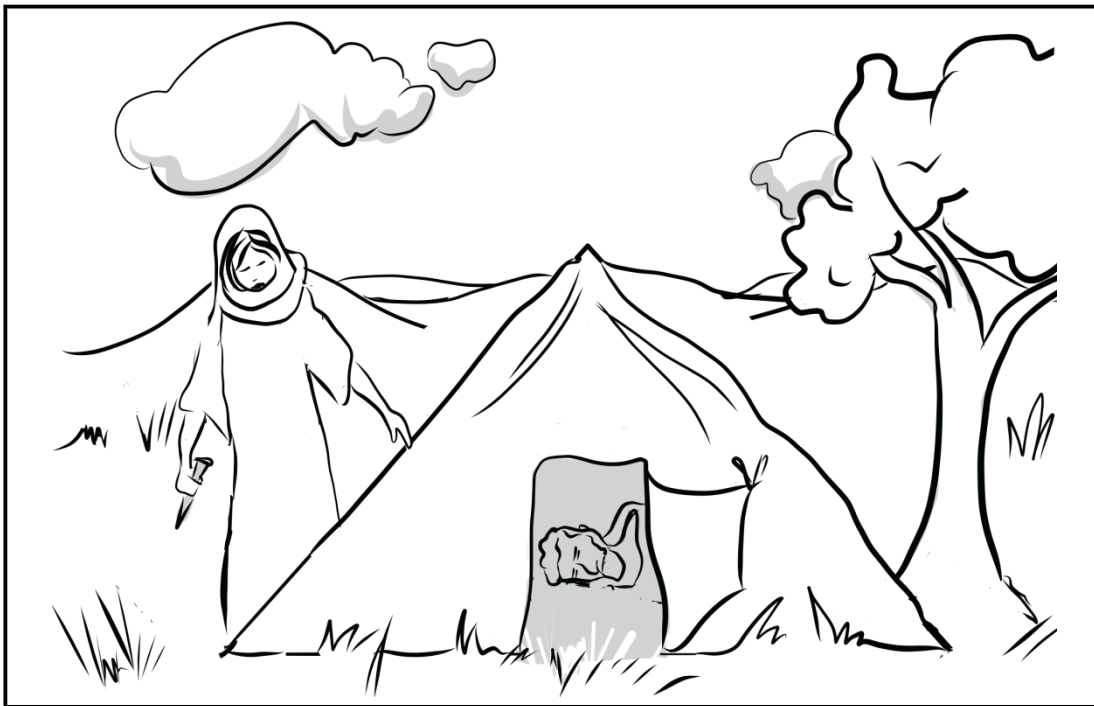
Help Sisera find his way to the tent of Jael.



DEBORAH ENCOURAGES BARAK

Sisera ran to the tent of Jael. Jael pretended to help him but as soon as he fell asleep, Jael killed him with a tent peg!

Spot the 6 differences and mark them in the second picture below. Color the top picture.



God gives the victory!

God won the battle and the evil Canaanite army was destroyed by the Israelites.

Draw a line between the person on the left with the correct statement on the right.



Sisera



JABIN



barak



Deborah



Jael

A prophetess and her name means "bee"

Captain of Jabin's army

King of Canaan

Wife of Heber, killed Sisera with a tent peg




worked with Deborah to fight the army of Sisera


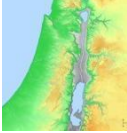
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SECTION 2 - GIDEON - JUDGES 7

Please read the story below with someone and answer the questions at the end.


The evil Midianites were stealing the  children of  Israel's  food.



The  children of  Israel were so afraid of them that they hid in


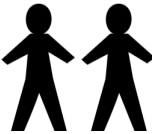

 caves. An  angel appeared to  Gideon and told him to fight

against the Midianites.  Gideon was  afraid, but God promised

that He would be with him.  Gideon gathered 32,000 men to

prepare to fight the Midianites, but God told  Gideon that was

too many.  Gideon sent all of the  men  home except for

 three hundred  men.  Gideon's army was teeny now compared to the



Midianite army, but *Gideon* had the Lord with him! Quietly one



night,



Gideon

and his



three hundred



men

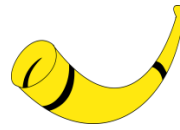
surrounded the huge

Midianite army. Each



man

had a



trumpet,

a



pitcher

and a



torch.

The



pitcher

covered the



torch

so the Midianites could not see the



torch's

light. Suddenly all the



men

broke their



pitchers

and

shouted, "The



sword

of the LORD and of



Gideon!"

The Midianites

were so



afraid,

that they began



running

and killing

each other. The



children

of



Israel

chased and destroyed the

Midianite army. God had won again!

Review Questions

Read the questions below from the story you have just read and circle the correct answer.

1. Where did the Israelites hide when the Midianites were stealing their food?



In a box



Behind bushes



In caves

2. When the angel appeared to Gideon and told him he was to fight against the Midianites, was he afraid?



Yes

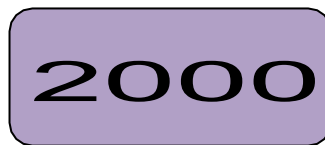


No

3. How big was Gideon's army when they fought the Midianites?



300 men



2000 men



10000 men

4. What three things did Gideon's army take into battle?
(Circle all the correct answers.)



Trumpet



Pitcher



Torch

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GIDEON'S ARMY IS REDUCED TO 300

Gideon's army started at 32,000 men. All those that were scared were sent home, which left 10,000 men. God said the army was still too big! The men were taken down to the water and all those who lapped the water with their tongue like a dog were sent home. Only 300 men were left to fight in Gideon's army!

Put an X in the box whether the statements are true or false.

	True	False
Gideon's army started at 32,000 men and God said that was too big.		
Gideon told all the men who were brave to go home to their family.		
Gideon took the men down to the river and all those who lapped the water with their tongue like a dog were sent home.		
300 men were left to fight in Gideon's army.		

Color the picture of the men drinking from the river.



A trumpet, Pitcher and Torch

Each man in Gideon's army had a trumpet, a pitcher and a torch.

Follow the instructions on the next page to make a pitcher, torch and trumpet.

GIDEON CRAFT

- Color in the pictures below. Cut them out.
- Fold the pitcher in half. Glue one side of the pitcher to the previous page.
- Glue the torch inside the pitcher and the trumpet somewhere else on the page.



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BATTLE AGAINST THE MIDIANITES

Gideon and his 300 men quietly surrounded the Midianite army. The pitcher covered the torch so that the Midianites could not see the light of the torch. Suddenly, all the men broke their pitchers and shouted ... *(fill in the blanks below)*:

The sword of the _____
and of _____.

Spot the 6 differences and mark them in the picture on the right. Color the picture on the left.



God gives the victory ... AGAIN!

The Midianites were so afraid that they began running and killing each other! The children of Israel chased and destroyed the Midianite army. God had won again!

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7 = Dark gray

10 = Purple

2 = Light green

5 = Dark green

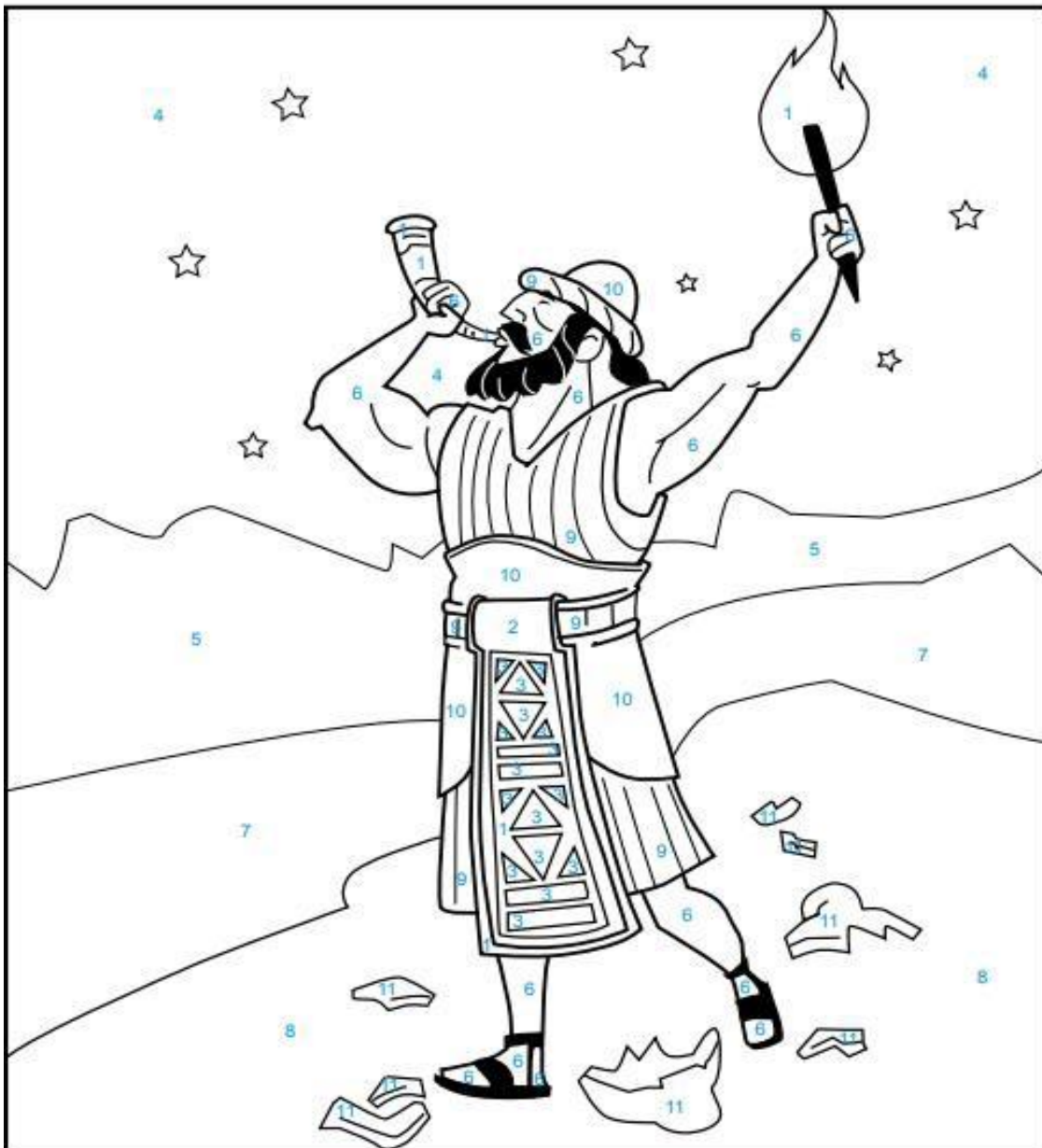
8 = Gray

11 = Tan

3 = Blue

6 = Skin

9 = Orange





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SECTION 3 - SAMSON & THE PHILISTINES - JUD 13-15




Please read the story below with someone and answer the questions at the end.

The wicked Philistines oppressed the  children of  Israel for many

years. One day an  angel appeared to a  woman. The  angel told

the  woman she would have a very special child. He was not

allowed to  drink any  wine, or  cut his  hair, but he would have special power from God so that he could fight against the

Philistines. The  baby's name was  Samson.  Samson grew to be

a  man.  Samson did not  cut his  hair, he did not  drink any

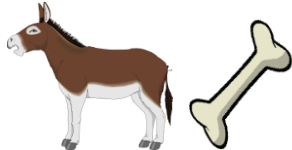
 wine, and he was very, very  strong. Once  Samson was tied with



a *rope,* and the Philistines came to kill him. But *Samson* broke



the strong *rope,* and attacked the Philistines instead!



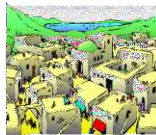
used a *donkey's bone* for a weapon and killed *one thousand* Philistines!



Another time *Samson* was in a *city,* and the Philistines secretly



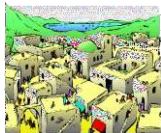
waited for *Samson* outside the *city walls* so that they



could capture him. When *Samson* left the *city,* he picked up



the big *city gates* and carried them *up* to the top of a



hill and escaped again from the Philistines' evil plan.

Review Questions

Read the questions below from the story you have just read and circle the correct answer.

1. An angel appeared to a woman and told her she would have a special child. What was the child's name?



Gideon



Samson



Barak

2. Was Samson allowed to cut his hair?



Yes



No

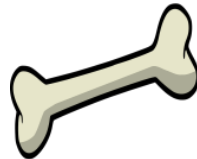
3. What did Samson use to kill 1,000 Philistines?



A piece of rope



A piece of wood

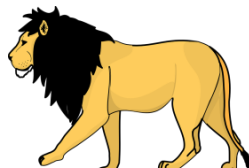


A donkey's bone

4. The Philistines were secretly waiting for Samson outside the city. What did Samson pick up and carry?



The city gates



A lion



A basket

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Samson ~ the Strong Judge!

The Philistines oppressed the children of Israel and God sent Samson to deliver them.

Color the squares below that have a dot in them to find out who our next judge is.

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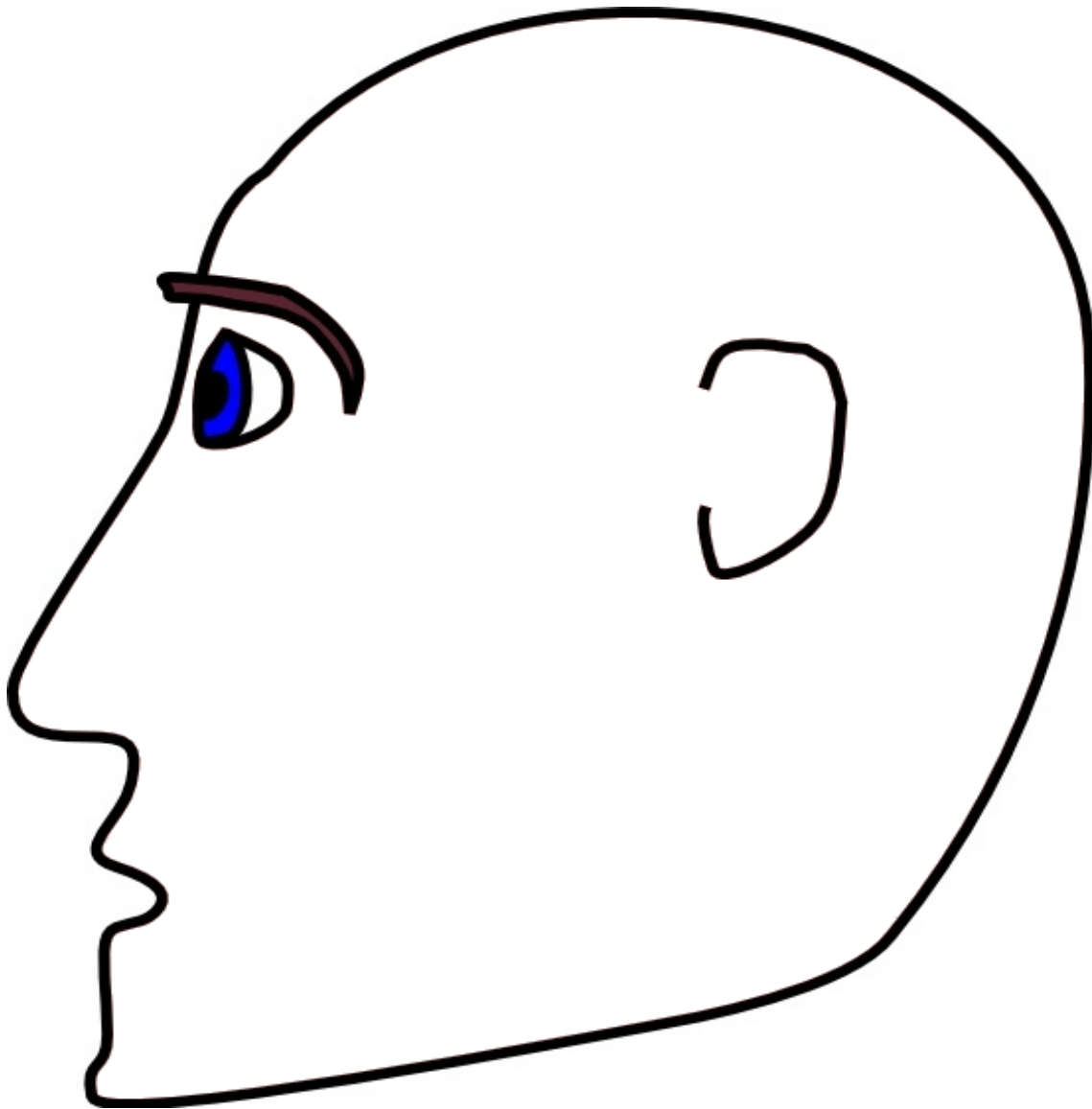
Help Samson find the bees inside the lion.



Samson was a Nazarite

Samson did not cut his hair, he did not drink wine and he was very strong. He became a Nazarite from birth.

Cut pieces of yarn or string to show Samson's long hair and beard.



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Samson kills a lion

One day a lion jumped out and was going to attack Samson. Samson used his great strength and killed the lion with his bare hands!

Find the words from the story of Samson killing the lion.

S	A	M	S	O	N	Words to find
H	A	N	D	S	G	SAMSON
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E	O	B	Z	M	D	LION
S	T	R	O	N	G	HANDS
						GOD

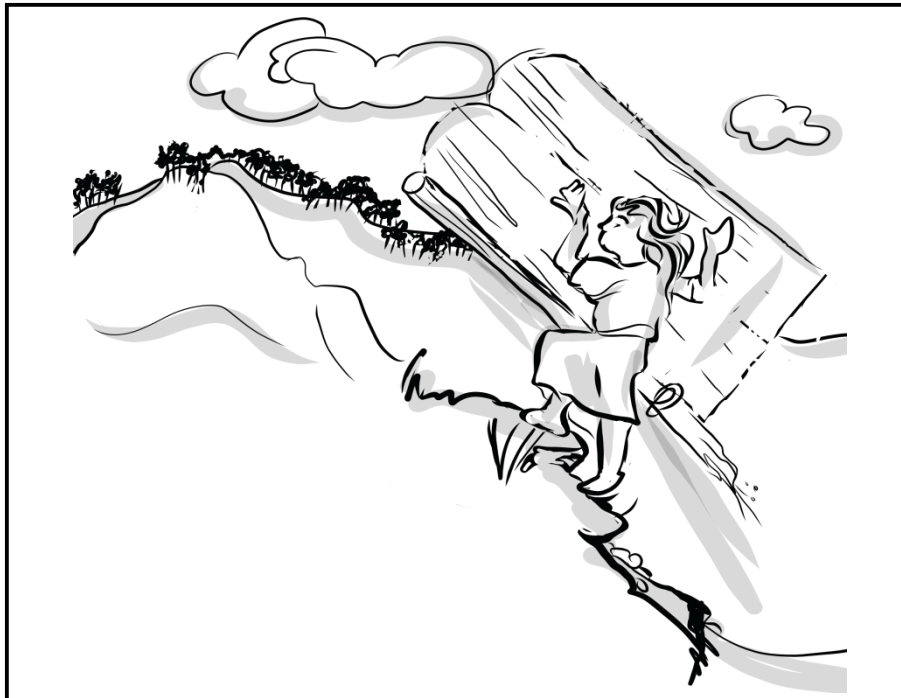
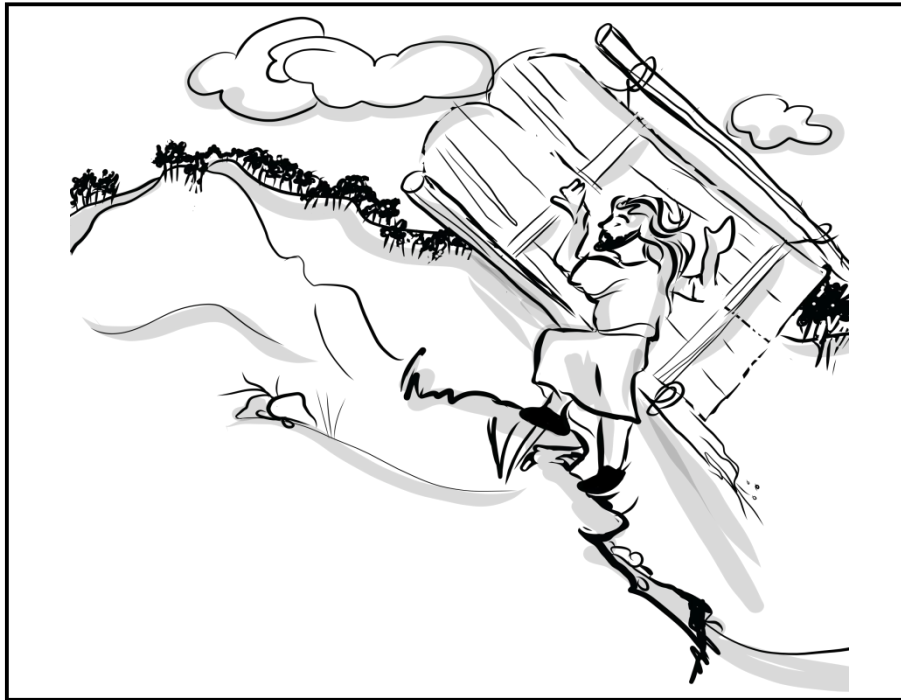
Color the picture below of Samson with the dead lion.



Samson Carries the City Gates

The Philistines shut Samson in a city one night and waited outside to capture him. But Samson picked up the city gates and carried them away on his shoulders and escaped!


Spot the 6 differences and mark them in the second picture below. Color the top picture.



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SECTION 4 - SAMSON & DELILAH - JUDGES 16

Please read the story below with someone and answer the questions at the end.

Many times the Philistines tried to catch  *Samson*, but they could

not. However,  *Samson* loved a Philistine woman named  *Delilah*.

 *Delilah* pretended to love  *Samson*, but secretly she planned to

help the Philistines capture him.  *Delilah* begged  *Samson* to tell

her how he was so  *strong*. At first  *Samson* told her lies, but finally

he told  *Delilah* that if his  *hair* was  *cut* he would no longer be

 *strong*. Can you guess what  *Delilah* did? She quietly had someone

come and  *cut* his  *hair* while he slept, then shouted –



“The Philistines are here, *Samson!*” *Samson* awoke, ready to fight the Philistines again, but God’s power was gone. He was a



prisoner

now. The Philistines put out his



eyes

so he was blind.



hair

But soon his *hair* began to grow again. The Philistines had a

celebration and brought



Samson

out of



prison

so they could

make fun of him.



Samson

put his



hands

on the



pillars

of the



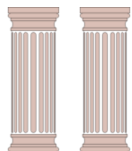
building

and



prayed

to God once more. Then he pushed on the



pillars

and knocked down the



building,

killing more Philistines

than he had ever killed before.

Review Questions

Read the questions below from the story you have just read and circle the correct answer.

1. What was the name of the Philistine woman who Samson loved?



Delilah



Deborah



Jael

2. What would make Samson weak?



If he drank orange juice



If he was tied with a rope



If his hair was cut

3. Where did the Philistines put Samson when they captured him?



On a boat



In prison



Up a tree

4. What did Samson knock down at the end of his life?



A playground



A lighthouse



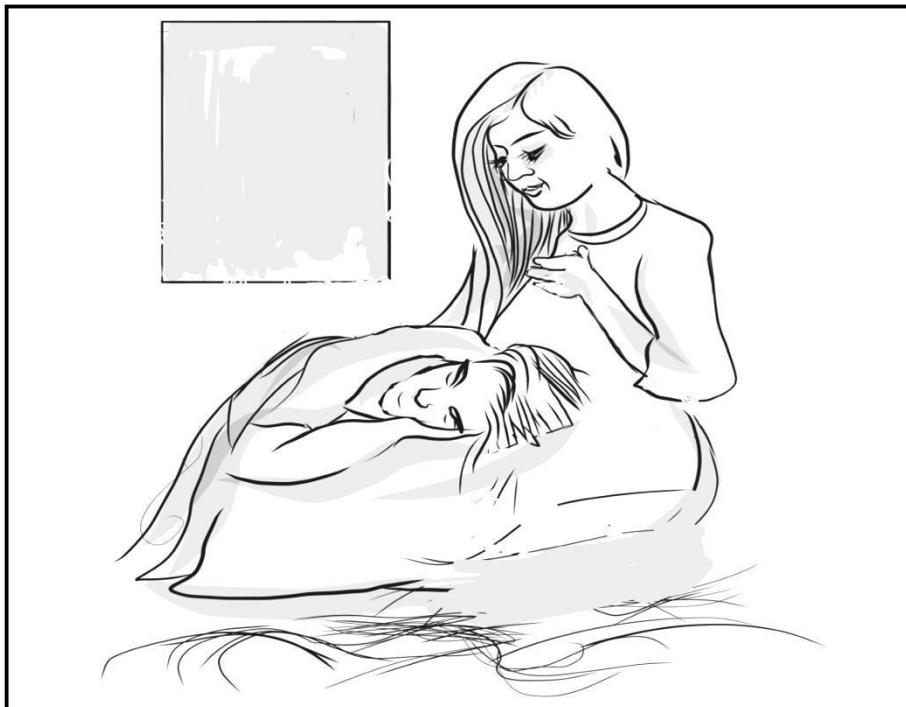
Philistines' temple

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Samson Loves Delilah

Samson loved a Philistine woman named Delilah. She pretended to love Samson but she really wanted to find out why he was so strong.

Spot the 6 differences and mark them in the second picture below. Color the top picture.



Delilah finds out why Samson is so strong

Delilah kept pestering Samson about why he was so strong. Eventually Samson told her the truth.

Cut out the pictures on the following page and put them in order below.

Samson loved a Philistine woman named Delilah.

Delilah tried to find out why Samson was so strong. At first he did not tell her the truth and she got upset.

Eventually Samson told Delilah that if his hair was cut, he would no longer be strong.

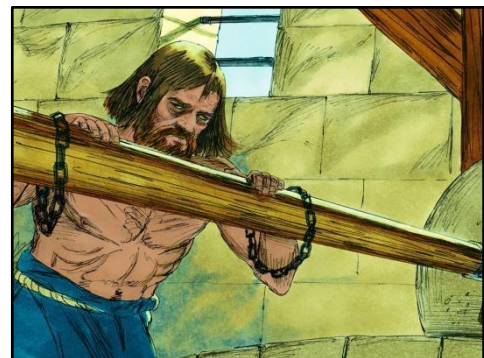
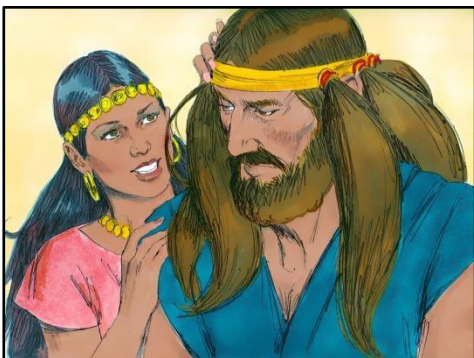
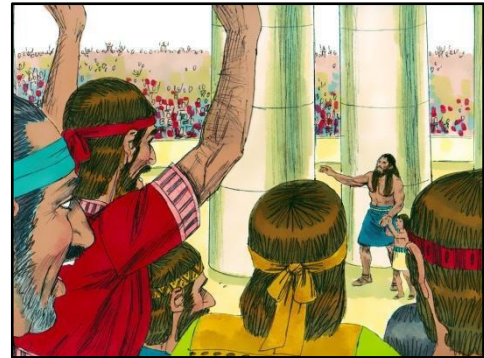
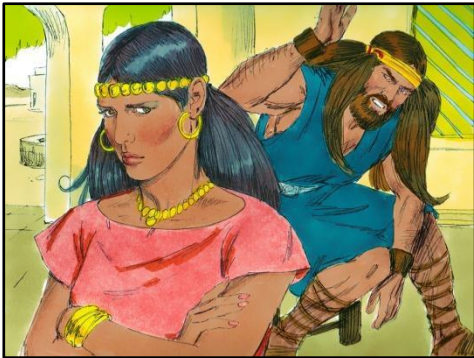
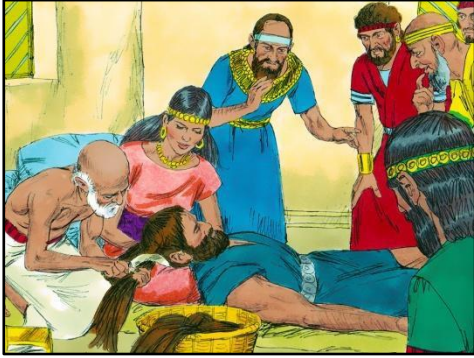
The Philistines took Samson, put out his eyes and made him grind corn in prison.

The Philistines had a feast to their god and sometime later, the Philistines brought Samson out to laugh at him.

Samson asked God for strength one more time. He pushed on the pillars and the building came crashing down!

SAMSON AND DELILAH SEQUENCING ACTIVITY

- *Cut out the pictures below.*
- *Glue them in order on the previous page.*



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GOOD AND BAD CHOICES

Samson didn't always make the best choices. He was strong when he obeyed God, but he became weak when he disobeyed. But despite Samson's weaknesses and bad choices, he is mentioned in the chapter of faith (Hebrews 11)!

Think about some good and bad choices we can make and write them below (or have someone write them down for you). Color the picture below.

GOOD CHOICES	BAD CHOICES
<i>Example: Mummy asks you to go and tidy your room and you go and do it straight away.</i>	<i>Example: You talk loudly to your friend next to you, during the Bible Class.</i>



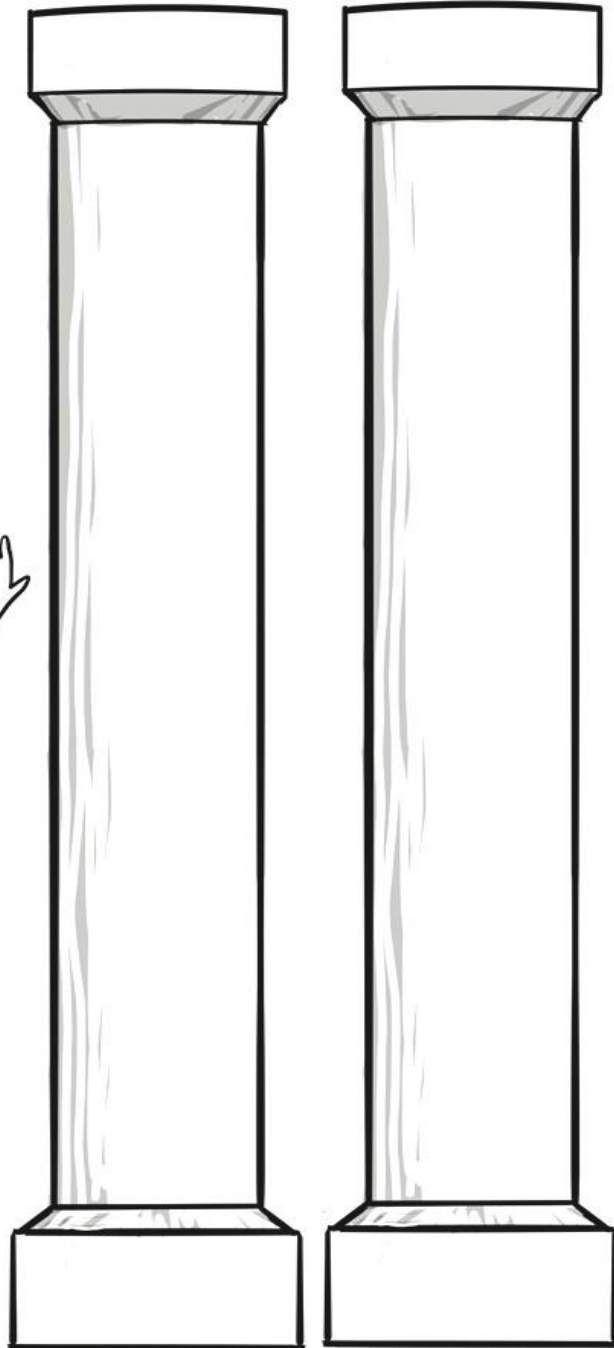
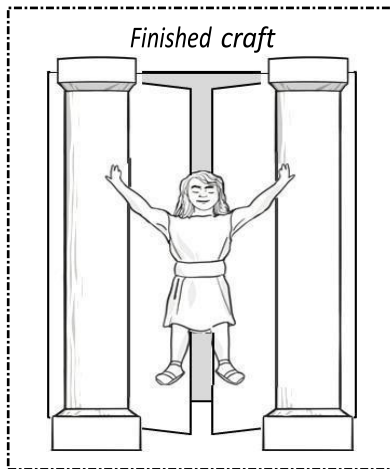
SAMSON IS STRONG ONE LAST TIME

Thousands of Philistines were gathered together for a big celebration. They brought Samson out to laugh at him. Samson asked God to strengthen him one more time. He pushed on the pillars of the building and thousands of Philistines were killed. Samson died as well.

Follow the instructions for the craft on the next two pages and glue it below.

samson CRAFT

- Color in the pictures below and on the next page. Cut them out.
- Fold the picture on the next page along the dotted lines.
- On the outside of the folds, glue a pillar to each side. The pillars will stick out at the top and bottom.
- Glue Samson in the middle ... just put glue on one side of the fold so it can still open.
- Open the folds so you can see the temple in ruins on the inside.



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