Family School Devotion Guide

Biblical Events Series: Lesson 2: Samson’s Strange Weapon

* The text for this week’s devotion will be Judges chapter 15.
* In order to help prepare everyone for devotions it might be a good idea to start with a song, testimonies, or prayer.
* This week’s missionary family is the Truel family. They are missionaries in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Bro. Daren Truel is travelling between Haiti and the U.S. right now and has asked that we pray for his safety. He will be taking church groups into Haiti for various kinds of missions trip as well as leading teams of Christian Doctors on humanitarian relief projects.

Questions from the scriptures (Judges 15):

1. How many foxes did Samson catch?
2. What did Samson do with the foxes?
3. What did the Philistines do in retaliation?
4. Why did the men of Judah come to Samson?
5. What did Samson make the men of Judah promise him?
6. What did the men of Judah bind Samson with?
7. When the Spirit of the Lord fell on Samson, what happened to the cords?
8. What did Samson find to fight with?
9. How many men did Samson kill?
10. What did Samson do with the weapon when the fight was over.

More questions for discussion:

1. What do you think Samson’s friends thought when the Philistines showed up to fight?
2. Why do you think the men of Israel brought 3,000 men with them to capture Samson?
3. Why do you think Samson made the men of Israel promise to deliver him to the Philistines instead of killing him?
4. What do you think the Bible means when it says “The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him”?
5. What does the Bible mean when it says the cords became as “flax that was burnt with fire”?
6. What do you think the difference in the new jawbone and an old jawbone is?
7. In verse 16, what do you think Samson was talking about when he said “heap upon heaps”.?
8. In verse 17, Samson calls the place of the battle “Ramathlehi”. See if you can find a definition of that word.

Mind Games: Look up each scripture reference given, then, beginning with the first word, count the number of words provided and write down that word to reveal another verse of scripture. Then use your concordance to find the scripture reference for the new verse.

* 16th word of Matthew 4:4
* 13th word of Ezekiel 5:14
* 15th word of 1Samuel 4:17
* 33rd word of Revelation 17:14
* 5th word of John 3:16
* 9th word of Ecclesiastes 7:17
* 3rd word of Psalm 65:5
* 22nd word of Matthew 22:32
* 5th word of Romans 10:13
* 16th word of Galatians 1:4
* 4th word of Mark 5:15
* 12th word of 1Corrinthians 1:27
* 5th word of John 3:16
* 7th word of Proverbs 14:35

Word Scramble: Unscramble the following words. All words are found in Judges chapter 15.

1. soCdr 2. hteiniiPlss 3. elahurgSt  4. udhaJ 5. elvDire 6. ckoR 7. odunB 8. tyilhiMg 9. lxaF 10. owJaben