

Toughest Hombre

## The Toughest Hombre in the West [ Samson]



### Suggested Props to Use:

- † White mop-head [ as wig for Delilah]
- † Long-haired wig for Samson

### Method of Presentation:

Switch back and forth with changed voices an animated conversation between Samson and Delilah switching wigs back and forth. The kids will be tied up in knots in laughter and on the edge of their seats. This is a presentation they will NOT forget.

### Message:

*Judges 13:24-25 "And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaal."*

In the old Western movies, a man was a real man if he knew how to fight well. He had to be tough, but most importantly, he had to be stronger and more powerful than everyone around him. Now I know that the movies were not true to the real West, but just think about what it would be like if they really were. Would I do well in the old West? I'm kinda small. I'm not known for having the fastest gun. My greatest qualities are that I'm handsome and smart☺.

However, while I was reading Judges 13 thru 16, *I realized that I am more powerful than Samson.*

God picked Samson to be judge over Israel before he was born. Just like your parents had big dreams for you before you were born.

*Judges 13: 3-5 "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. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from his womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."*

The angel of the Lord told his mother that he would be special, a Nazarite. That meant that Samson was supposed to be a "Super Christian" type example to everyone around him. The Nazarite was to live a super separated life during the time of his Nazarite vows. Samson was called of God before he was born, but did he live the kind of life that the angel of the Lord described? He spent most of his life trying to satisfy himself rather than be the godly example that he should be, and after he judged Israel for 20 years he ended up defeated and wondering if God even remembered who he was.

The Bible says:

*Judges 14:6 "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him"*

And because of that he began to get full of himself. This next verse shows that he is headed in the wrong direction:

*Judges 14:1 "And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines:"*

Notice how God's Word says he went "DOWN". Any time you get consumed with doing your own will, you are "going down", both spiritually and physically.

Samson thought that his desires would make him happy and content, but instead he frustrated himself, robbed himself of his strength, and lost his eye sight. And not only that, he also hurt and frustrated the whole nation of Israel. God's spirit was on him from his birth, but he used it improperly.

*Judges 13:25 "And the spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol."*

Samson's motto was "If it feels good, do it": in today's terms NIKE puts it this way "Just Do It". Don't worry about right or wrong, don't consider whether it will hurt someone else "Just Do It". We live in a time when the TV and our surroundings teach us that we deserve a life of having and getting whatever we want. But in reality, God has given us the power to be an influence on others. We need to remember that we have a responsibility to fulfill God's desires and that is more important than fulfilling the lusts of our flesh.

Samson gambled, killed people just because he would get mad, and he had a bad habit of chasing the wrong kind of girls. He met Delilah and really liked her because she was some kind of fine looking girl. He didn't care what her heart looked like. He was handsome and all muscles, he deserved a beautiful looking girlfriend. Watch out, "Beauty is only skin deep". Delilah was in cahoots with the rest of the Philistines to betray his strength- 3 times. He was really dumb!



**Delilah Speaks**

Let me illustrate this story for you. It is found in [Judges 16:4-30](#).

### **Suggested Illustrated Dialogue & Commentary between Samson and Delilah:**

*Samson and Delilah Dialogue spoken with Samson in a deep voice and portrayed by wearing a wig with long hair. Delilah in a southern bell voice portrayed by wearing a mop-head; switching the two back and forth:*

*Samson went to the valley of Sorek to visit his girlfriend Delilah. He'd get all cleaned up; dressed up and go to her house. What he didn't know was that she had made a deal with the Philistines to find out what made him so strong so she was just leading him on so she would get paid by the enemy:*

- S: *[knock knock] Delilah, Honey, it's your strong and handsome man, Samson.*  
D: *Oh come in Samson Sugar You just come over here and sit on the couch and take your shoes off, and make yourself at home. I've got supper cooking in the oven.*  
S: *Oh yeah, Delilah; I have walked a long ways over here; I think I will relax.*  
D: *Samson, honey, couldn't you just tell little ole me why you are so strong?*  
S: *Well Delilah that's something that's a secret!*  
D: *Oh boo-hoo you don't trust me ! boo-hoo boo-hoo.*  
S: *Well, if you promise not to tell.*  
D: *Oh, I'll NEVER tell, Sugar!*  
S: *If you bind my hands with seven little green withs [that's new cords] then I will be helpless as a kitten, Honey.*  
D: *Oh Samson why don't you just relax here and take a nap on the couch while I finish up supper.*

*Delilah tells the Philistines what he said; while he sleeps on the couch they bind his hands with the green cords. Then they hide in the kitchen.*

- D: *Samson, Samson, get up honey, THE ENEMY IS AT THE DOOR, SUGAR!*



**Samson's Long Hair**

*Samson jumps to his feet and pulls his hands apart and the cords are broken all at once. He sees the Philistines coming at him, He picks up one Philistine and throws him out the door. He picks up another Philistine and swings him around and around and throws him against the wall. He picks up a third Philistine and throws him out the window.*

D. Samson you have made a fool out of me; you just go home now. Don't you come back.

Samson goes home, but he can't get this girl off of his mind. She's wicked, she's fooled him once and let the enemy in the door on him. But he just can't get her out of his head. So just like most sins; he goes back for more.

S: [knock, knock] Oh Delilah Honey, It's your Samson man. Please let me in.

D. Well, I don't know; last time you were here you didn't tell me the truth.

S: AH, now Honey, you now I love you.

D: I am the laughing stock of the whole town. Every in town knows you told me a lie.

S; I can't tell you why I am so strong, Delilah, that's one thing I can't tell you.

D. Boohoo, boohoo, you don't love me; if you loved me you'd tell me what makes you so strong

S: Now, Delilah, don't cry honey, I'll tell you

D: YOU WILL ???!

S: Yes, yes, Delilah, if you bind me with new ropes that have never been used before, then I will be as weak as a little kitten.

D: Oh I knew it, I knew it, I knew you would trust me! Now you just sit here on the couch; watch a little football on the TV, and I will go fix you some popcorn and hot chocolate.

Samson falls asleep on the couch. Delilah runs out the back door to the Philistines and says:

WE'VE GOT HIM THIS TIME!

The Philistines come in and tie him up with the ropes. Delilah wakes him up.

D: Samson, Samson, the ENEMY IS AT THE DOOR SUGAR !

Samson jumps to his feet and pulls his hands apart and the ropes are broken all at once. He sees the Philistines coming at him, He picks up one Philistine and throws him out the door. He picks up another Philistine and swings him around and around and throws him against the wall. He picks up a third Philistine and throws him out the window

Samson stomps out the door; slams the door and goes home.

Samson goes home, but he can't get this girl off of his mind. She's wicked; she's fooled him again and let the enemy in the door on him. But he just can't get her out of his head. So just like most sins; he goes back for more.

This time when she asks, well, you'd think he'd be catching on by now wouldn't you? But he tells her that if his hair is weaved into a weaver's beam [that's the long board that was used to make cloth; rugs; tapestry; etc] that he will loose his strength. OH BE CAREFUL NOW SAMSON.....you are getting CLOSER to the truth about your strength. The enemy is getting close to taking your power.

The same scenario plays out again. Delilah gets him to relax; he falls asleep; she weaves his long hair into the beam; she goes for the Philistines and .....

D: Samson, Samson, the ENEMY IS AT THE DOOR SUGAR !

Samson jumps to his feet and swings his head around with the weaver's beam in his hair. He sees the Philistines coming at him, He starts toward the Philistine and this time the Philistine runs out the door. He turns to the next Philistine but this time the Philistine just runs into the wall. He turns to the third Philistine and he jumps out the window.

Now truly the scene is a bit exaggerated; we don't know ALL of the details, but we do know enough to know that Delilah was very angry with Samson and nagged him daily the Bible says, to tell her the source of his strength.

Then he gave in and told her about his hair. This time when she said:

D: Samson, Samson, the ENEMY IS AT THE DOOR SUGAR!

## Conclusion:

His hair was gone; his power with God was gone; His number was up. Eventually she wore him down, just like sin wears you down and we let the devil rob us of our power with God. Like Samson "Wist not that the Lord was departed" we go powerless for periods of time without even knowing it.

The Philistines cut his hair, robbed him of his strength, and put out his eyes. Maybe God was telling him that if you don't want to see the vision that I gave you for Israel, you don't need those eyes.

Has God got a calling for your life? Is there a vision or special set of goals that God wants you to accomplish in your life? Don't let the Philistines of this world rob that from you or you will end up like Samson.

Blinded by this world, you will feel useless, frustrated, and unable to see where to go. You may even look up to heaven and say, just like Samson, **“Remember me?”**, **“Remember me, God? You called me, but I went the wrong way. I'm afraid that you forgot me. Oh Lord God, remember me?”** I have watched some kids your age that asked Jesus to save them and begin to grow in the Lord, but something happened when they hit middle school or high school, they forgot the things that God called them to do so that they could fit into the crowd.

I've got bad news for you. Anyone called of God like Samson, will NEVER fit into the crowd. In fact anyone that is called of God “Period” is special like Samson was. God has offered you great power so that you can be the kind of testimony that He wants. You can lead others to Jesus Christ. Your way of living can help others find the way to real joy and happiness. Don't throw that away for some cheap thrills that don't last!

There are others in this room that say, “I never have known any power with God because I have never asked him to save me and forgive me. I have never repented of my sins.”

I have good news, you can get a counselor to show you how to be saved or I will be glad to talk to you at any time.