The Story of Samson and Delilah
Samson and Delilah
Judges 15 — 16

Samson led Israel for 20 years. In those days the Philistines were in the land. Samson fell in love with Delilah. The Philistines said to her, "See if you can get him to tell you the secret of why he's so strong." So Delilah spoke to Samson. "Tell me the secret of why you are so strong."
Samson answered, “Let someone tie me with new ropes. I’ll become as weak as any man.” Delilah got new ropes. She tied him up. She called, “Samson! The Philistines are attacking you!” But he snapped the ropes off his arms.
Delilah said, “You have been telling me lies. Tell me how you can be tied up.” He replied, “Weave the seven braids of my hair on a loom. I’ll become weak.” So while Samson was sleeping, Delilah took the seven braids of his hair. She wove them into a loom. Again she called out, “Samson! The Philistines are attacking you!” He woke up. He pulled up the loom.
She continued to pester him until he was sick and tired of it. So he told her everything. "If you shave my head, I'll be as weak as any man."
Delilah got Samson to go to sleep on her lap. She called for someone to shave off his hair. And he wasn’t strong anymore.
Then the Philistines grabbed him. They poked his eyes out. They put chains on him. But his hair began to grow again.
The rulers of the Philistines were going to celebrate. They shouted, "Bring Samson out. Let him put on a show for us." So they had him stand near the two pillars that were in the middle of the temple. He prayed to the LORD, "Please make me strong just one more time." Samson reached toward the two pillars. Then he pushed with all of his might. The temple came down on the rulers. It fell on all of the people in it.