



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Your Strength Comes From the Lord

Take Home Point:

God arms me with strength.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Who was the strong man in today's Bible event? (*Samson*) From where did he get his strength? (*God*)

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Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Practice this stunt with a child beforehand so you can do it at devotion time. Have the child place his or her finger on an adult's forehead while the adult is sitting. Then have the adult try to stand up. They can't stand if they can't lean forward. One small finger of a child can contain them. Now if the child moves farther away, the adult can easily lean forward and stand. The point is that God's Spirit came upon Samson and made him very strong. In fact he was supernaturally strong. But when he got far away from God, he lost his strength. The same can be true for us.

READ THE BIBLE: Read Judges 13-16 from a story Bible about the life of Samson.

KEY VERSE: 2 Samuel 22:33a, "God arms me with strength."

TALK ABOUT IT: What are some of the ways Samson showed his strength? (*Judges 14-16 He killed a lion with his bare hands, picked up the gate of the city and walked off with it, broke new and wet ropes, killed 1000 men with the jawbone of a donkey, tied the foxes tails together, pulled down the pillars, etc.*) Where did his strength come from? (*Judges 14:19 He was strong when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him.*) After Samson lost his strength, what happened to him? (*Judges 16:21 The Philistines poked out his eyes and put him in jail.*) Do you think Samson was foolish to trust Delilah? Why? Last week, we talked about Satan and how he wants to control us. What should we do when he tempts us?

What is your special "strength" or ability? From what source does your strength come? How do we sometimes move further away from our source, God? (*Like Samson we may depend on our own strength.*) The same was true for Samson. The farther he got from God like when he was after Delilah, the easier his strength could be taken away from him. How do we get back to our source, God? (*By reading the Bible and praying to him. Obeying his will.*)

PRAYER POWER: Give thanks for your special "strength" and pray that you would be faithful to use it. Give thanks for Jesus, who gave his life so we would have full access to God's strength.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

The Bible says in Nehemiah 8:10: "Don't be sad because the joy you have in the Lord is your strength." Discuss at the dinner table one evening: "What cheers you up when you feel down?" Then discuss: "How can our relationship with Jesus cheer us up when we feel down?" Close the activity with a contest of who can best imitate another family member's laugh!

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