

Summary: Samson is specially chosen by God to save the Israelites, but he chooses bad friends and does not always obey God. His friends trick him, capture him and blind him. In the end he turns back to God.

Read Before: Judges 13-16; Patriarchs and Prophets p560; The Bible Story V3, p127

Aim: I should choose friends who will help me do what is right.

1. *What do I already know?* ☒ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☐ Do

Have someone give a short talk on athletes: include what they eat and how much they train.

Optional: Run a short training session / do some warming up exercises

2. *Tell story / give facts.* ☐ Listen / Talk ☒ See ☐ Do

Tell story with felts, DVD or props or act out

Quiz: about good and bad friends

3. *Review / how does it apply today?* ☐ Listen / Talk ☒ See ☒ Do

Optional: (For older children) Object lesson of how bad fruit will always make good fruit go bad too.

"Great Stories for Kids V3" has a good story about how to be a positive influence on your friends rather than letting them get you in trouble. See page 112 for the conclusion.

Craft: Chatterbox

4. *What can this become / what can we do?* ☒ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☒ Do

Optional: Rate your friends

Discuss: How should we treat people who are not good friends?

To Do List

Print:

- ☐ A MV colouring page for each child
- ☐ A program list for each teacher
- ☐ Chatter Box Craft.pdf or Chatter Box Craft – Easy.pdf
- ☐ Optional for younger children: Example Pics.pdf
- ☐ Friends Quiz.pdf cut into strips
- ☐ Rate My Friends.pdf and cut in half

Have:

- ☐ Pin board and thumb tacks for quiz
- ☐ Optional: one or two pieces of fruit or vegetables, one of which might be bad