



# Samson Receives Strength From God

Judges 15:9-16; 16:4-30



**Bible Point:** God gives us gifts to serve him.



**Key Verse:** "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

Use the following activities to further the application of this week's lesson in the lives of your family members.

## Discussion Starters

### Preschoolers

- Why do you think God made each of us different from everyone else?
- What do you like best about yourself?

### Elementary Students

- What do you enjoy doing the most?
- When you think about how God has created you the way you are—different from everybody else—how do you feel?

### Youth

- Is it possible to use your God-given gifts to accomplish sinful things? Why or why not? Explain your answer.
- What kinds of risks do people have to take sometimes to develop their God-given gifts when it seems as if everybody else wants them to pursue a different path?

## Talk Topics

- Talk about the ways in which your gifts differ from those of your family members and your friends.
- Discuss someone mentioned in the news who seems to be using his or her gifts in the wrong ways.
- Tell a story about you or someone else in your family who had to make a choice concerning a God-given gift and what happened as a result.
- Discuss with family members ways they could better support one another's gifts.
- Talk about day-to-day ways in which family members use their God-given gifts. Be specific, but be careful not to judge one gift as being better than another.

## Through the Week

Use the following passages to explore additional biblical insights about trusting God.

Monday—Romans 6:23

Tuesday—Acts 1:4-8

Wednesday—Proverbs 25:14

Thursday—Romans 12:4-8

Friday—Ephesians 6:7-8

Saturday—Luke 22:27

## Daily Challenge<sup>®</sup>

- If you're not sure about the gifts God has given you, set up a time to talk with your pastor, another leader in your group or church, or a Christian who works in human resources and administers standardized personality tests. Or do an online search for a spiritual gifts assessment.
- Think of three ways you could use your gifts this week to serve three people. Then do it!
- Think about how you can develop your gifts. Maybe there's a leadership role you could fill, a service project you could get involved in, or just an opportunity to give another servant a breather for a week. Take that next step.
- Set aside a time when family members can use their God-given gifts in fun ways. Family members could bake a cake from scratch, write a poem, or sing a song. Show appreciation for each family member and his or her gifts. One way to do this would be for each family member to create something to give to the other family members, using a God-given gift or skill.