

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Twenty-First Week after Trinity is green.



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Jesus
believe
Nazirite
strength
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Israelites
Delilah
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sacrifice

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live
Samson
Philistines
secret
temple



What to listen for during the service?

When does God heal us during the worship service? What healing gifts does He give us?

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Gospel Reading: John 4:46-54

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." 49 The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." 53 The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. 54 This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did the man ask Jesus to do?
- 2) What did Jesus say to the man?
- 3) Did the man believe his son was healed when Jesus spoke the words? What did he do then?
- 4) Did the son get better?
- 5) It says the man believed and "all his household," what did they believe?
- 6) The son will eventually die even though Jesus healed him in this story, but will the son have eternal life in Jesus if he believes Jesus is his Savior?

People of the Bible: Samson

An angel came to Samson's mother, who didn't have any children yet, and told her she would have a boy that would be a Nazirite and begin to save the Israelites from the evil Philistines. The Lord worked in Samson as he grew up.

Samson was very strong and was able to destroy many Philistines. The Philistines wanted to kill Samson because he was so strong and fought so well. They decided to send a Philistine woman to him named Delilah to find out the secret of Samson's strength. Samson loved Delilah but didn't tell her the secret at first. Delilah found out that as a Nazirite, Samson had to keep his hair long. When Delilah found out that Samson's strength was in his hair, the Philistines came and cut his hair. They captured him, tied him up and made fun of him in front of the Philistine people. However, God kept His promise to Samson and gave him strength again. Samson tore down the pillars of the temple where they had tied him and killed thousands of Philistines. Samson died too when he destroyed the temple. Samson didn't always make the best decisions, but God still worked through him to destroy many Philistines who were enemies to God's people, the Israelites.

Draw a picture of Samson tearing down the pillars of the temple

