

HOME connection

OT Unit: Mercy in the Midst of Disobedience, Lesson 4

D6 Family Theme:
GOD CAN USE FLAWED PEOPLE

Objectives:

Know: Samson's patterns of sin and lust led to the Spirit leaving him, taking away his strength. God later used Samson again when he cried out to God.

Think: Maintain a mindset of humble obedience and dependence on God.

Do: Stay in close fellowship with God by confessing sin daily and avoiding sinful patterns.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Judges 16:1-31. While mankind is often quick to cast aside or look over flawed people, God specializes in forgiving them, blessing them, and using them in spite of their faults.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Confess and repent of sin daily in order to avoid sinful patterns. Pray with your family that God will reveal the sinful patterns in your life so you can better stay in tune with God.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: Samson told Delilah the secret to the strength that God gave him. Because of his patterns of sin, God's Spirit left him and took his strength away. Later, Samson cried out to God, and God used him to destroy many Philistines and their temple. Talk with your children about the many other examples in the Bible where God used flawed people (e.g. Rahab, Jacob, Leah, David, Jonah, Peter). You can even include some modern-day examples that God uses despite their flaws. Explain to them that even though we sin and make mistakes, God can still use us in His plan to further His kingdom.

Option 2: Read a portion of Hebrews 11, perhaps verses 4-7. Ask your family to stop you every time you mention an individual that had known flaws. Each time they stop you, allow them to share the flaws of the individual (i.e., Abraham doubted God and rushed His plan). After spending some time doing this, ask the following question: *What lessons can we learn from this exercise?* (God specializes in using broken people; God's grace is greater than our flaws.)

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned there were too many Midianite soldiers to count. But Gideon and the 300 men followed God's unusual instructions, and they defeated the Midianites. Gideon obeyed God and trusted His plan. Just like Gideon, **I Can Trust in God.**



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE

Today your student learned how God uses flawed people as he or she studied the story of Samson. God had chosen him to rescue Israel from the Philistines, but Samson continually made wrong choices. But, in spite of those wrong choices, God did use Samson to accomplish His goal.



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens discussed the pattern of bondage sin leads us down, but learned we can find grace and forgiveness when we recognize these patterns, repent of them, and turn to God. They saw that God's grace is greater than our sin, and that He wants to use us regardless of our past. Remind your teen that God wants to use him or her to do great things.



YOUNG
ADULT

Group members studied the damage that sin can cause in our lives but were reminded that God gives grace and forgiveness and can use flawed people.



ADULT

This week, *FUSION* groups considered the life of Samson and how, despite what many may think, God specializes in forgiving, blessing, and using flawed people for His glory in spite of their faults.