

# SAMSON IS BORN

## *Judges 13:1-25*

### **Judges 13**

<sup>1</sup>Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, so the LORD delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

<sup>2</sup>A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. <sup>3</sup>The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, “You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son. <sup>4</sup>Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean, <sup>5</sup>because you will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

<sup>6</sup>Then the woman went to her husband and told him, “A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn’t ask him where he came from, and he didn’t tell me his name. <sup>7</sup>But he said to me, ‘You will conceive and give birth to a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from birth until the day of his death.’”

<sup>8</sup>Then Manoah prayed to the LORD: “O Lord, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.”

<sup>9</sup>God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. <sup>10</sup>The woman hurried to tell her husband, “He’s here! The man who appeared to me the other day!”

<sup>11</sup>Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, “Are you the one who talked to my wife?”

“I am,” he said.

<sup>12</sup>So Manoah asked him, “When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule for the boy’s life and work?”

<sup>13</sup>The angel of the LORD answered, “Your wife must do all that I have told her. <sup>14</sup>She must not eat

anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. She must do everything I have commanded her.”

<sup>15</sup>Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you.”

<sup>16</sup>The angel of the LORD replied, “Even though you detain me, I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the LORD.” (Manoah did not realize that it was the angel of the LORD.)

<sup>17</sup>Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding.” <sup>19</sup>Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the LORD. And the LORD did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: <sup>20</sup>As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. <sup>21</sup>When the angel of the LORD did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“We are doomed to die!” he said to his wife. “We have seen God!”

<sup>23</sup>But his wife answered, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this.”

<sup>24</sup>The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the LORD blessed him, <sup>25</sup>and the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the angel tell Samson's mom?
5		2.) What was one thing the angel told Samson's mom not to do?
5		3.) What happened to the angel while Samson's parents offered a sacrifice to the Lord?
5		4.) Why do you think Samson's parents asked the angel how they should raise him?

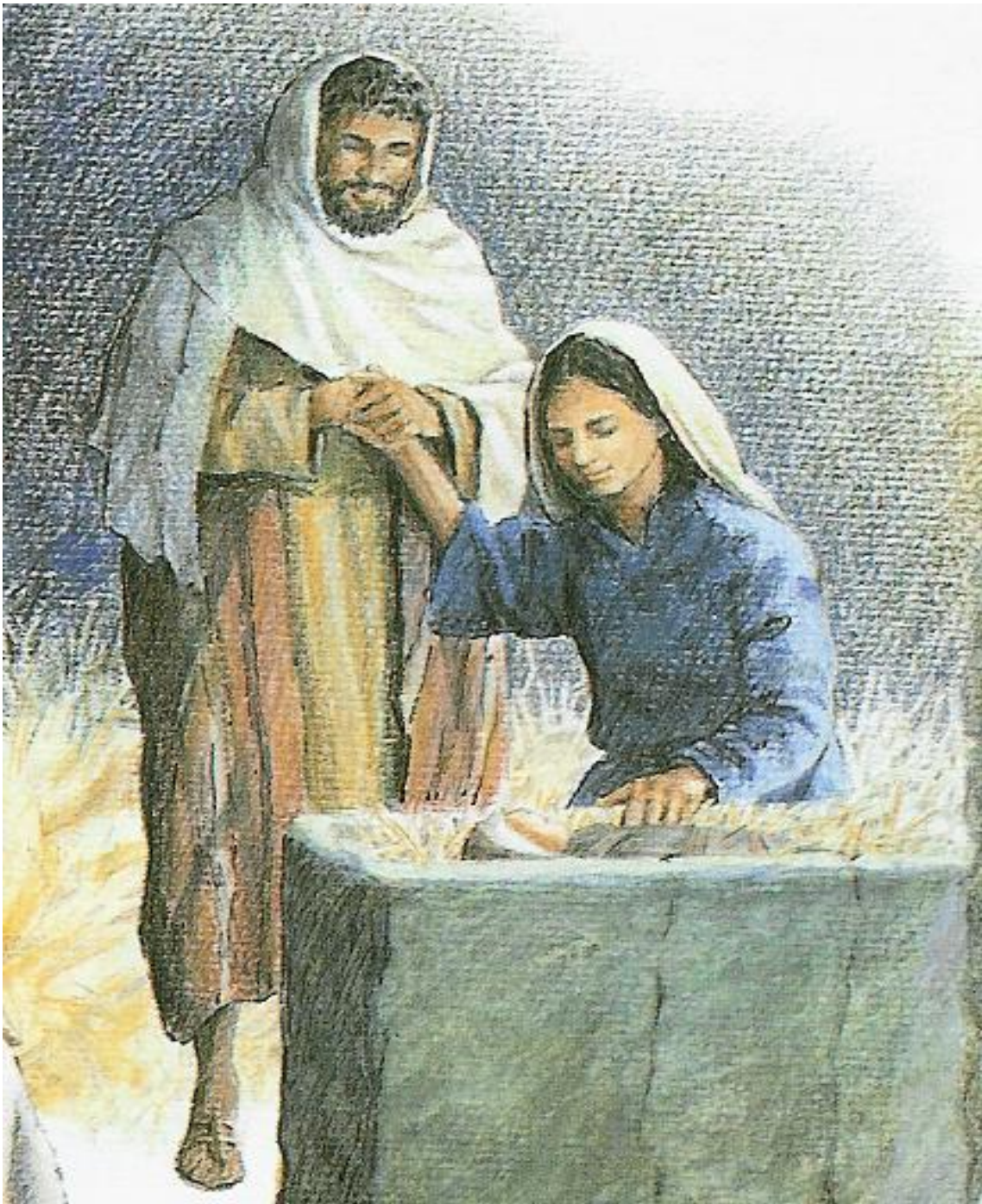
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 4:3</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*An angel tells Samson's mom that Samson will help the Israelites*

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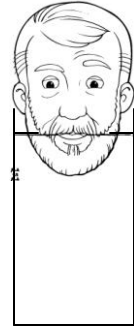
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SAMSON PUPPETS

Students will make Samson puppets with long hair to remind them that he was set apart for God from birth and because he was to begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines (Verse 5).

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Samson Puppet Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Brown Yarn
7. Paper Lunch Sacks



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Samson Puppet Pattern” onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the Samson’s head.
3. Have students cut out the head on the solid black lines.
4. Glue Samson’s head to the bottom of a paper lunch sack.
5. Glue long pieces of yarn to Samson’s head.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their puppets, remind them that Samson’s hair was important for many reasons. Later, they will find out that without his hair, he had no strength. God would, however, use Samson to help the Israelites get out from under the bondage of the Philistines.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord will hear when I call to him.” Psalm 4:3*

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SAMSON PUPPET PATTERN



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### TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years." **JUDGES 13:1**  
TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

2. "Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had (**MANY, NO**) children." **JUDGES 13:2**
3. "And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, 'Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a (**SON, DAUGHTER**).' "**JUDGES 13:3**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

4. He also said, "Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat any unclean thing." **JUDGES 13:4**  
TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

5. "No razor shall come upon his head, for the child is a Nazirite to (**GOD, MEN**) from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." **JUDGES 13:5**
6. "Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, 'O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and (**TEACH, SHOW**) us what we shall do for the child who will be born.' "**JUDGES 13:8**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

7. "So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, 'Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.' " **JUDGES 13:13**  
TRUE OR FALSE
8. "When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD." **JUDGES 13:21**  
TRUE OR FALSE

### FILL IN THE BLANK:

9. "So the woman bore a son and called his name \_\_\_\_\_." **JUDGES 13:24**

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JUDGES 13:1-25

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It has been years since we have seen peace in this area. God has allowed the Philistines to rule over us because we have done evil things.

Last night a man named Manoah claims to have seen an angel. He says the angel told his wife that she would have a baby. The angel also told her not to drink any alcohol or eat anything unclean. The angel told her not to cut his hair either. Finally, the angel told the man's wife that her son would help free the people from the Philistines when he grows up.

Witnesses saw Manoah praying to the Lord for help raising his son the right way.

Other witnesses saw Manoah offering a sacrifice to the Lord. As the offering was burning on the altar, the angel went back to heaven in the flames.

Nine months later, a boy was born. Manoah and his wife named him Samson.

As the boy grew up, the Lord blessed him. The Spirit of the Lord began to stir in him. To find out more, read Judges 13:1-25 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why did the Philistines rule over God's people?
2. What did the angel tell Manoah's wife?
3. What did they name the boy?
4. Do you think it was a good idea for Samson's dad to pray? Why or why not?

## MEMORY VERSE

“Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord will hear when I call to him.”

Psalm 4:3

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