



**Mustard Seed Children's Summary for January 25, 2009
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"Getting Ready for a Deliverer"

Background Scripture: Judges 13.

Lesson Text: Judges 13:1–13, 24.

Memory Verse: "Thou shalt conceive, and bear a son;...and he shall begin to deliver Israel" (Judges 13:5).

Judges 13:1–13, 24

- 1** And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.
- 2** And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.
- 3** And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.
- 4** Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:
- 5** For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.
- 6** Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:
- 7** But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.
- 8** Then Manoah entreated the Lord, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.
- 9** And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.
- 10** And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.
- 11** And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am.
- 12** And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?
- 13** And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.
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- 24** And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him

TEACHER'S NOTES

The story of Samson's birth provides a delightful and encouraging look at the eternal plan and foreknowledge of God. The Lord anticipated a need far in advance of Samson's birth. He prepared every individual He wanted to use in the solution.

Samson's special endowment would be his physical strength. "What can I do well?" is a good question for every believer to ask. Each ability is there not by chance but by God's direct plan. And it will not do to say, "I have no gift" (cf. 1 Cor. 12:7). Let us place each God-given ability back into the Lord's hands to use as He pleases and then watch for opportunities to exercise it.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that long before He uses them, our wise God equips people for the work He has for them to do.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

God, who knows all things, knows what kind of help people need and will need. God makes ready in advance the very kind of people He wants to use in the future. God wants us to say yes to His plans for us.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson, find pictures or draw stick figures of a large crowd of Israelites, Manoah, an angel, Manoah's wife, a baby, and make a sign reading "God knows" (which also will be used in Telling How to Live).

For Helping to Remember, provide each student with a half sheet of light green construction paper, safety scissors (blunt tip), and an assortment of crayons.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Ben's family was going to Grandma's house. They would be gone six days. Dad got ready by telling the people at the post office not to bring mail for a while. Mom got ready by telling the newspaper people to stop leaving papers. Ben got ready by asking his friend Jim to take care of the dog. Everybody got ready by packing suitcases.

People get ready so that the right thing will happen when the time comes. The Lord gets people ready for what He wants to happen too. Listen.

TELLING THE LESSON

God's people were in big trouble, and it was all their own fault. (Show crowd.) The Lord had told them, "If you do the good and right things I tell you to do, I will make good things happen." But I am sorry to say that most of the people did not listen. They did just what they wanted to do.

That is why, instead of the good things that God wanted to do for them, in came their mean enemies, the Philistines. Now *they* were telling God's people what they could do. *They* made the rules. Besides that, they just took anything they wanted. It was not a happy time, and this unhappy time went on and on and on. Of course, the Lord always knows what is happening. (Show "God knows.") He always knows what to do, and when He thought the sad time had gone on long enough, He sent an angel with some news. (Show angel.)

One of God's people was named Manoah, and one day the angel came; to his wife. (Show Manoah's wife.) The angel said, "You have never had any children, but you will have a baby boy. He will be God's boy and God's man in a special way. He will start saving God's people from the Philistines." Then the angel told her what she had to do to take care of herself and the baby before he was born.

Of course she told Manoah the news. (Show Manoah.) "A man who looked like an angel came to me," she said. So Manoah prayed and said, "O Lord, please send him back so that he can teach us how to take care of this child."

Manoah's wife was doing something out in the field on another day when the angel did come back. (Show angel.) This time she ran to get Manoah. (Show Manoah.)

"Are you the man who was here before?" Manoah asked.

"I am," the angel told him. "Then let what you said happen," Manoah said. That was his way of saying yes to what God wanted them to do. "Please tell us how we should teach this child."

The angel told them to do what he had said before because their baby would be God's boy and God's man in a special way. (Show baby.)

They named their baby Samson, and they took care of him the way the angel had said. They did things God's way, and Samson grew up to be a very strong man.

The Bible tells us that God knows everything. (Show "God knows.") He knew that someday His people would need a strong man to set them free from their enemies. God wanted Samson to be that man, and God told Manoah and his wife to help get Samson ready. I am glad they said yes to what the Lord wanted.

It is exciting to think that before people are born, God knows just what work He wants them to do.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Boys and girls, the Lord has some-thing special for you to do for Him too someday. You do not know yet what that special work is, but He knows. (Show "God knows.") Did you know that right now He is getting you ready? Will you be like Manoah and his wife and say a happy yes to whatever God wants you to do? (Teacher, lead in prayer.)

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Ask the children, "In our Bible lesson today, whom did God use to get done what He wanted?" (Manoah, his wife, Samson.) "Whom does God want to use today?" (Wait for the answer "Me.") Tell them to draw these four people, using four different colors.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"Thou shalt conceive and bear a son; . . . and he shall begin to deliver Israel" (Judges 13:5).

God sent an angel to tell the woman in our Bible lesson, "You will have a baby, and the baby will be a boy." Then he told her he would set God's people free from their enemies.

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LESSON ACTIVITIES:

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years." JUDGES 13:1 **TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

2. "Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had (**MANY, NO**) children." JUDGES 13:2

3. "And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, 'Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a (**SON, DAUGHTER**).' "JUDGES 13:3

TRUE OR FALSE:

4. He also said, "Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat any unclean thing." JUDGES 13:4 **TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

5. "No razor shall come upon his head, for the child is a Nazirite to (**GOD, MEN**) from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." JUDGES 13:5

6. "Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, 'O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and (**TEACH, SHOW**) us what we shall do for the child who will be born.' " JUDGES 13:8

TRUE OR FALSE:

7. "So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, 'Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.' " JUDGES 13:13 **TRUE OR FALSE**

FILL IN THE BLANK:

8. "So the woman bore a son and called his name _____." JUDGES 13:24
"Getting Ready for a Deliverer" PUZZLE Judges 13:1-13, 24

Y J F S U J I N P D B D U B E
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ANGEL
 BLESSED
 HUSBAND
 NAZARITE
 SON

APPEARED
 EVIL
 ISRAEL
 PASS
 WIFE

BEWARE
 FORTY
 LORD
 PHILISTINES

14 of 14 words were placed into the puzzle.

"Getting Ready for a Deliverer" Solution

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(Over,Down,Direction)

ANGEL(11,2,W)

APPEARED(12,8,N)

BEWARE(13,2,S)

BLESSED(1,5,E)

EVIL(1,3,E)

FORTY(11,7,NW)

HUSBAND(1,7,SE)

ISRAEL(7,1,SW)

LORD(14,9,N)

NAZARITE(5,9,NE)

PASS(2,9,NE)

PHILISTINES(14,11,NW)

SON(15,6,S)

WIFE(9,8,SE)