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After the time of Gideon and after God had given the people of Israel several other judges, the Israelites once again turned away from the Lord and worshipped idols. So God allowed the Philistines to come into Canaan and rule over them for 40 years.

God then chose a man named Samson to help the Israelites. Before Samson was even born, God chose him to help the Israelites while the Philistines ruled over them. God had told his parents that he was to lead a special kind of life. He was to be a Nazirite- a man set apart to serve the Lord. He was not to drink wine or any other alcohol. He could not eat certain foods and his hair was never to be cut. God blessed Samson with great strength to use against the Philistines.

When Samson was grown he asked his parents to marry a Philistine woman. This made his parents unhappy because the Philistines were not believers in the true God, but worshipped idols. Even though God did not want his people to marry unbelievers, God would use Samson's marriage for good. Even though the Israelites had sinned against him, God showed them love and mercy.

One day when Samson was attacked by a lion, he used his strength to tear the lion apart with his bare hands! An ordinary man isn't strong enough to do that- it truly was an ability granted to him by God. We all have abilities that God has given us. Make a list of some of the abilities God has granted you. They don't have to be huge things like superhuman strength. God gives us abilities so that we can use them to share God's love with others. Spend some time thinking about how your abilities can provide opportunities for you to help others. Here are a couple examples:

- If you sing well or play an instrument, you could share that talent with family and friends. You could also use those talents to beautiful a worship service for other Christians.
- If you are good at sports, you could use that athletic ability to help younger children to learn a sport or do jobs for those who need help (carrying groceries, shoveling snow, etc)
- If you are a good writer, you can write encouraging notes to people who are lonesome or sick.

We want to use our God-given talents to serve others to show love for God and to thank Him for sending Jesus to save us from our sins.

Pray: Gracious God, you continue to shower us with your love and mercy. Thank you for all the abilities you have given to each of us. Help us to show our love for you by using those abilities to help others. Amen

*Samson The Strong Man Worksheet Answers Part One: 1. God, 2. Sampson, 3. Strength, 4. Riddle, 5. Foxes, 6. Jawbone, 7. Abilities, 8. Help.*

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