

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2018



**BIBLE STORY PRESCHOOLERS:**

*Judges 13-16*

**BIBLE VERSE:**

*Proverbs 8:33*

**BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*God chose Samson and helped him.*

**YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*Sin has a price.*

**OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*Sin separates us from God and His good plan for our lives.*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*2 Corinthians 1:3-14*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*2 Corinthians 1:4*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *2 Corinthians 3:12-18*

**MONDAY:** *2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

**TUESDAY:** *2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

**WEDNESDAY:** *2 Corinthians 5:1-5*

**THURSDAY:** *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

**FRIDAY:** *2 Corinthians 5:11-15*

**SATURDAY:** *2 Corinthians 5:16-19*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Judges* and *2 Corinthians* together as a family:



- **Sin has consequences.** The story of Samson shows that sin has consequences. Samson was the son of Manoah and his wife. An angel had visited Manoah's wife and given her specific instructions on how to raise her son so he would be set apart for God's service. Samson grew up knowing the specific rules God had instructed for him to follow to be set apart. Unfortunately, Samson did not follow God's rules and Samson suffered the consequences of his sin. People today still suffer consequences of sin. Sin separates us from God and from the good plans He has for our lives.
- **Wrong choices lead to hard circumstances.** God's plan for Samson was to begin the overthrow of the Philistines. Samson was supposed to be fighting the Philistines but, instead, Samson married a Philistine woman. Later, Samson returned to the Philistines and fell in love with another woman, Delilah, who would end up being Samson's downfall. Samson's life was filled with choices that countered God's plan. Samson's choices led to a life of misery and suffering. God, as Sovereign, allowed Samson to choose his own path, but God still used Samson to deliver God's people from the oppression of the Philistines.
- **Comfort during trials.** Samson lived a life filled with trials, most of his own making. The end of Samson's story shows that God was with Samson even though Samson didn't wholeheartedly follow God's plan. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians assured the Christians that trials would come. These trials may be the result of self-inflicted poor choices, like those of Samson, or they may be the result of persecution from those outside the church who did not choose to follow God. Samson's life showed that God was with Samson even during those tough times. Christians can rejoice that God is ever-present during those times of testing and He will use that testing to draw us closer to Him.