

SUNDAY SCHOOL SKIT - APRIL 14, 2024

SAMSON AND DELILAH PT. 1

AUDIO SERVICES:

This group needs 6 handheld mics

CAST COUNT:

You will need 6 main characters

CAST:

Group of 4 Philistine leaders

Samson

Delilah

(Group of Philistine leaders walks out to center stage)

Leader 1: This Samson is a threat! Did you hear that he is the one who set our corn fields on fire?

Leader 2: He also burned up the vineyards and olives.

Leader 3: And let's not forget – he killed 1,000 men with the jawbone of a donkey. He is an army of one!

Leader 4: He must be stopped! With the strength he has, he can overthrow our rule and bring the Israelites back into power. We have to find out where his strength lies.

Leader 1: And how do we do that?

Leader 2: We need someone who can find out his secret – *(snaps fingers)* we need a woman!

Leader 3: There is a woman in the valley of Sorek – her name is Delilah, and I hear she can make a man tell his deepest secrets.

Leader 4: Let's go talk to her. *(they all exit)*

(All leaders enter from stage left. Delilah enters from stage right)

Leader 1: Delilah?

Delilah: Yes...

Leader 1: Delilah, there is no one in all the land who can match your beauty. There is no man who can withstand your charms. We need you to use your beauty for a noble cause - to save our country!

Leader 2: There is a man named Samson – he has the strength of 1000 men. We need you to seduce and entice him and find out what it will take to bind him. Find out where his strength lies so we can prevail against him and we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.

Delilah: It will be like taking candy from a baby.

(All exit. Samson comes in and sits down in a chair on stage right. Delilah comes in, walks around Samson, flattering him.)

Delilah: Heeeyyyyyy Samson... You are so handsome...so good looking...and so STRONG. Tell me where your strength lies – is there anything that can bind you?

Samson: If they bind me with branches that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

Delilah: Hmm...branches...that's interesting. *(pauses)* Look, it's getting late. Why don't you relax and make yourself comfortable? I'll be right back.

(Samson leans back and closes his eyes. Philistine leaders come in on stage left. Delilah runs over to stage left)

Delilah: I need 7 branches that have never been dried. I told you it would be easy. Come on so you can get him. He's taking a nap.

Leader 1: Here are the branches.

Delilah: Meet me in a few minutes. *(she goes in to tie Samson with the branches. The leaders hide)* Samson, Samson! The Philistines are upon thee!

Samson: *(shakes himself, then breaks the branches)*

(Leaders run off)

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SAMSON AND DELILAH PT. 2

AUDIO SERVICES:

This group needs 3 handheld mics

CAST COUNT:

You will need 3 main characters

CAST:

Group of 4 Philistine leaders (only one speaks)

Samson

Delilah

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

(Samson and Delilah walk out to stage right)

Delilah: Samson, why did you do me like that? Now I'm embarrassed – you have made a fool of me. Tell me your secret. How can you be bound?

Samson: If they bind me with new ropes, I will be weak and I will be like any other man.

Delilah: Hmm...new ropes? Just sit here and relax for a few minutes. I'll be right back.

(Delilah walks to stage left. Leaders come in)

Leader 1: Here you go – new rope! We've got him for sure now.

Delilah: I'm going to tie him up – come in, in about a minute or two.

(Philistine leaders move closer in on stage left. Delilah goes back to stage right and ties Samson)

Delilah: Samson! The Philistines are upon you!

(Samson breaks out of ropes. Leaders run off)

Delilah: Really, Samson?

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SAMSON AND DELILAH PT. 3

AUDIO SERVICES:

This group needs 3 handheld mics

CAST COUNT:

You will need 3 main characters

CAST:

Group of 4 Philistine leaders (only one speaks)

Samson

Delilah

(Samson walks out to stage right)

Delilah *(pleading)*: Samson, you are breaking my heart. You've mocked me...lied to me. Now, please tell me the truth. How can you be bound? I really, really want to know.

Samson: If they weave my hair with the web, I will be weak and I will be like any other man.

Delilah: Okay. Now, just sit here and relax for a few minutes. I'll be right back.

(Delilah walks to stage left. Leaders come in)

Leader 1: This one is on you, Delilah – weave his hair into the fabric on the loom and fasten it securely with a pin.

Delilah: Okay, give me a couple of minutes.

(Philistine leaders move closer in on stage left. Delilah goes back to stage right and pretends to weave his hair)

Delilah:. Samson! The Philistines are upon you!

(Samson breaks free. Leaders run off)

Delilah:. *(stands there with arms folded – she is too through)*

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SAMSON AND DELILAH PT. 4

AUDIO SERVICES:

This group needs 3 handheld mics

CAST COUNT:

You will need 3 main characters

CAST:

Group of 4 Philistine leaders

Samson

Delilah

Haircutter

Narrator

(Samson walks out to stage right)

Delilah *(pleading)*: Samson, how can you say you love me when you won't confide in me? You've lied to me 3 times and haven't told me the secret of your great strength.

Narrator: Delilah prodded Samson with such nagging day after day until he was sick to death of it. So he told her everything.

Samson: "No razor has ever been used on my head because I have been a Nazirite dedicated to God from my mother's womb. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man."

Delilah: Now, I know you have told me everything. Why don't you lean back and get some rest. I'll be right back.

(Delilah walks to stage left. Leaders come in)

Delilah: Finally, he has told me his secret! He is a Nazirite and will lose all of his strength if we cut his hair...so come now, he is sleeping.

(Philistine leaders and haircutter follow Delilah as she goes back to stage right where Samson is sleeping)

(Haircutter cuts his hair)

Delilah: Samson! The Philistines are upon you!

Narrator: Samson tried to shake himself as he did in the past, but the Lord was not with him. Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison.

Samson: Ahhhhh...*(rubbing his back and arms)* Grinding grain all day has given me a lot of time to think about decisions I've made. My mother tried to warn me...my father too. If I had only listened to them instead of always wanting strange women from outside of our people. Who you connect with really does matter. I gave in to temptation...I played with fire over and over and I got burned.

God gave me chances to change my ways and see what could become of this situation – but I didn't want to see it. And this is the price I have to pay. *(rubbing his head)* But guess what? My hair is growing back!

Narrator: Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands." While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars, Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them."

Samson: "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."

Narrator: Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.