



An angel came to Manoah's wife, and told her that she was going to have a baby.

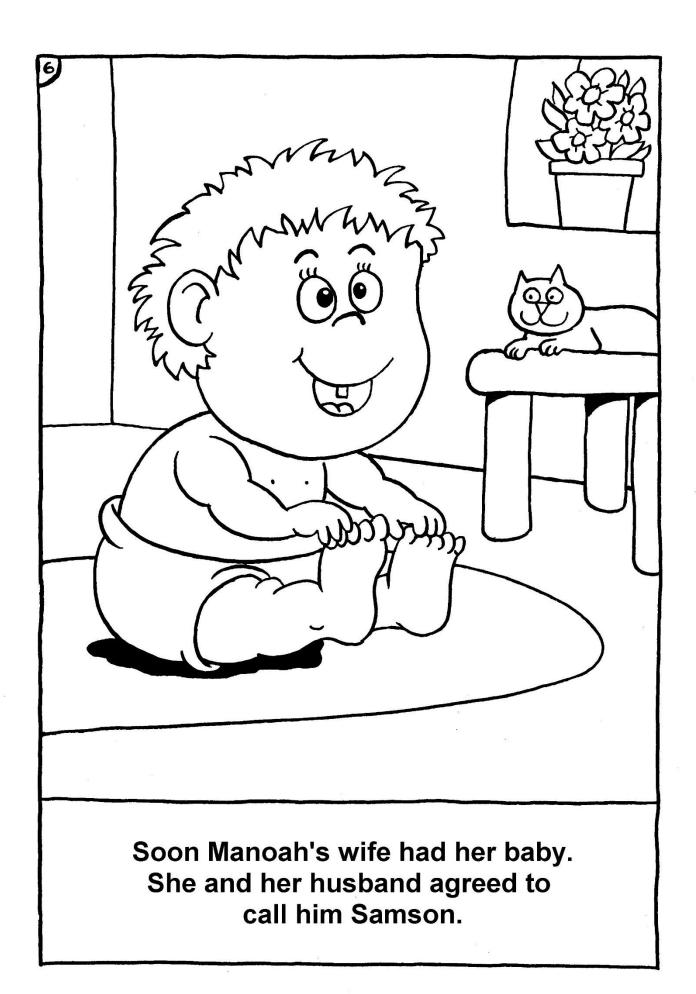


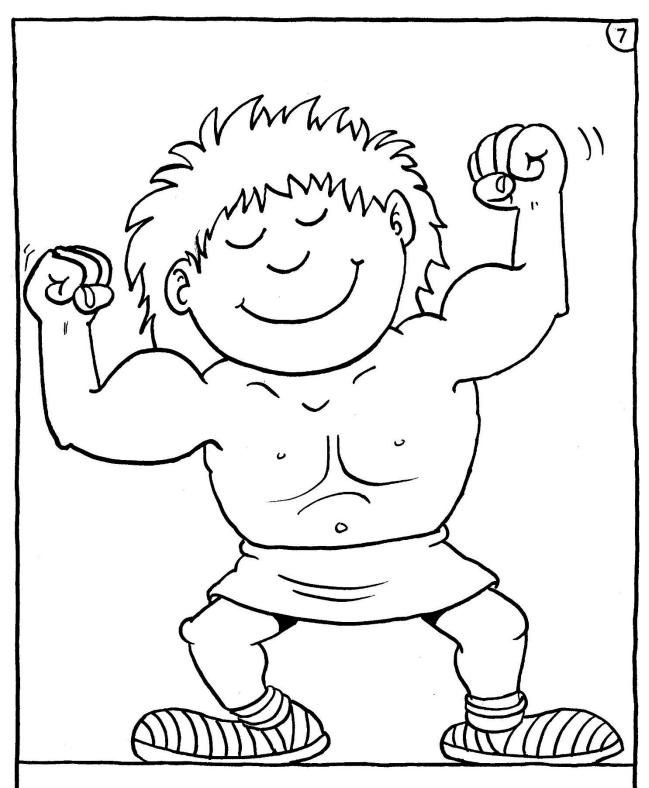


Later, the angel appeared again to Manoah and his wife. "Your child must drink no wine, stay away from unclean foods, and never cut his hair" said the angel.



Then the angel went up into the sky in the flames and smoke of an offering to God.





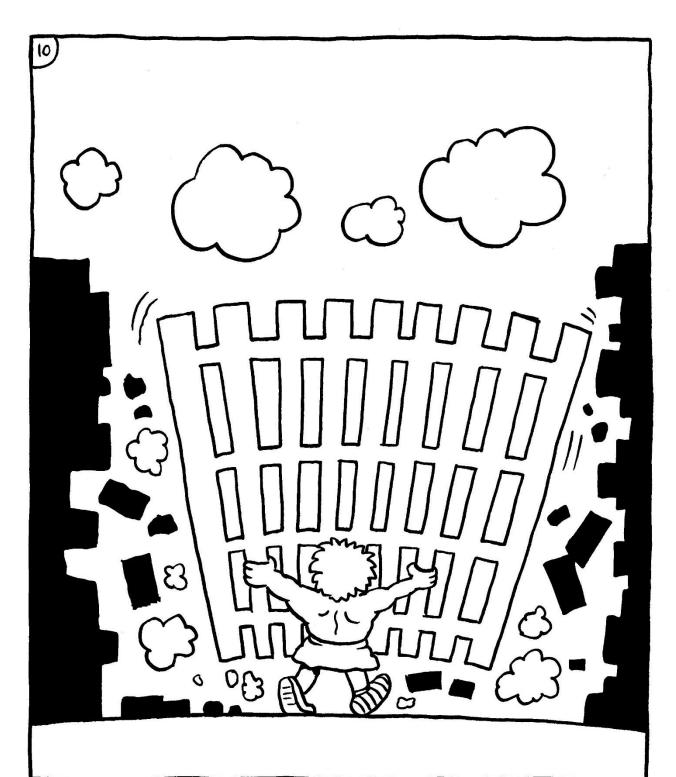
As Samson grew up,
God gave him great strength.
He was so strong nothing could hurt him.
He was the strongest man who ever lived!



One day he was out for a walk when he met a hungry lion.
The lion attacked, but Samson killed it with his bare hands!



Another time he was in a city when the enemy surrounded it.
They thought they had him trapped.



But Samson pulled the gates right out of the ground, and walked up a nearby hill with them!



Then one day Samson fell in love with a woman from the enemy nation.

Her name was Delilah.



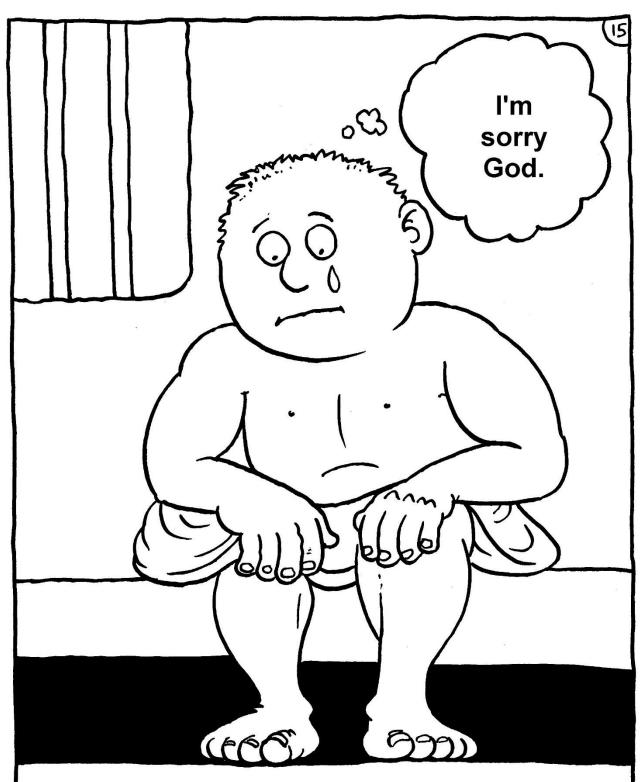
She tried to find out why Samson was so strong. She pestered and pestered him, until he finally told her.



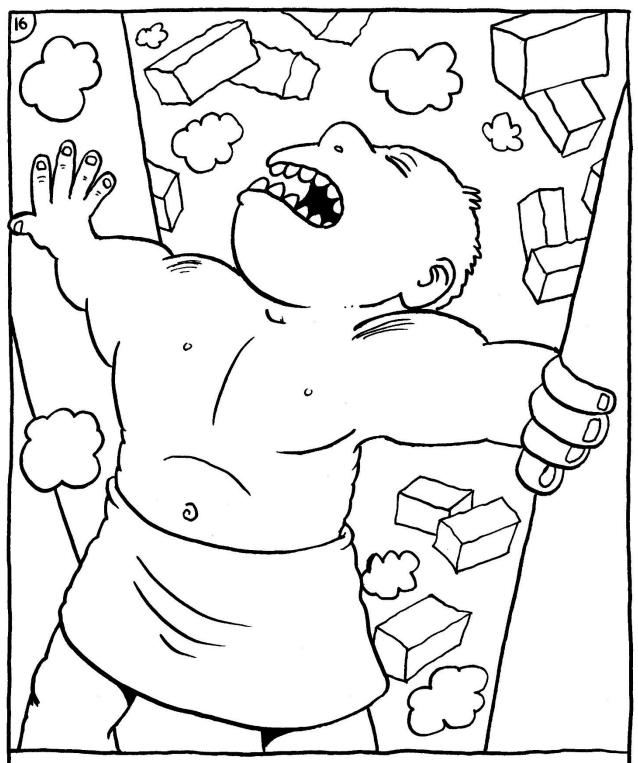
"I will become weak if my hair is cut," said Samson. Delilah waited until Samson was asleep, then she cut his hair.



When Samson woke up, he was weak, so the enemy soldiers caught him easily. He was taken prisoner and forced to live as a slave.



One day Samson was taken from prison and put on show in the enemy's temple. But Samson was sorry for the way he had behaved, so God forgave him.



With one mighty heave Samson got his revenge - but he died under the ruins, with his enemies.

(If you want to read the whole story, open a Bible and read from Judges chapter 13)