

Year 2

Week 61

Samson Fights Philistines

Scriptures: Judges 15, 16

Key Verse: Judges 16:28 “Oh Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once.”

Key Points:

1. When Samson found out his wife had been given to someone else, he burned the fields, vineyards and the groves of the Philistines.
2. Samson’s own people delivered him to the Philistines to stop the fighting. But Samson broke free and killed 1000 men using a donkey’s jawbone as a weapon.
3. Samson then ruled Israel for twenty years.
4. Samson fell in love with Delilah. The Philistine leaders promised her a large amount of money if she would tell them the secret of Samson’s strength. She made him miserable until he finally told her. While he was sleeping, she had his hair cut.
5. Samson was captured and blinded, and forced to grind corn for the Philistines. While Samson was in prison, his hair grew.
6. The Philistines called for Samson to entertain them at a great feast.
7. God answered Samson’s prayer for strength, and Samson was able to bring down the entire temple. About three thousand men and women were killed with Samson.

65. SAMSON AND DELILAH

(JUDGES 16:4-21)



"And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah."

JUDGES 16:4

“The Spirit of the Lord came
on him with power...”

“Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey,
he grabbed it and struck down
1,000 men.”



Judges 15

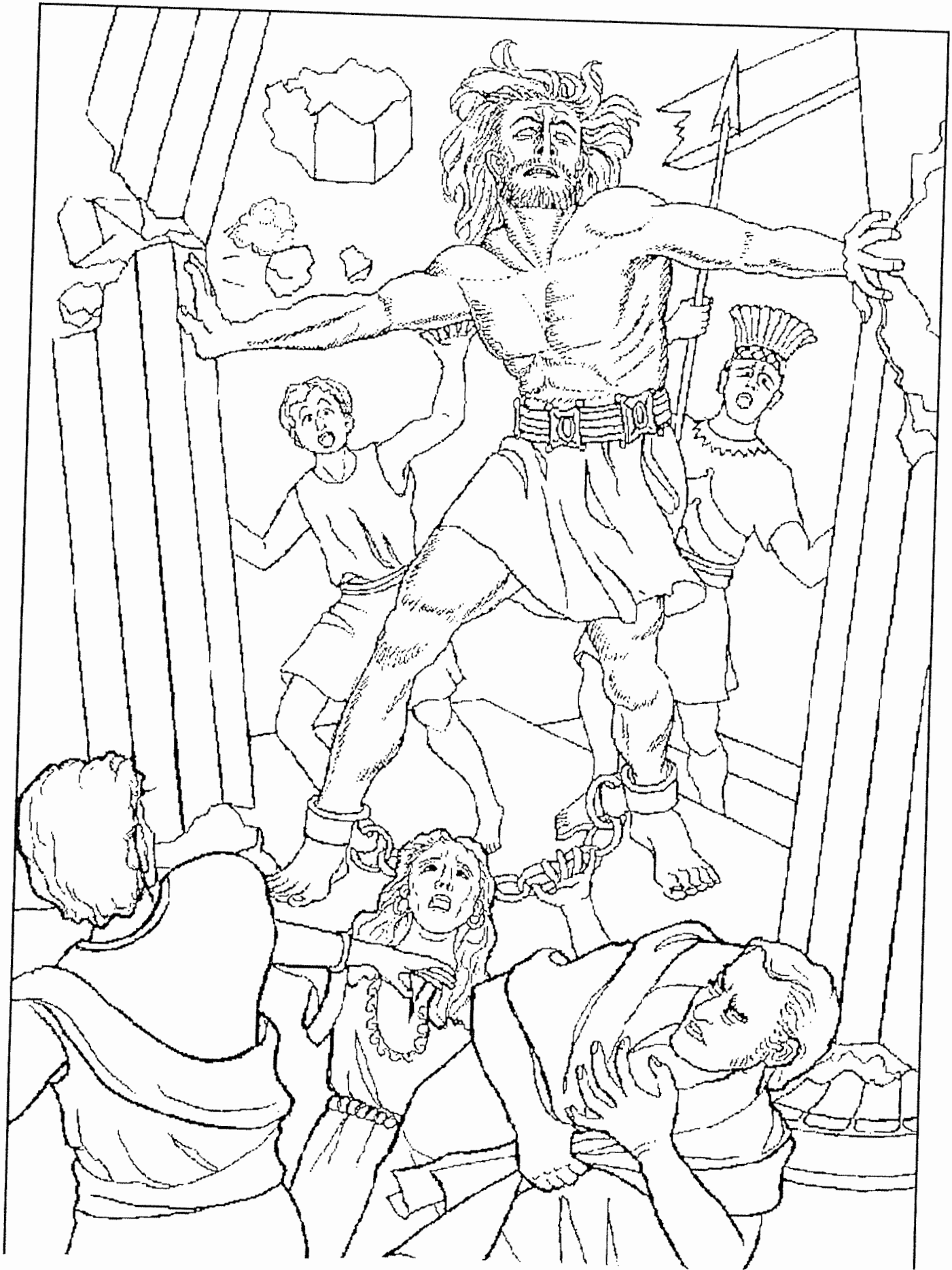
66. SAMSON PULLS DOWN A TEMPLE

(JUDGES 16:22-31)



"Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, 'O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray!' "

JUDGES 16:28



Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." Judges 16:28

Samson, God's Strong Man

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Judges 13-16

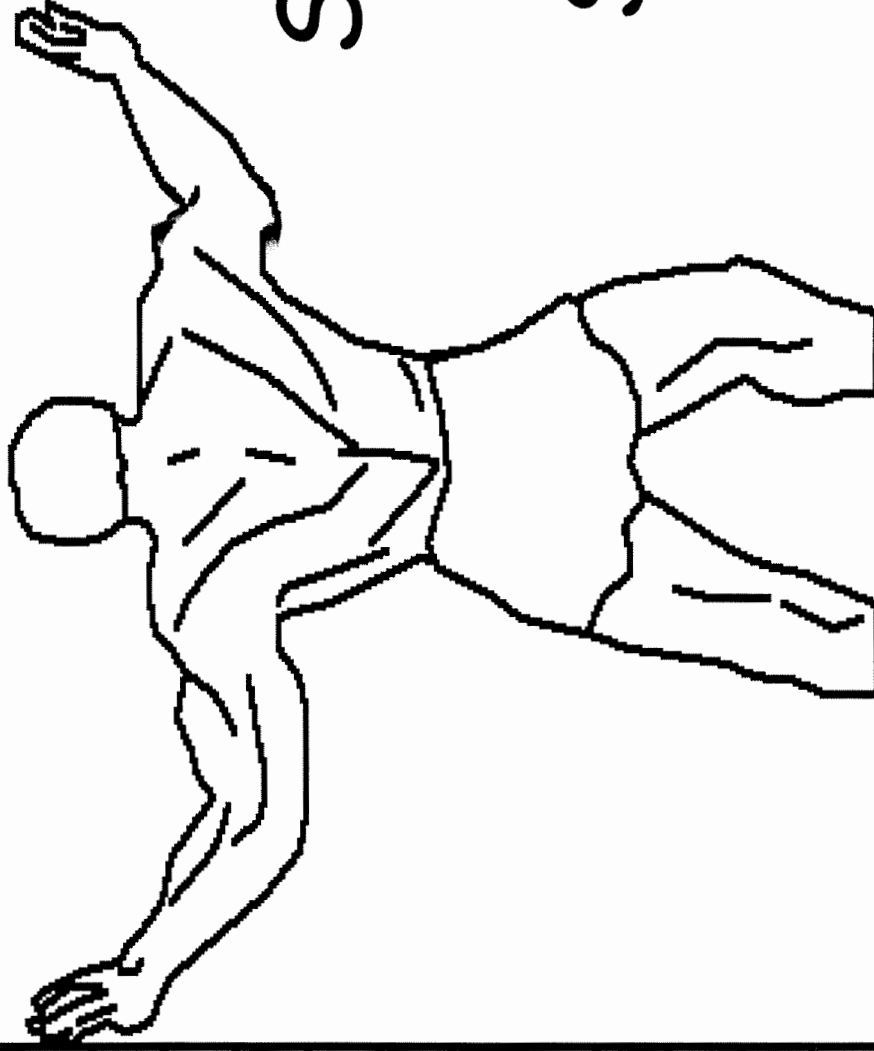
"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalms 119:130



Bible for Children

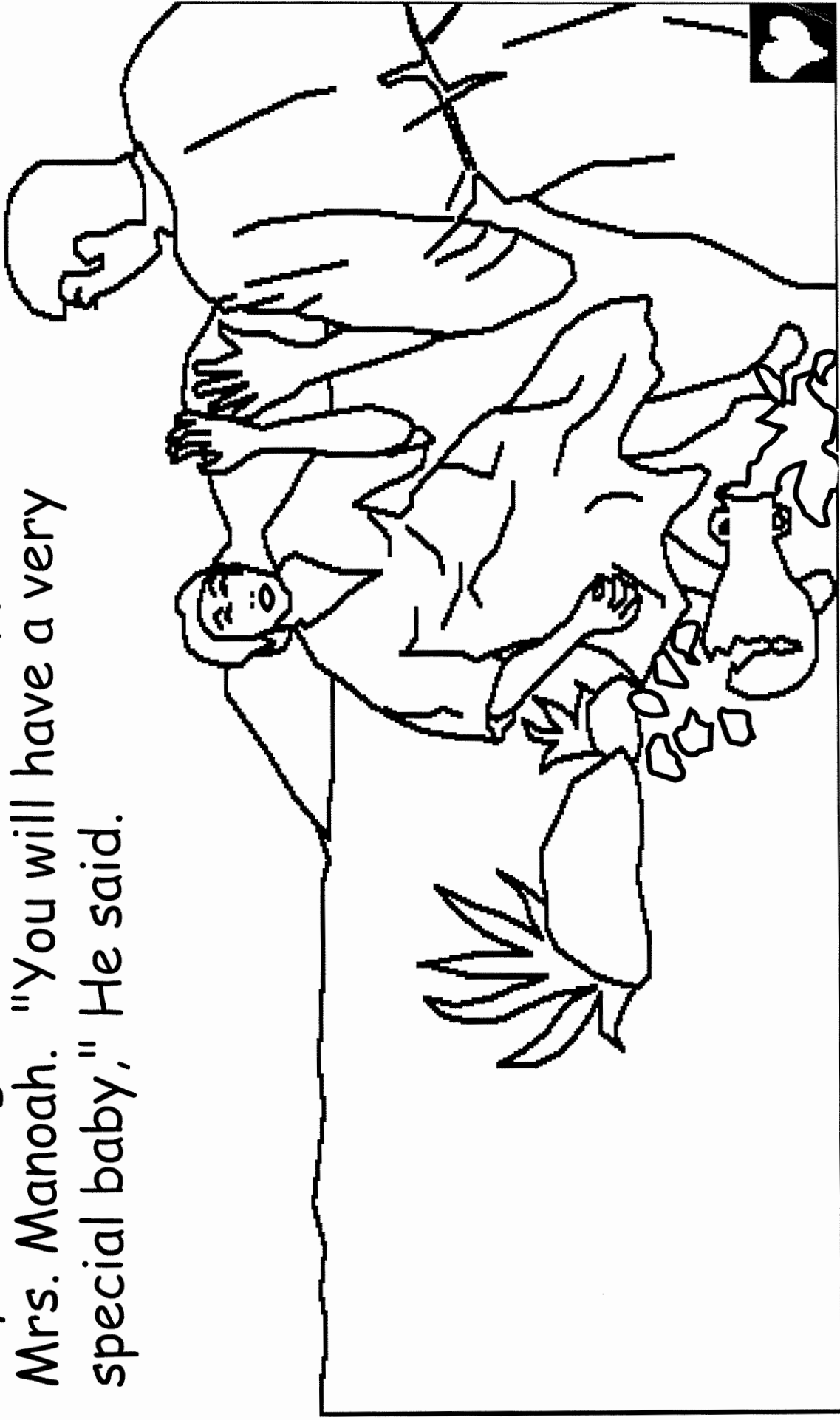
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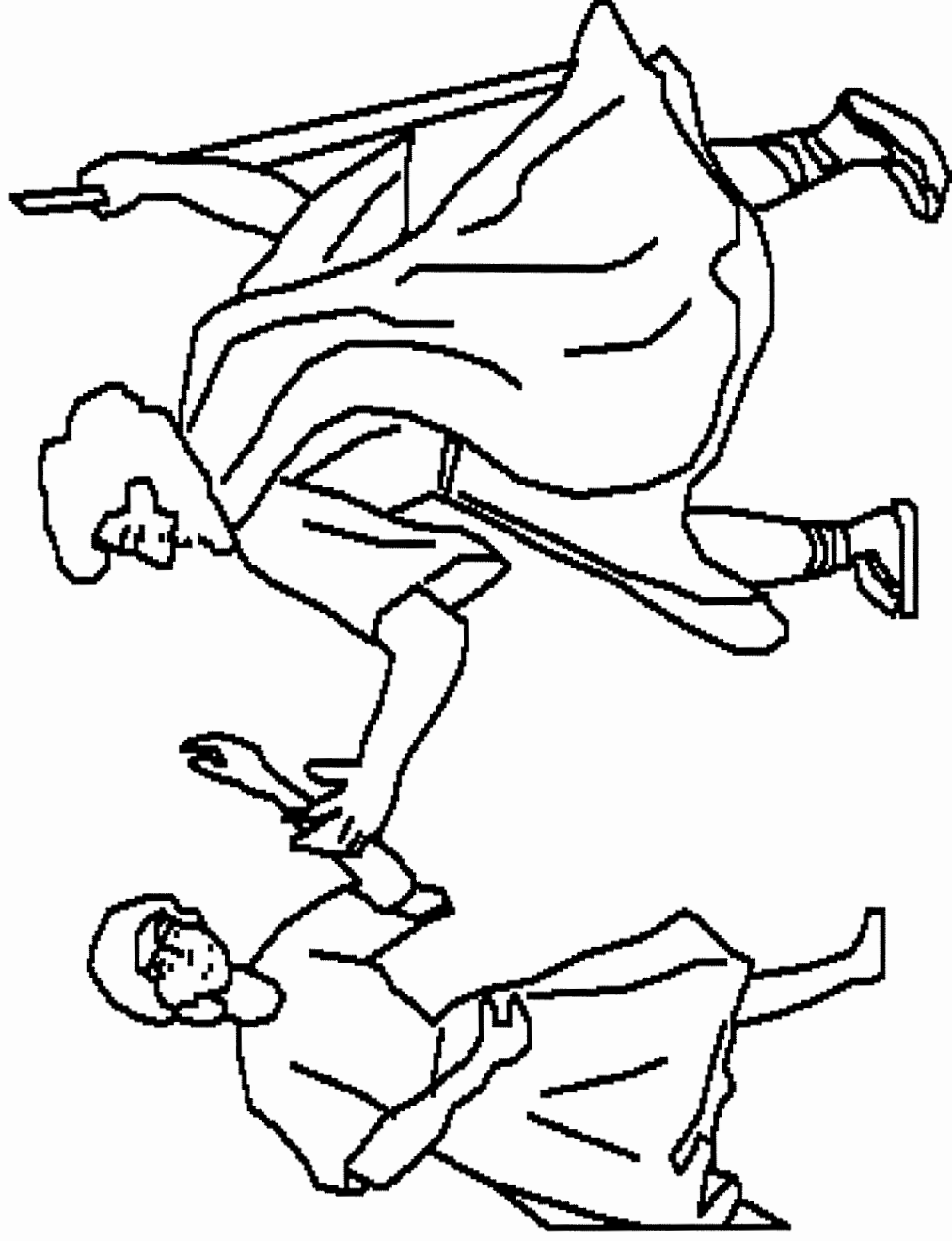
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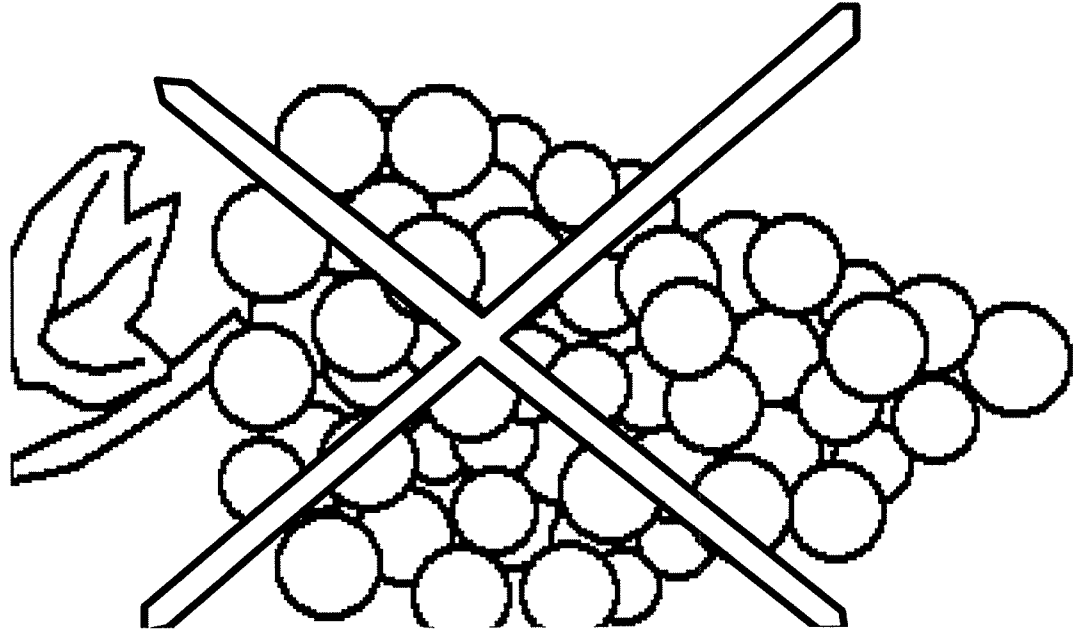


Long ago, in the land of Israel, lived a man named Manoah. He and his wife had no children. One day the Angel of the LORD appeared to Mrs. Manoah. "You will have a very special baby," He said.

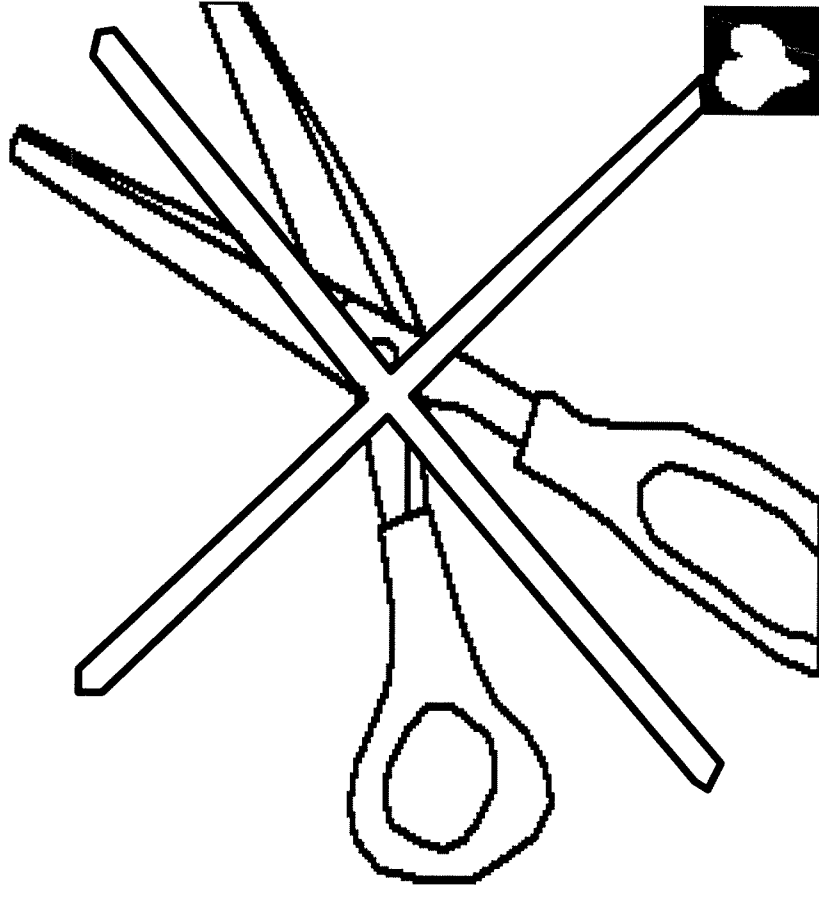


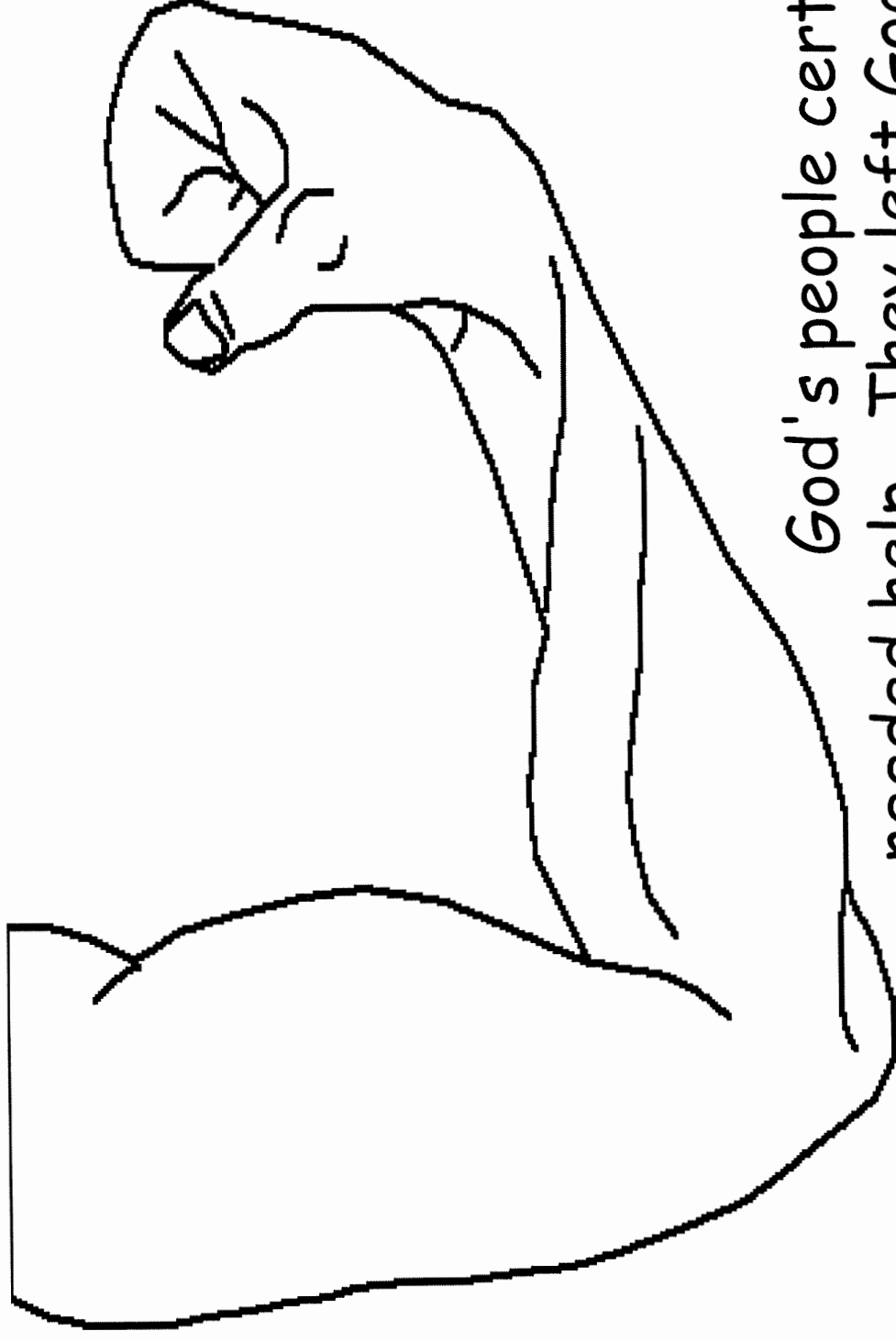
She told her husband the wonderful news. Manoah
prayed, "Oh my Lord . . . come to us again. Teach
us what we shall do for the child."





The Angel told Manoah the child must never have his hair cut, must never drink alcohol, and must never eat certain foods. God had chosen this child to be a judge. He would lead Israel.

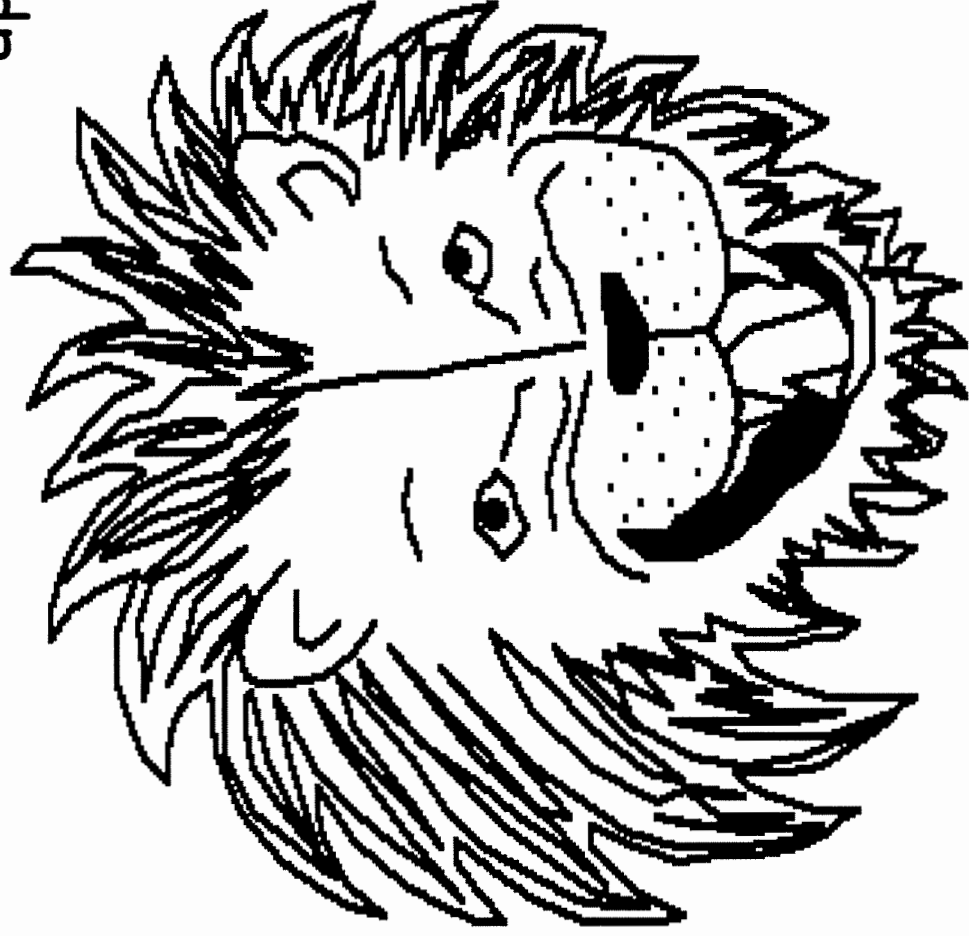


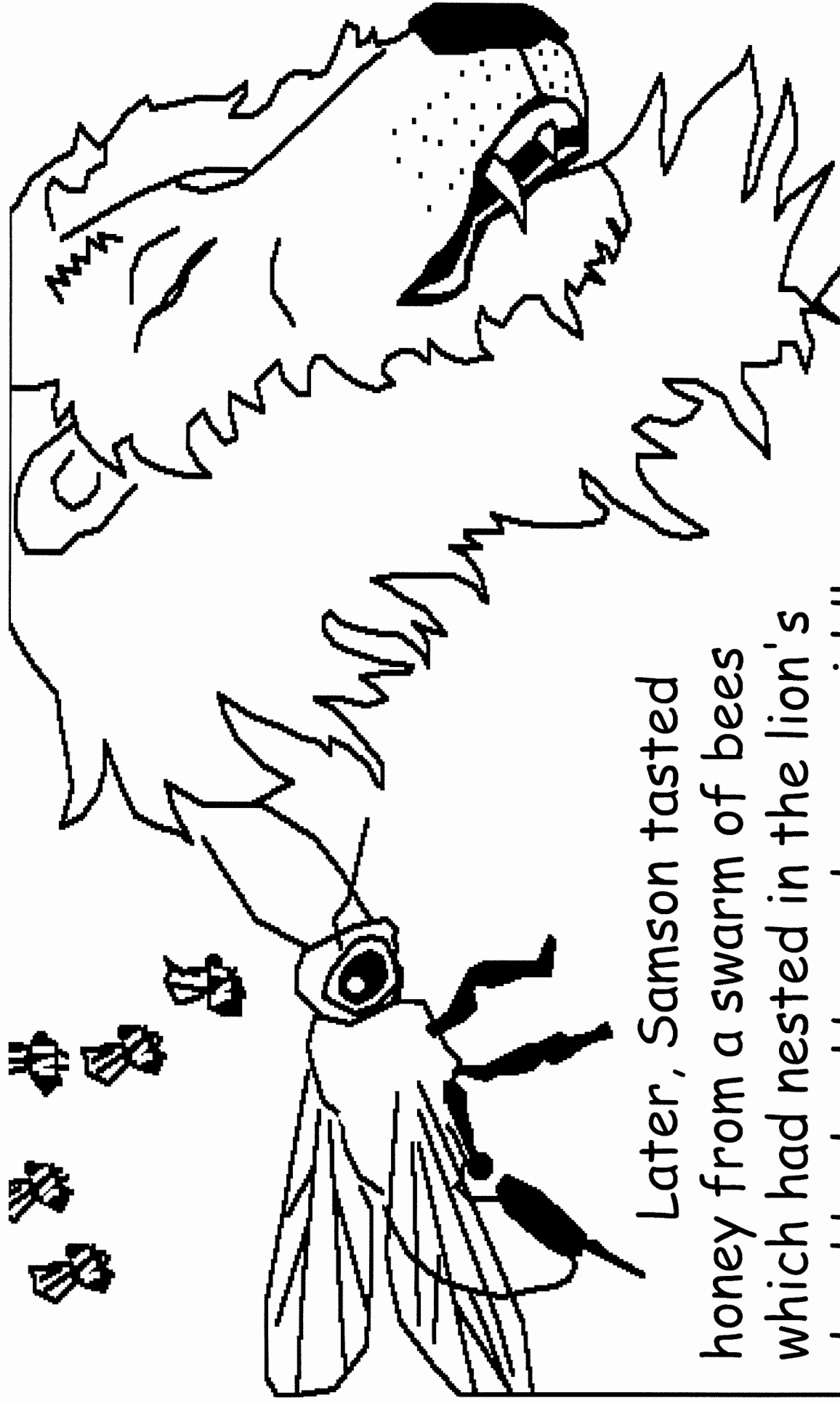


God's people certainly needed help. They left God out of their lives, and then were bullied by their enemies, the Philistines. But when they prayed, God heard. He sent this baby who would become the world's strongest man.



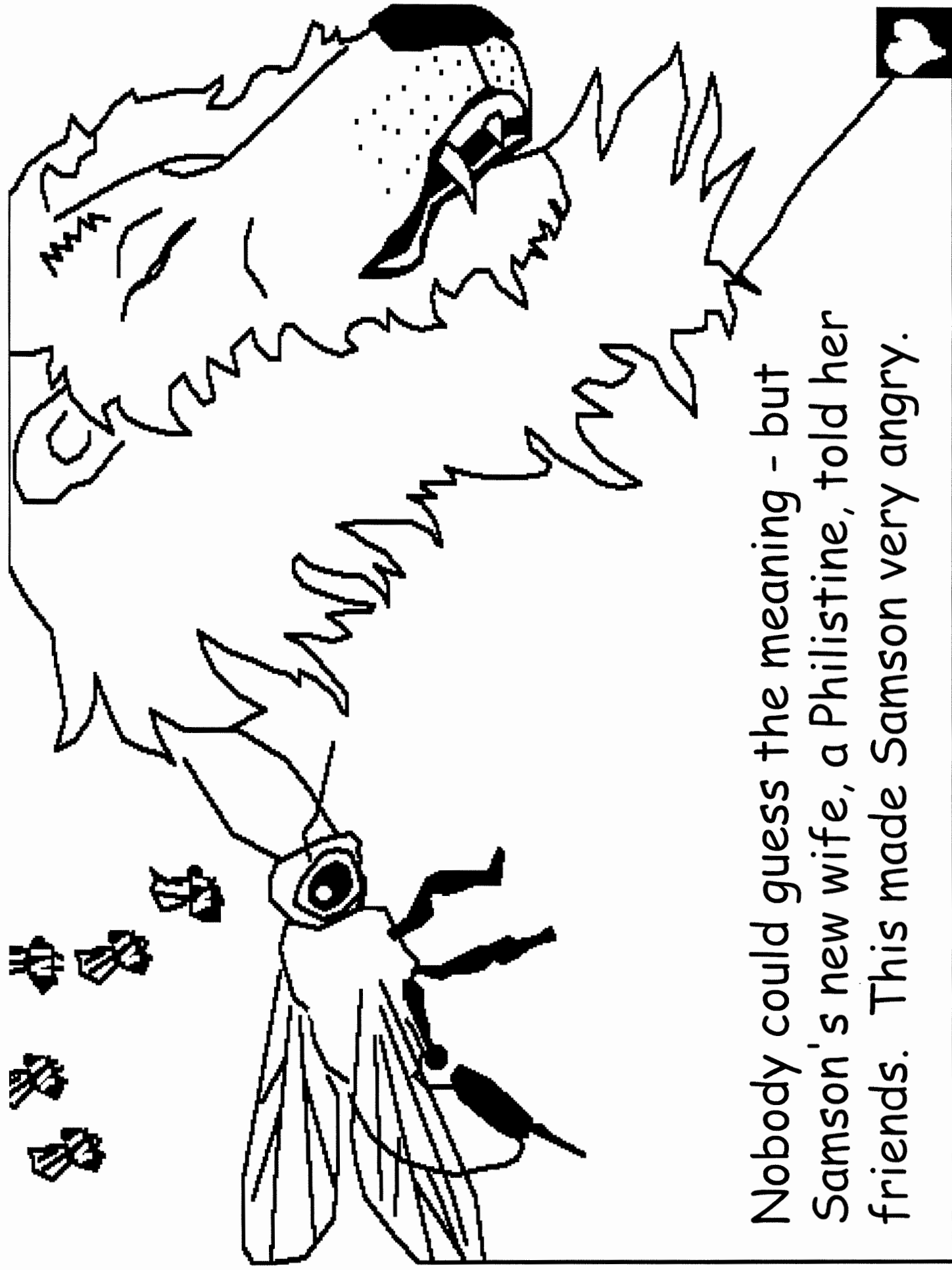
"So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the spirit of the LORD began to move upon him." Samson became very strong. One day he fought a young lion with his bare hands - and killed it!





Later, Samson tasted
honey from a swarm of bees
which had nested in the lion's
dead body. He made up a riddle:
"Out of the eater Came something to eat
And out of the strong Came something sweet."



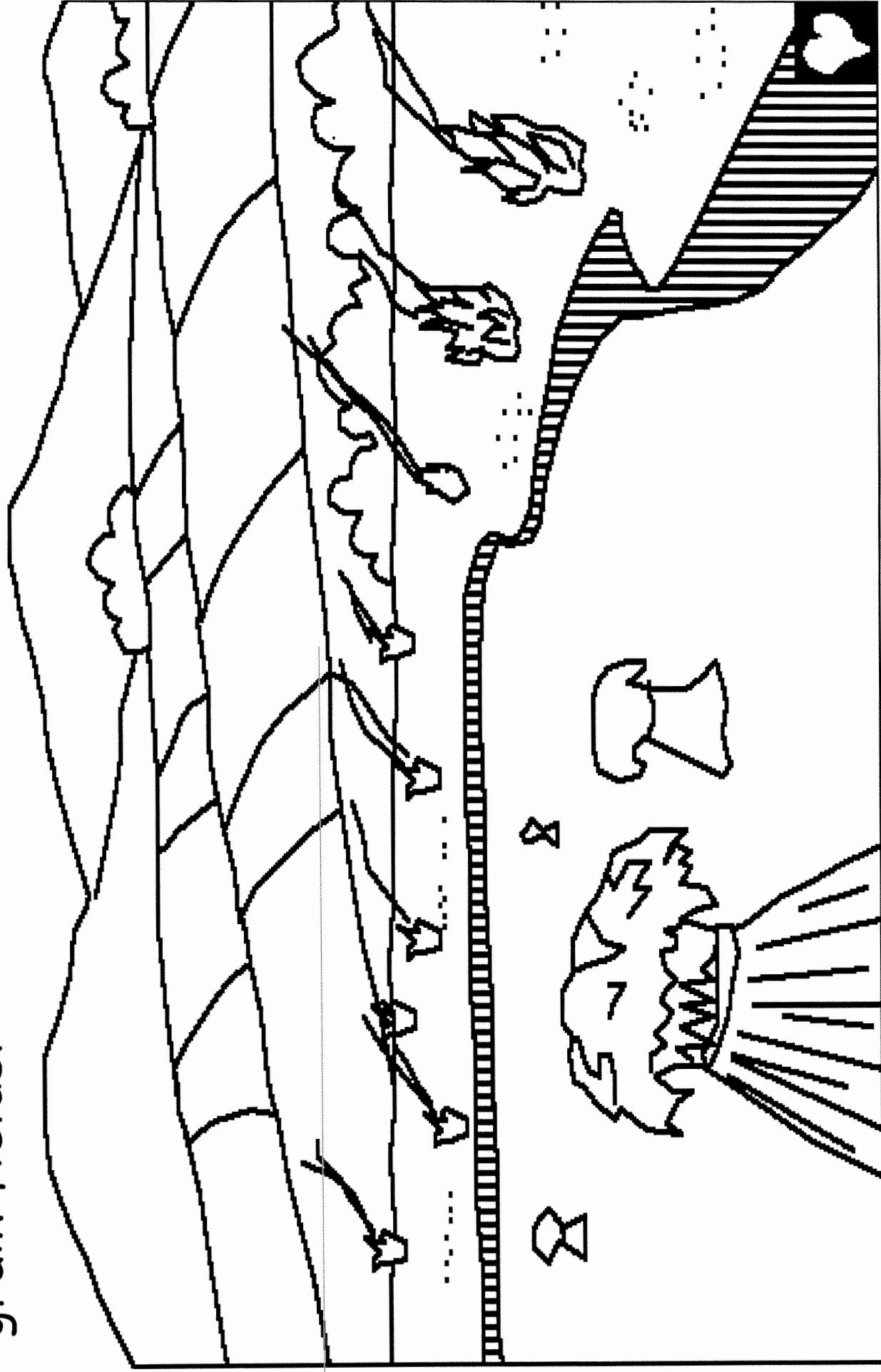


Nobody could guess the meaning - but Samson's new wife, a Philistine, told her friends. This made Samson very angry.

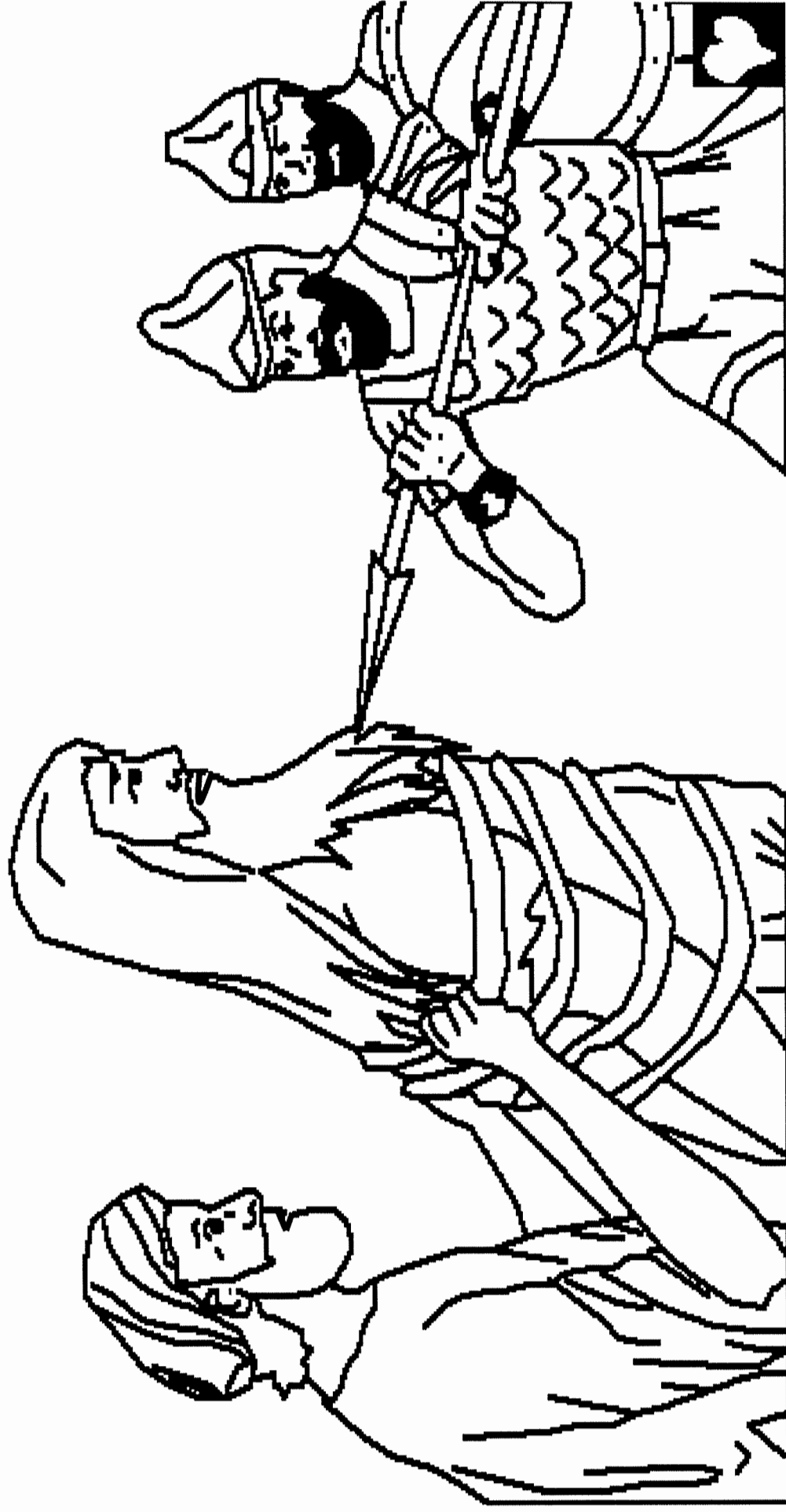
Samson was even more angry when the Philistines gave his wife to be wife of his best friend. He planned revenge. But how? First, Samson caught 300 foxes. Then he tied their tails together, two by two, and placed flaming torches between them.



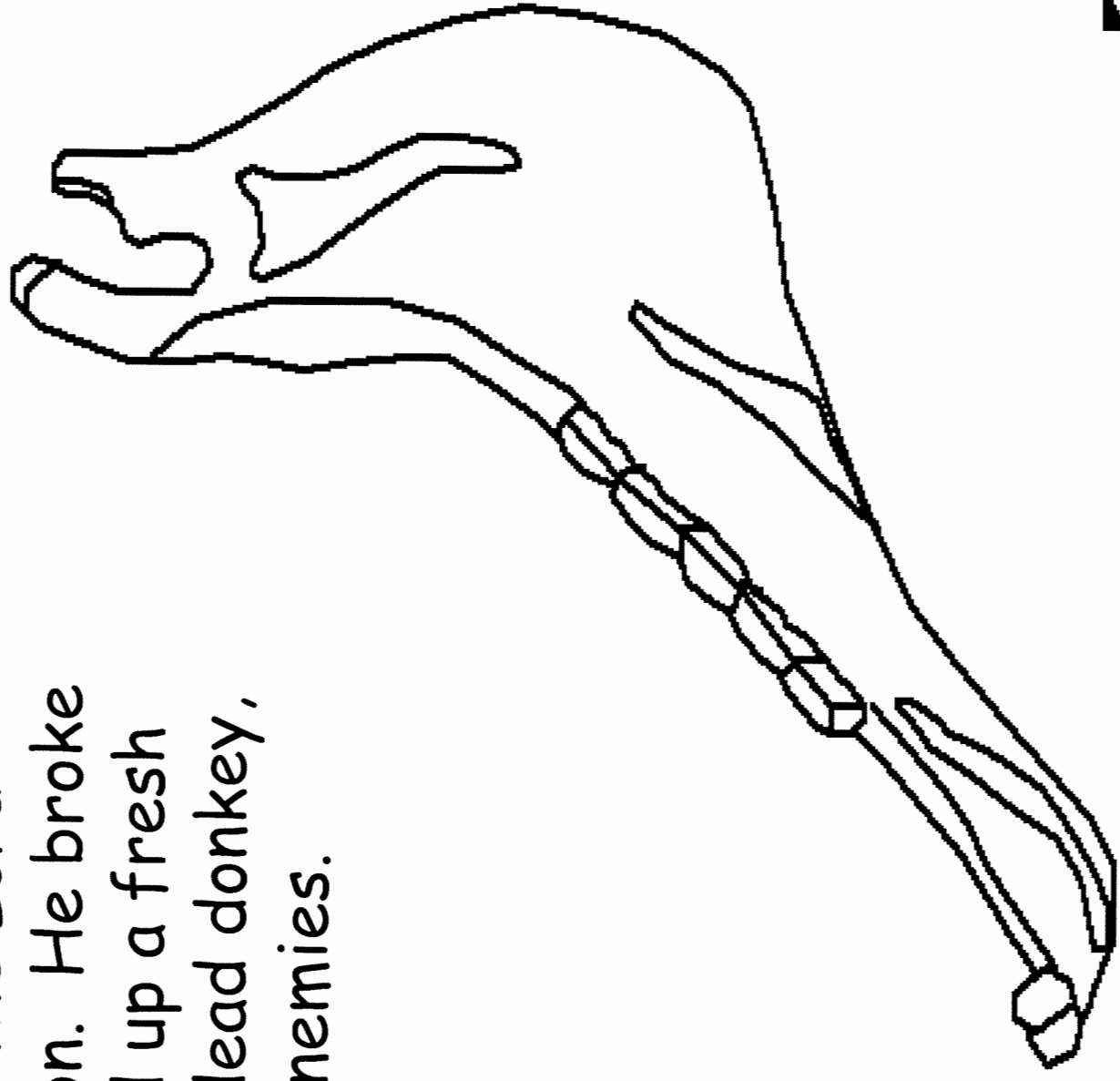
Then Samson released the foxes in the Philistines' grain fields!



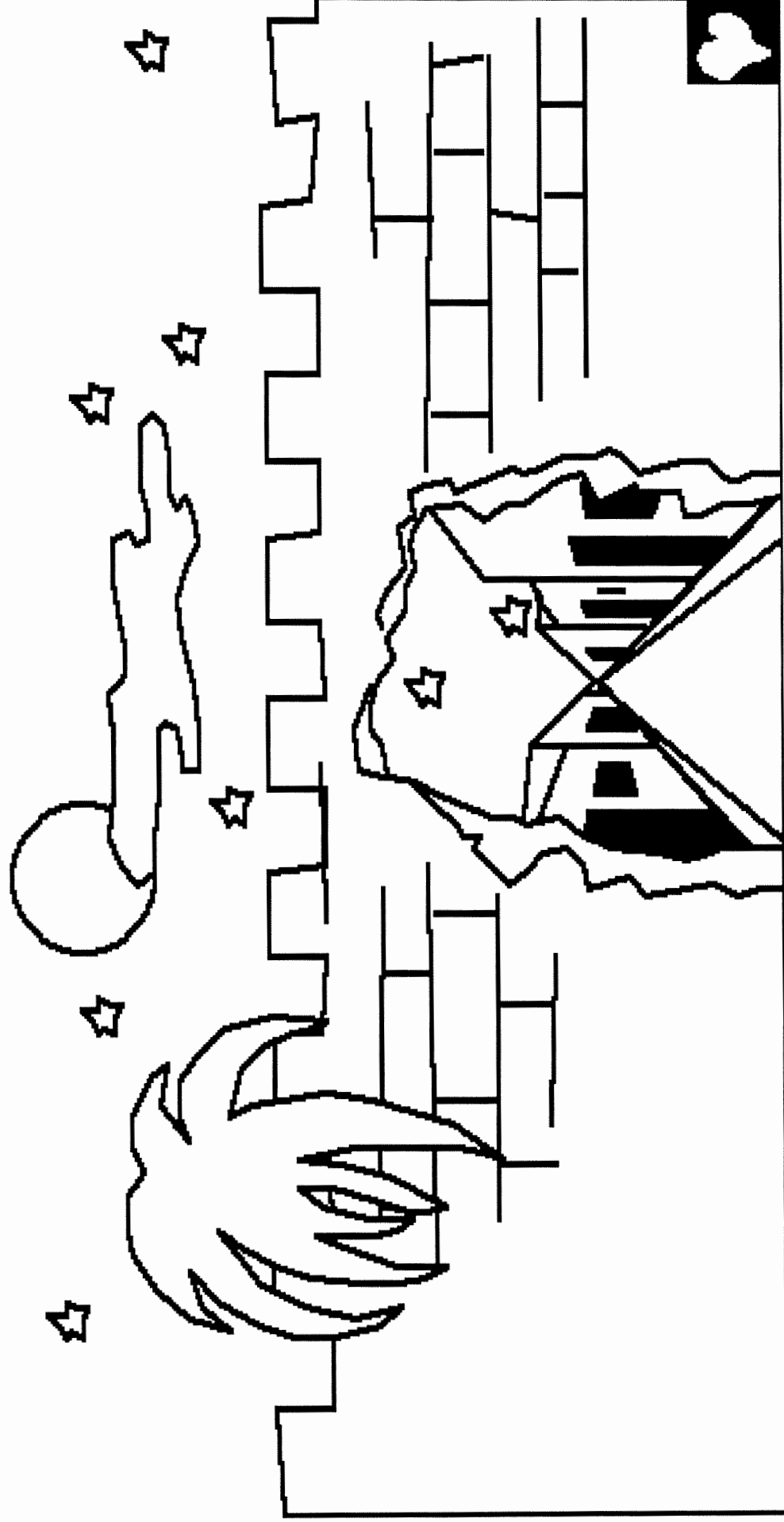
Now the Philistines wanted revenge. Samson let himself be caught, tied up and handed over to be killed by the Philistines.



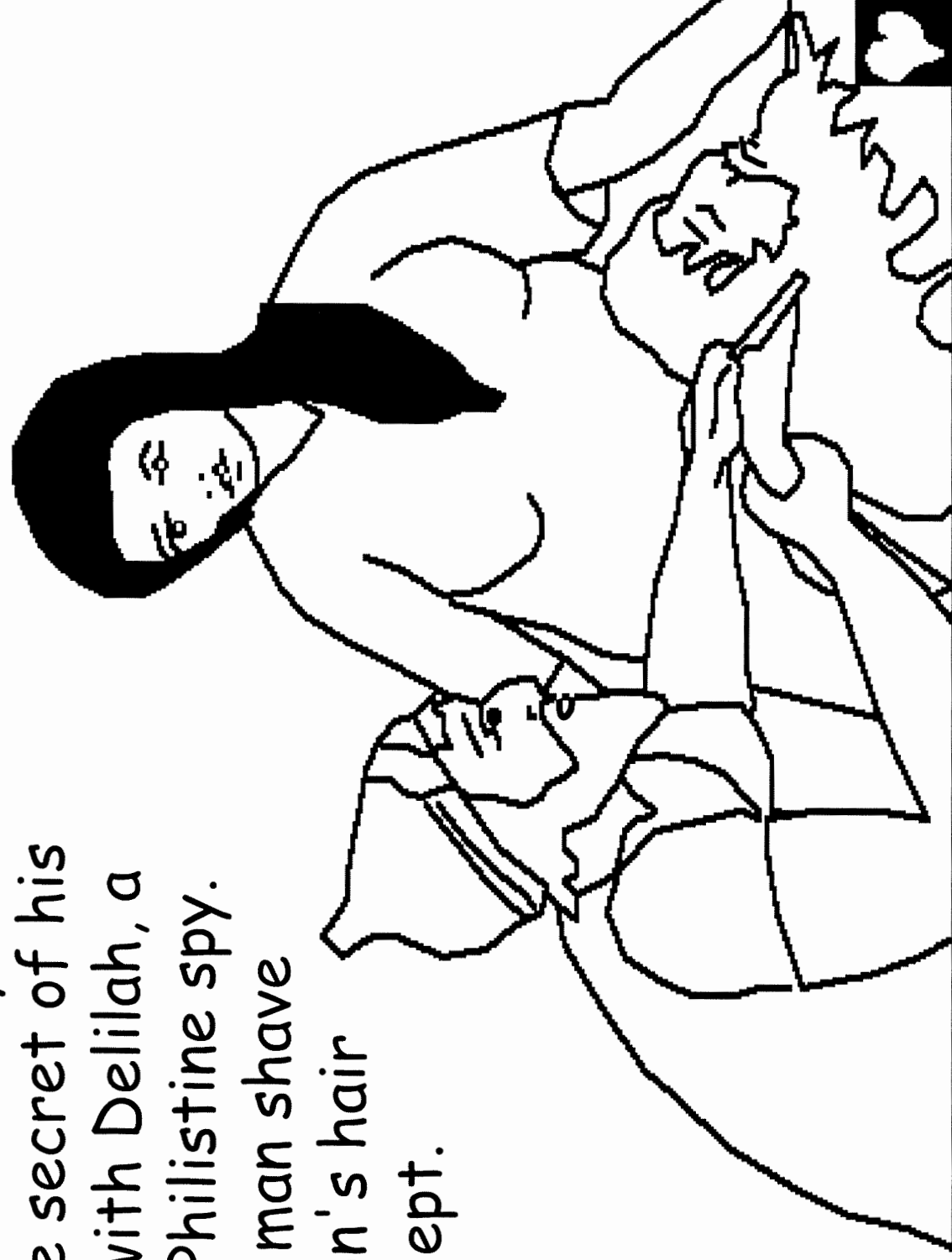
But the Spirit of the Lord
came upon Samson. He broke
the ropes, picked up a fresh
jawbone from a dead donkey,
and killed 1000 enemies.

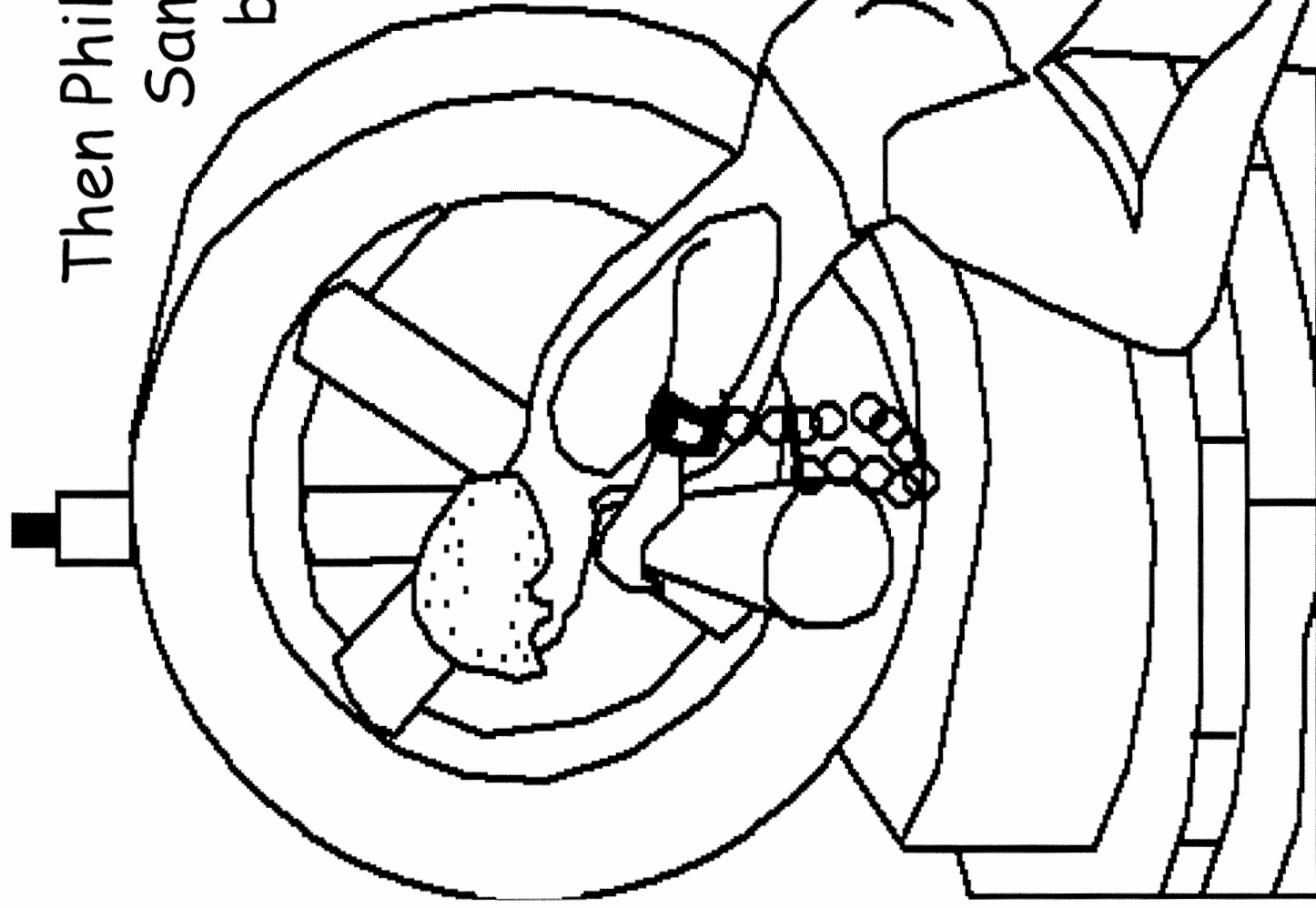


Philistine search parties looked for Samson. One night, they trapped him in a city and locked the city gates. But Samson walked out - carrying the city gates on his shoulders!



But Samson failed God. God gave him strength as long as he obeyed. One day, Samson shared the secret of his strength with Delilah, a beautiful Philistine spy. She had a man shave off Samson's hair while he slept.

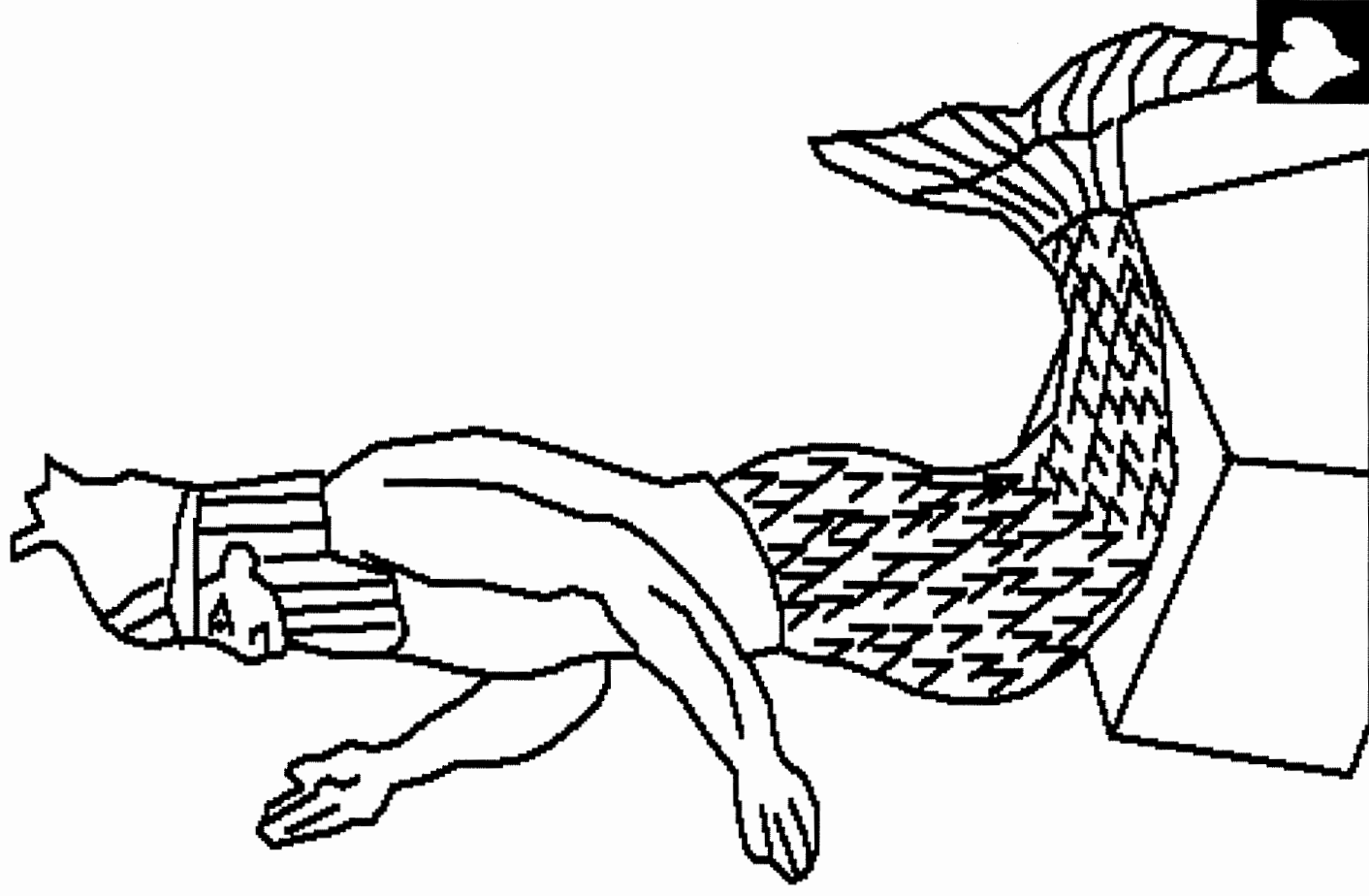




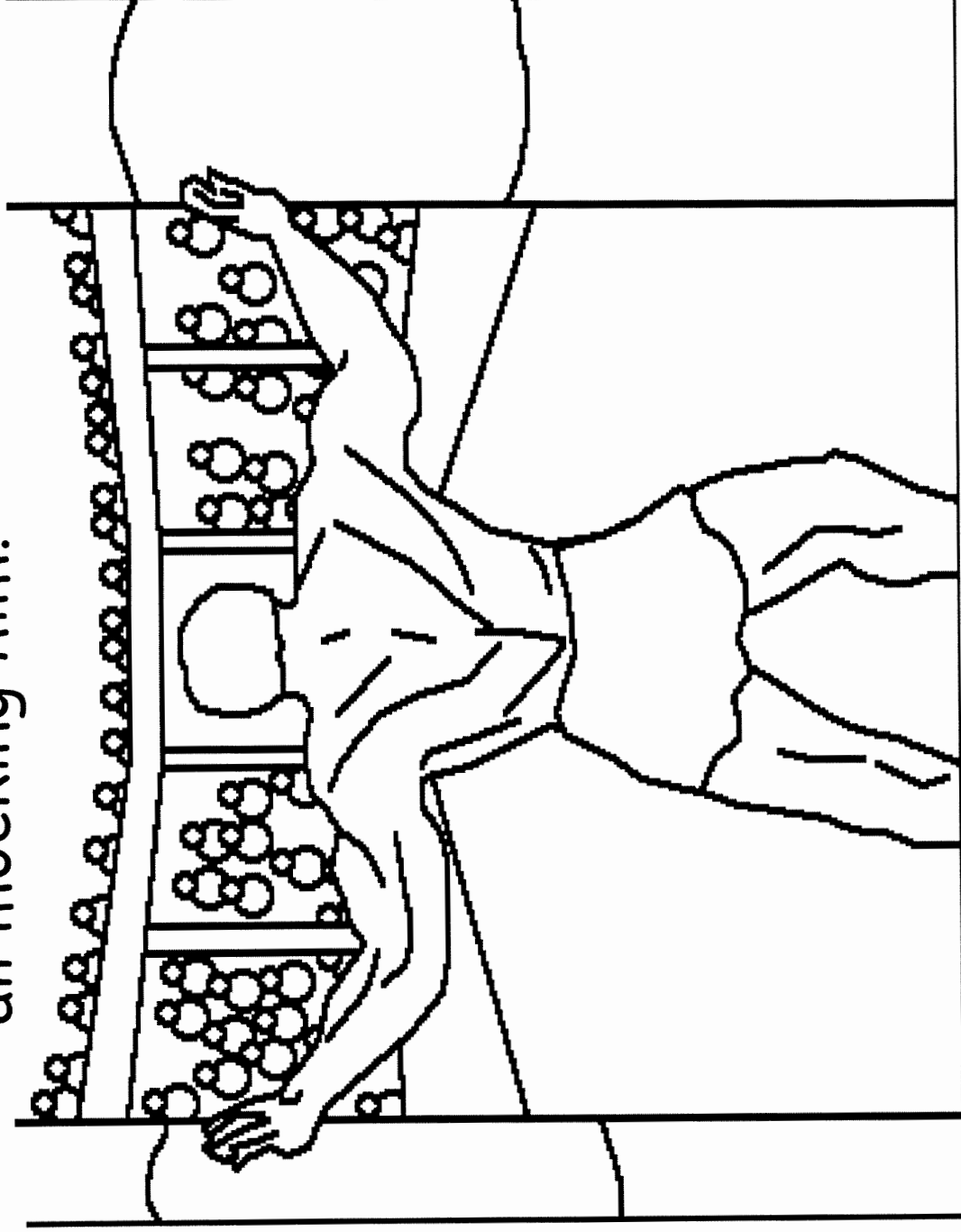
Then Philistine soldiers attacked Samson in Delilah's bedroom. Samson fought hard - but his strength was gone. His enemies put out his eyes. Blind and weak, Samson became the Philistines' slave. They laughed and mocked God's servant.



The Philistines had a feast. They praised their fish-god, Dagon, for giving Samson into their hands. They drank and rejoiced in Dagon's temple. Then they called for Samson to perform for them.



A boy brought Samson, and let him lean on the pillars which held up the temple. There were 3000 Philistines on the roof, and many more in the temple, all mocking him.

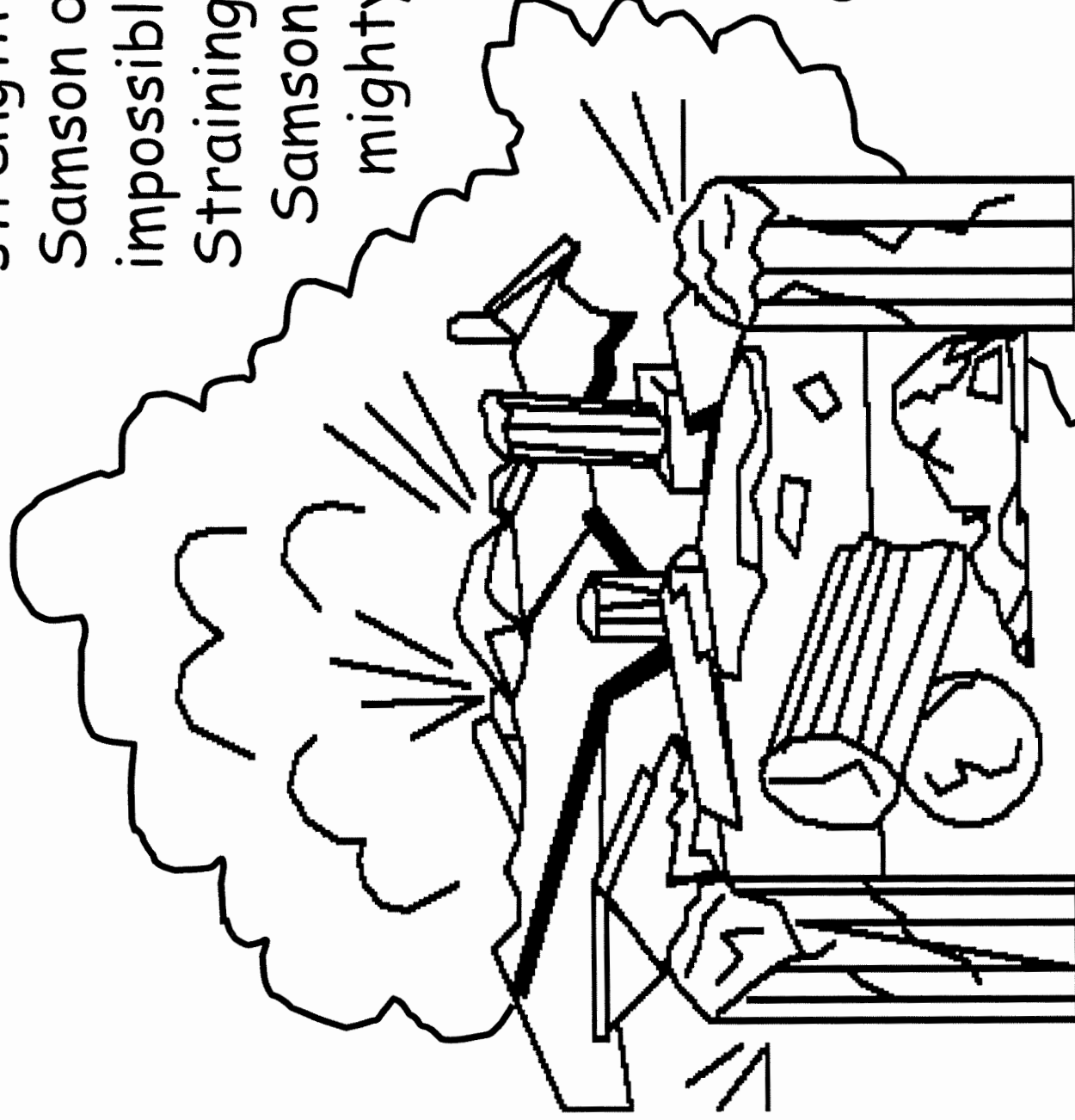


But Samson's hair had begun to grow in the prison. Now he prayed, "O Lord GOD, strengthen me just this once, that I may take revenge for my two eyes."

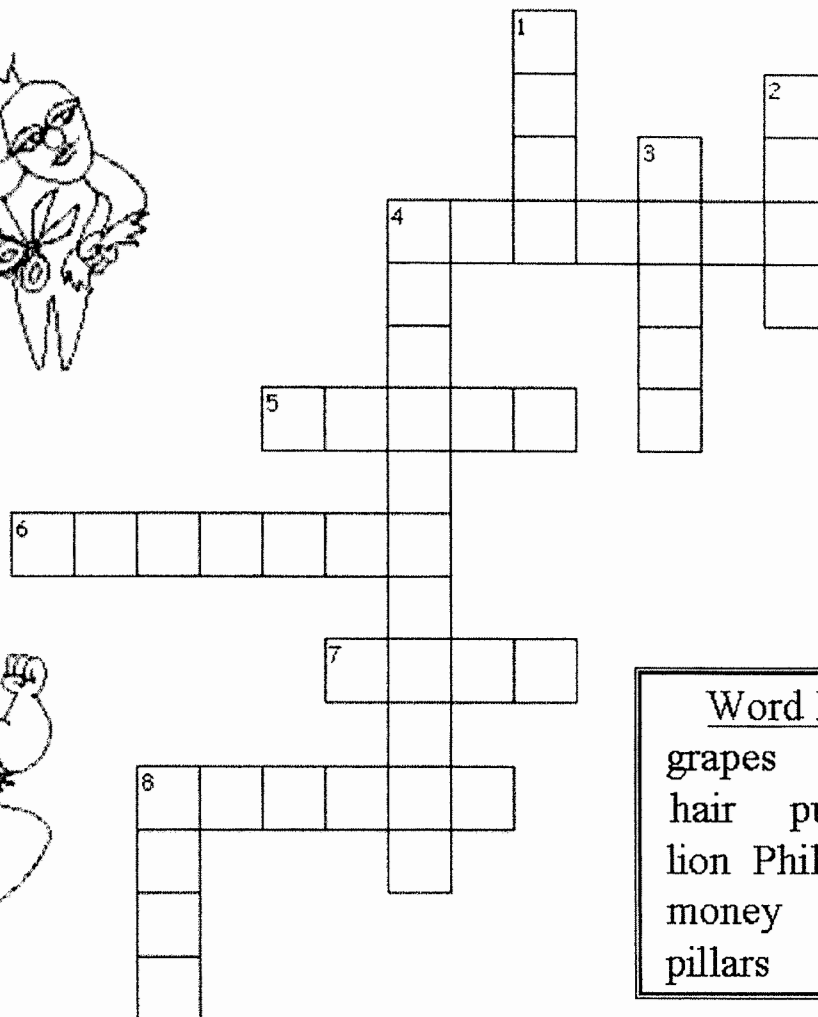
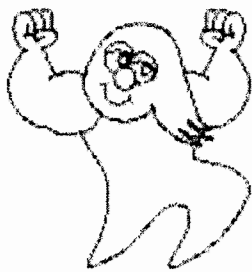


Would God give Samson
strength again? Could
Samson do the
impossible? YES! YES!
Straining and heaving,
Samson forced the
mighty pillars apart.

Dagon's temple
crashed to
ruins, killing
thousands of
Philistines -
and Samson!



Samson & Delilah Crossword



Word List:

grapes grow
hair purpose
lion Philistines
money rules
pillars tied

Across

4. Samson wasn't perfect but God still gave him a ____ to fulfill.
5. Samson had to follow 3 specific ____ given from God before he was born.
6. Samson was tied to 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 wasn't allowed to eat or drink anything made from this fruit.

Down

1. Samson's secret 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.

Samson and Delilah

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

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Bound

Judges

Delilah

Lion

Donkey

Nazarite

Hair

Philistines

Honey

Pillars

Jawbone

Ropes

Judges

Samson

65. SAMSON AND DELILAH

(JUDGES 16:4-21)

MEMORY VERSE:

"No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb."
JUDGES 16:17

FILL IN THE BLANK:

1. Samson "loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was _____. " JUDGES 16:4

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. Now the lords of the Philistines said to her, "Find out where his great strength lies, and by what means may we overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him." JUDGES 16:5
TRUE OR FALSE
3. They said to her, "Every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver." JUDGES 16:5
TRUE OR FALSE
4. But Delilah said to them, "I will not do this thing for you." JUDGES 16:6
TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

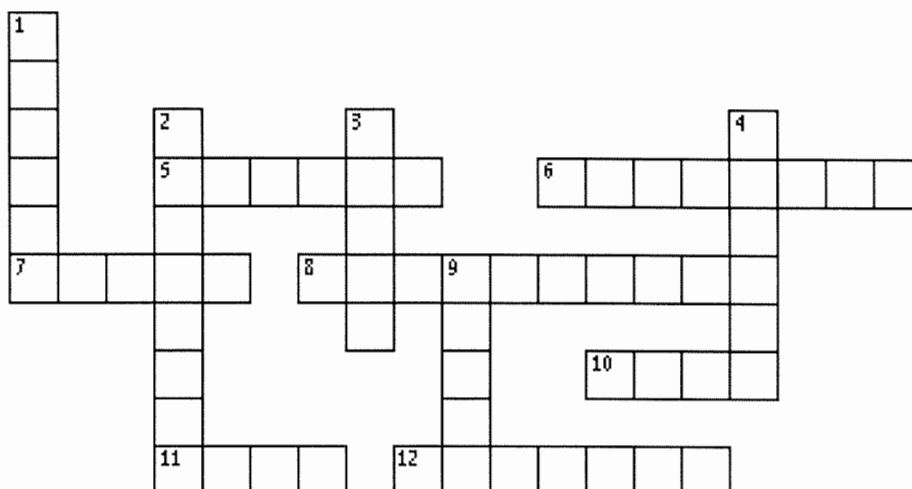
5. "Samson said to her, 'If they bind me with seven fresh (PIANO STRINGS, BOWSTRINGS), not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man.' " JUDGES 16:7
6. "But he broke the (PIANO STRINGS, BOWSTRINGS) as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known." JUDGES 16:9
7. Samson then said to Delilah, "If they bind me securely with new (ROCKS, ROPES) that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man." JUDGES 16:11
8. But Samson "broke them off his arms like a (THREAD, SHIRT)." JUDGES 16:12
9. Then Samson said to her, " 'If you weave the seven locks of my (HEAD, BEARD) into the web of the loom'-- So she wove it tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, 'The Philistines are upon you, Samson!' But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom." JUDGES 16:13-14
10. Then "he told her all his heart, and said to her, 'No (HAT, RAZOR) has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.' " JUDGES 16:17

TRUE OR FALSE:

11. "Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him." JUDGES 16:19
TRUE OR FALSE
12. "And she said, 'The Philistines are upon you, Samson!' So he awoke from his sleep, and said, 'I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!' But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him." JUDGES 16:20
TRUE OR FALSE
13. Then the Philistines let Samson go and gave him great rewards. JUDGES 16:21
TRUE OR FALSE

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(JUDGES 16:4-21)



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- 6 ACROSS "He did not know that the LORD had ____ from him." **JUDGES 16:20**
- 4 DOWN "They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the ____." **JUDGES 16:21**

65. SAMSON AND DELILAH

(JUDGES 16:4-21)

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

BOWSTRINGS
 DELILAH
 GRINDER
 HAIR
 PHILISTINES

PRISON
 RAZOR
 ROPES
 SAMSON
 SHAVED

SILVER
 STRENGTH
 THREAD
 YARN



66. SAMSON PULLS DOWN A TEMPLE

(JUDGES 16:22-31)

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
F S K T A I N O S I R P C R B
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DAGON

PILLARS

SAMSON

FELL

PRAY

SHAVEN

PERFORM

PRISON

STRENGTHEN

PHILISTINES

SACRIFICE

TEMPLE

66. SAMSON PULLS DOWN A TEMPLE

(JUDGES 16:22-31)

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JUDGES 16:28

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. Now the hair of Samson's head "began to grow again after it had been shaven." **JUDGES 16:22**
TRUE OR FALSE
2. "Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice." **JUDGES 16:23**
TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

3. "So it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, 'Call for Samson, that he may perform for us.' So they called for Samson from the (**PALACE**, **PRISON**), and he performed for them." **JUDGES 16:25**
4. "They stationed him between two (**PILLARS**, **PEOPLE**)." **JUDGES 16:25**

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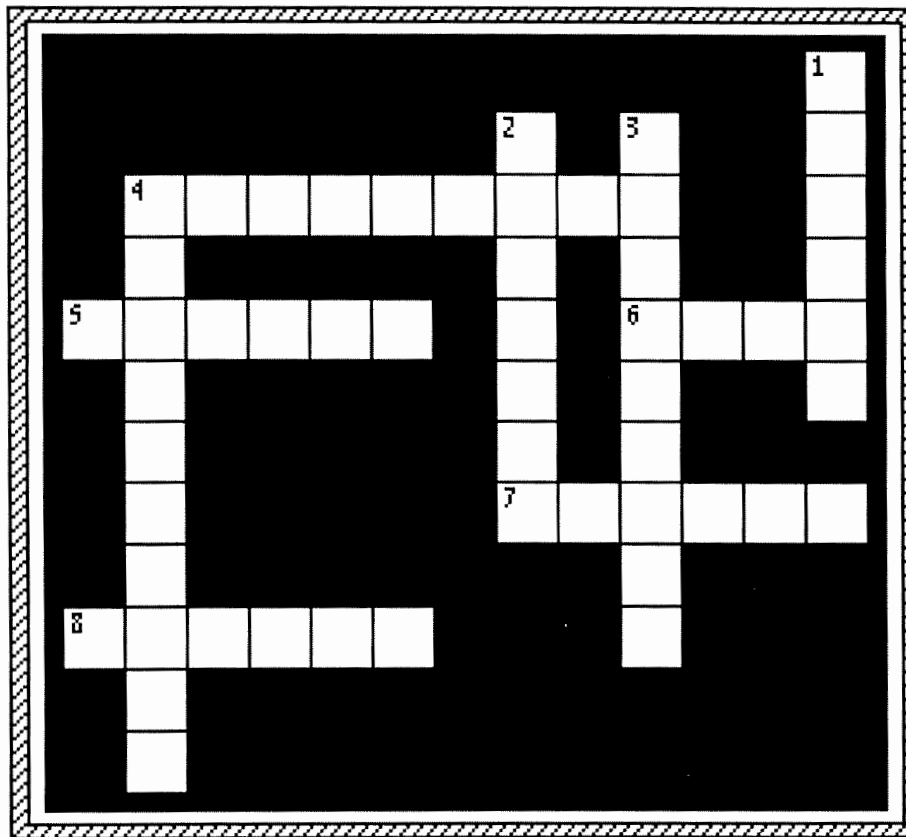
5. "Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, 'Let me feel the pillars which support the _____, so that I can lean on them.'" **JUDGES 16:26**
6. "There were about _____ men and women on the roof who watched while Samson performed." **JUDGES 16:27**
7. "Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, 'O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! _____ me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I might with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!'" **JUDGES 16:28**

TRUE OR FALSE:

8. "And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left." **JUDGES 16:29**
TRUE OR FALSE
9. Samson "pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he killed in his life." **JUDGES 16:30**
TRUE OR FALSE

66. SAMSON PULLS DOWN A TEMPLE

(JUDGES 16:22-31)



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Puzzle Seven

JUDGES 16:25-31

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

It CAME TO pass
 when their
 HEARTS
 were MERRY, that
 they said,
 call for SAMSON,
 that he may make
 us SPORT.
 AND THEY called
 for Samson
 out of the PRISON

house
 and THEY SET
 HIM between
 the PILLARS.
 And Samson said
 unto THE LAD
 that held him by
 the HAND,
 SUFFER ME that I
 may feel the
 pillars

WHEREUPON
 the HOUSE
 STANDETH, that
 I may
 LEAN UPON
 them
 and Samson
 CALLED unto
 THE LORD, and
 said, O Lord God,
 REMEMBER me, I
 pray thee,
 and
 STRENGTHEN
 me,
 that I may be at
 once AVENGED
 of
 the PHILISTINES
 for MY TWO eyes.
 And Samson said,
 LET ME DIE
 WITH THE
 Philistines.
 And he BOWED
 himself
 with ALL HIS
 might;
 and the house
 FELL upon
 the LORDS, and
 upon all
 the PEOPLE that
 were therein.
 So the DEAD
 which he
 SLEW at his
 DEATH were
 more than
 they which he
 slew in his LIFE.

Samson's Big Mistake

Judges 13 — 16

God gave Samson his great strength. Samson's parents promised to never cut his hair. When Samson's hair was cut, he lost his strength. Samson became friends with people who were enemies of God. They paid Delilah to find out why Samson was so strong. Because Samson loved Delilah, he told her. His enemies cut off his hair and made him blind. When Samson's hair grew back, he pushed down the pillars of a building filled with enemies. Samson and thousands of his enemies died.

The hidden words are from this story in Judges 16:4-21. The code following each word tells the coordinates where one of the letters of the word is found in the puzzle. After you have found all the hidden words, start at the upper left and use all the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page with a Bible verse which tells what can happen when we become friends with evil people.

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BEAM (10L)	2	E	A	F	F	L	I	C	T	N	L	S	O	T	S	2	MIGHTEST (16C)
BRASS (9D)	3	D	D	E	E	A	C	E	A	I	V	I	E	H	T	3	MOCKED (9I)
CAUSED (3H)	4	D	E	E	E	V	S	I	L	U	C	L	A	H	R	4	NEW ROPES (16D)
DAILY (5M)	5	O	P	M	L	M	U	T	S	N	S	V	R	D	E	5	OCCUPIED (14G)
DELILAH (12A)	6	I	A	O	W	W	C	S	E	Y	E	E	G	A	N	6	PRISON HOUSE (15J)
DEPARTED (6B)	7	T	R	I	O	O	A	N	C	N	A	R	D	S	G	7	SHAVEN (7I)
DRIED (14N)	8	D	T	C	O	R	M	R	I	D	E	R	U	P	T	8	SILVER (2K)
ENTICE (8H)	9	E	E	M	B	D	T	A	T	E	G	D	O	O	H	9	SLEEP (4C)
EYES (6I)	10	L	D	I	D	S	E	E	N	K	M	F	B	A	N	10	STRENGTH (5N)
FASTENED (5G)	11	I	N	G	P	E	R	W	E	C	S	E	I	C	O	11	THREAD (8I)
FETTERS (11K)	12	L	R	H	I	U	I	N	T	O	A	T	H	I	A	12	VALLEY OF SOREK (1B)
FIRE (13M)	13	A	N	T	S	T	C	F	I	M	F	T	T	F	E	13	WOMAN (9G)
GREEN WITHS (12F)	14	H	E	E	H	N	T	C	H	I	D	E	I	R	D	14	WORDS (6E)
KNEES (10F)	15	R	E	S	U	O	H	N	O	S	I	R	P	T	Y	15	
	16	T	H	T	N	E	W	R	O	P	E	S	R	E	E	16	
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