

Samson Collage

And the Angel of the Lord appear to the woman and said to her, “You shall conceive and bear a son.... And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.” So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

(see Judges 13:3,5,24)

Use a variety of materials to make a collage picturing Samson. The angel told Samson’s mother that he would be a Nazarite to God and so his hair should not be cut. Because of the emphasis on hair in the story of Samson, give him a good head of hair.

Note: If your child is about to have a haircut, you might want to save some of the hair for this project. Or you could buy synthetic doll hair at a craft store or substitute some yarn. The important thing is to show that Samson had long hair.

Suggested Materials

heavy paper for Samson (cardstock, coverstock, tagboard, or posterboard)
paper for the collage background
fabric for Samson’s clothing (burlap or another plain fabric would be good)
hair or yarn to make Samson’s hair
scissors
glue
pencil
colored pencils or markers

Procedure

1. Use a pencil to make the outline of Samson. He is a big man with powerful arms.
2. Cut out the outline of Samson.
3. If you want to use fabric to make a garment for Samson, trace Samson’s body on the back of the material and then cut out a robe that is a little bit larger than the outline. Glue it onto the Samson figure.
4. Now glue Samson onto another piece of paper—the background for the collage picture.
5. Draw Samson’s face onto the figure.
6. Now add the long hair, carefully gluing it onto the figure.
7. *Optional:* Add a lion, a fox, a city gate, and other things as symbols of the stories about Samson (see Judges 13-16).