



## Your Child's Spiritual Strength is in Your Hands

*We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.*  
—Psalms 78:4

If you ask any parent what goal they want their child to fulfill in life, almost all of them would say success. However, Christian parents desire more than mere earthly success. They want to see their precious children saved and following in the will of God. They want them to spend eternity in Heaven with their Lord. No other goal could be more important than ensuring your child's spiritual soul. It is your responsibility to lead the way!

Children need constant love and a sense of security. With Jesus as your role model, you can show your child the power of love through how you treat others. Just as Jesus blessed the children, you should constantly remind your children that you love them and that they are a special part of God's creation.

Teach your children about Jesus and all of his greatness. Many auxiliaries in the church, such as Children's Church, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School, help instill the love of God in children. However, parents are responsible for the upbringing and growth in the child. Parents who are following God's will and who are instilling Christian values into their children are paving their way to Heaven. Children who know and understand the power of God will not depart when the roads ahead become rocky. Instead, they turn to their stronghold Jesus Christ to be over comers.

The most important thing you can do as parents is PRAY for your child! Today, our children are faced with many obstacles brought on by worldly acquaintances. Only the love and power of God can take away these parasites that constantly latch onto your child and drag them away from God. As the parent, you should be on your knees daily seeking the will of the Lord in your child's life. At times they may stumble away but there will come a time when they return as long as you continually stay steadfast in the Lord. Pray for their worldly welfare, but especially for spiritual growth and well being.

### **Samson's Incredible Strength**

*Judges 15-16*

God gave Samson great strength so he could fight God's enemies. One day the enemy army came to capture him. But Samson picked up a bone he found beside the road and killed a thousand enemy soldiers with it. Samson had a girlfriend named Delilah who was the daughter of the enemy soldiers. Samson's enemies offered to give money to Delilah if she would find out how to make Samson weak so they could capture him. He told her if she tied him with seven ropes made of green flax, he would be as weak as the other men. After Samson fell asleep, Delilah tied him up with seven ropes of green flax. Then she cried out, "Samson, your enemies are here to get you!" But Samson jumped up and easily broke the ropes.

Delilah pouted because Samson hadn't told her the truth. Again she begged him to tell her his secret. Finally Samson told her. If his hair were cut, he would no longer be strong. When Samson fell asleep Delilah cut off his long hair. "Samson," she cried out, "your enemies are here to get you!" Now Samson was as weak as other men. God had left him. So his enemies put chains on him, poked out his eyes so that he was blind, and put him in prison.

One day Samson's enemies were having a huge party inside their temple. "Send for Samson so we can tease him," someone suggested. So they brought out blind Samson and stood him between two giant pillars that help up the temple. Samson asked God to give him strength just one more time. Then he pushed on the pillars, and the stone roof came crashing down on Samson and all his enemies.

*Was Delilah a good friend to Samson?*

*If you pick friends who don't care about God, they can make you forget about doing what is right.*

*Pick your friends more carefully than Samson did.*

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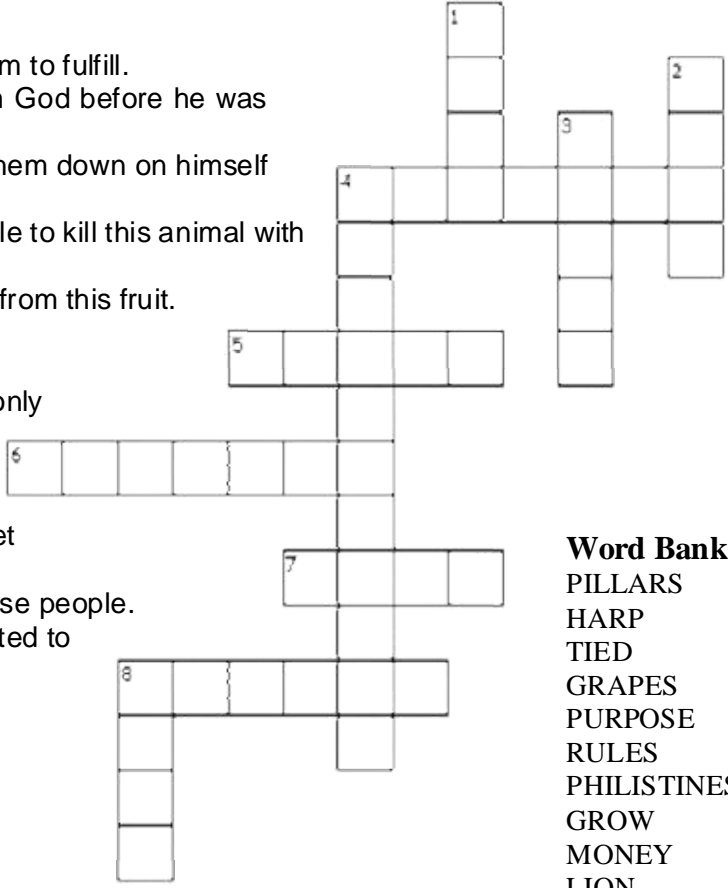
**Fill in the Crossword Puzzle.**

**Across:**

4. Samson wasn't perfect but God had a \_\_\_\_\_ for him to fulfill.
5. Samson had to follow 3 specific \_\_\_\_\_ given from God before he was born.
6. Samson was tied with two of these and brought them down on himself and the Philistines.
7. Because of Samson's special strength he was able to kill this animal with his bare hands.
8. Samson was not allowed to eat or drink anything from this fruit.

**Down:**

1. Samson's strength really came from God but he only had strength if he didn't cut this.
2. Delilah did this to Samson's hands when he was sleeping to see if she knew the secret.
3. Delilah tried to trick Samson in giving up his secret so she could get some of this.
4. God chose Samson to free the Israelites from these people.
8. The Philistines captured Samson but his hair started to \_\_\_\_\_ and he got his strength back.



- Word Bank:**  
 PILLARS  
 HARP  
 TIED  
 GRAPES  
 PURPOSE  
 RULES  
 PHILISTINES  
 GROW  
 MONEY  
 LION



**Find the words in the puzzle below.**

P	X	W	E	I	J	Y	M	V	X	W	I	B	O	P
E	P	Z	F	O	Q	Y	A	O	P	Y	X	D	F	G
R	E	K	J	T	R	O	Z	J	J	P	G	R	S	K
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R	D	Q	E	N	L	F	S	J	F	Z	P	R	L	K
M	E	J	J	R	S	V	H	E	H	E	Y	G	L	C
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A	Q	B	C	D	A	V	S	Z	W	U	H	N	Z	R
W	I	K	T	N	O	G	A	D	D	F	S	U	F	P

**DAGON**  
**FELL**  
**PERFORM**  
**PHILISTINES**

**PILLARS**  
**PRAY**  
**PRISON**  
**SACRIFICE**

**SAMSON**  
**SHAVEN**  
**STRENGTHEN**  
**TEMPLE**