

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***SAMSON AND DELILAH /
SAMSON'S DEATH***

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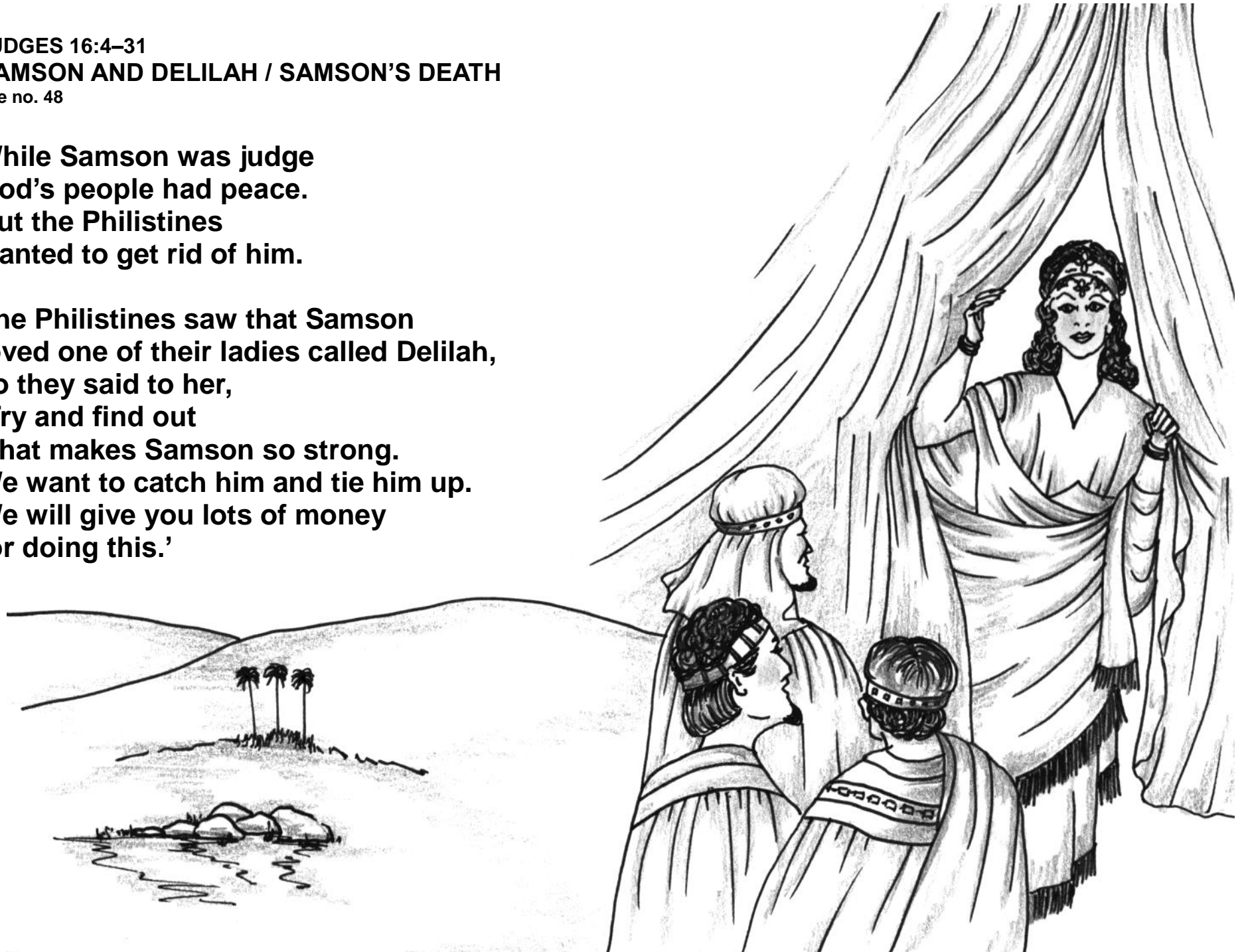
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JUDGES 16:4–31
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**While Samson was judge
God's people had peace.
But the Philistines
wanted to get rid of him.**

**The Philistines saw that Samson
loved one of their ladies called Delilah,
so they said to her,
'Try and find out
what makes Samson so strong.
We want to catch him and tie him up.
We will give you lots of money
for doing this.'**



**So Delilah asked Samson,
'Why are you so strong?
Is there a way you can be tied up
so you can't do anything?'**

**Samson said,
'If I am bound up
with seven new bowstrings
I will be weak like everyone else.'**



**Delilah bound Samson
with seven new bowstrings then said,
'Samson the Philistines are after you.'**

**Samson got up
and broke the bowstrings.
He had kept the secret of the strength
God had given him.**

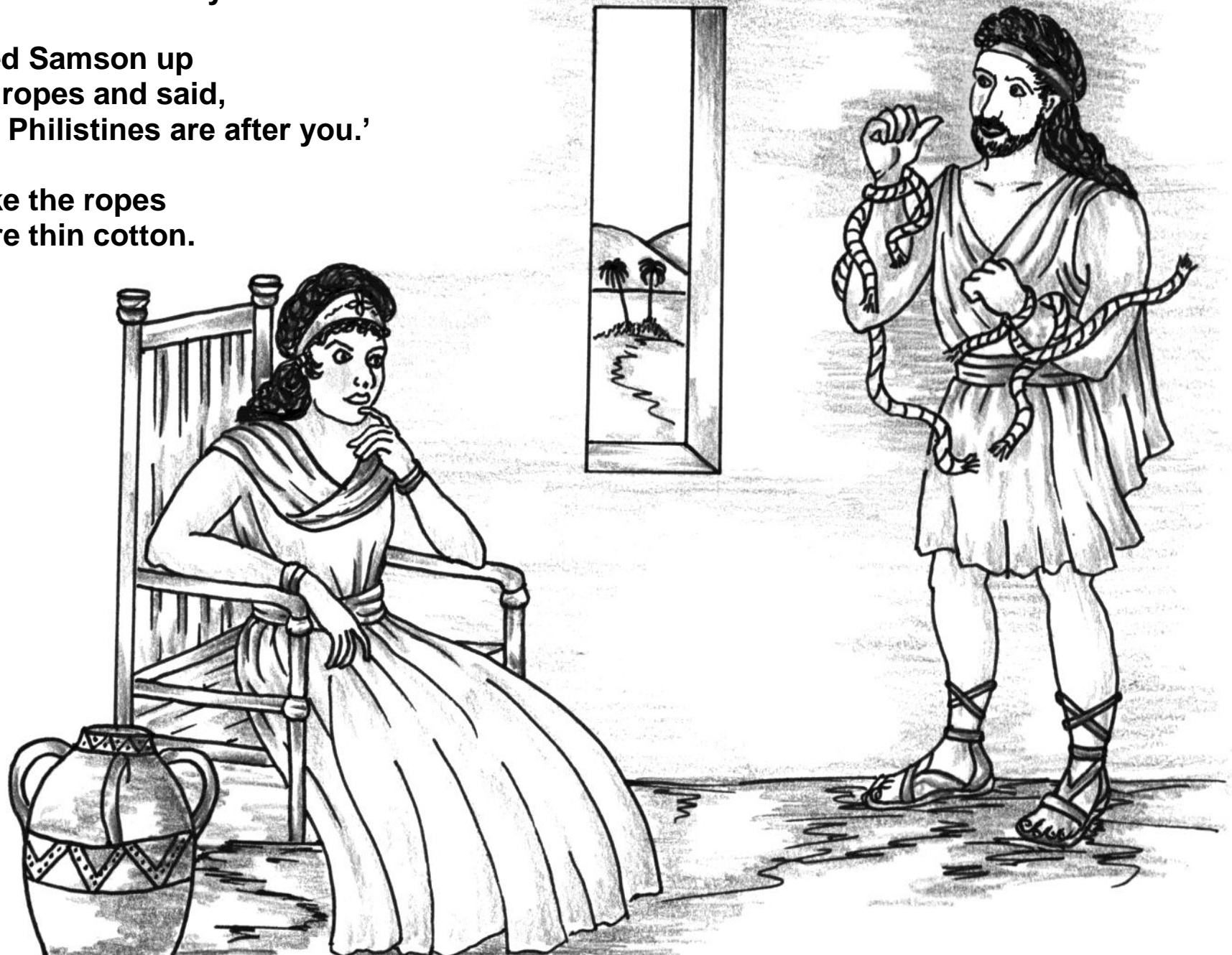
**Delilah said to Samson,
'You lied and made fun of me.
How can you be tied up?'**



Samson said, 'If you bind me in new ropes then I will be weak like everyone else.'

So Delilah tied Samson up with the new ropes and said, 'Samson, the Philistines are after you.'

Samson broke the ropes as if they were thin cotton.



**Delilah said to Samson,
'You have made me look silly
with your lies.
Tell me, how can you be tied up?'**

**Samson said,
'If my long hair is woven in a loom
and tied with a pin,
I will be weak like everyone else.'**

**So when Samson was asleep
Delilah wove his hair in her loom
and said,
'Samson, the Philistines are after you.'**

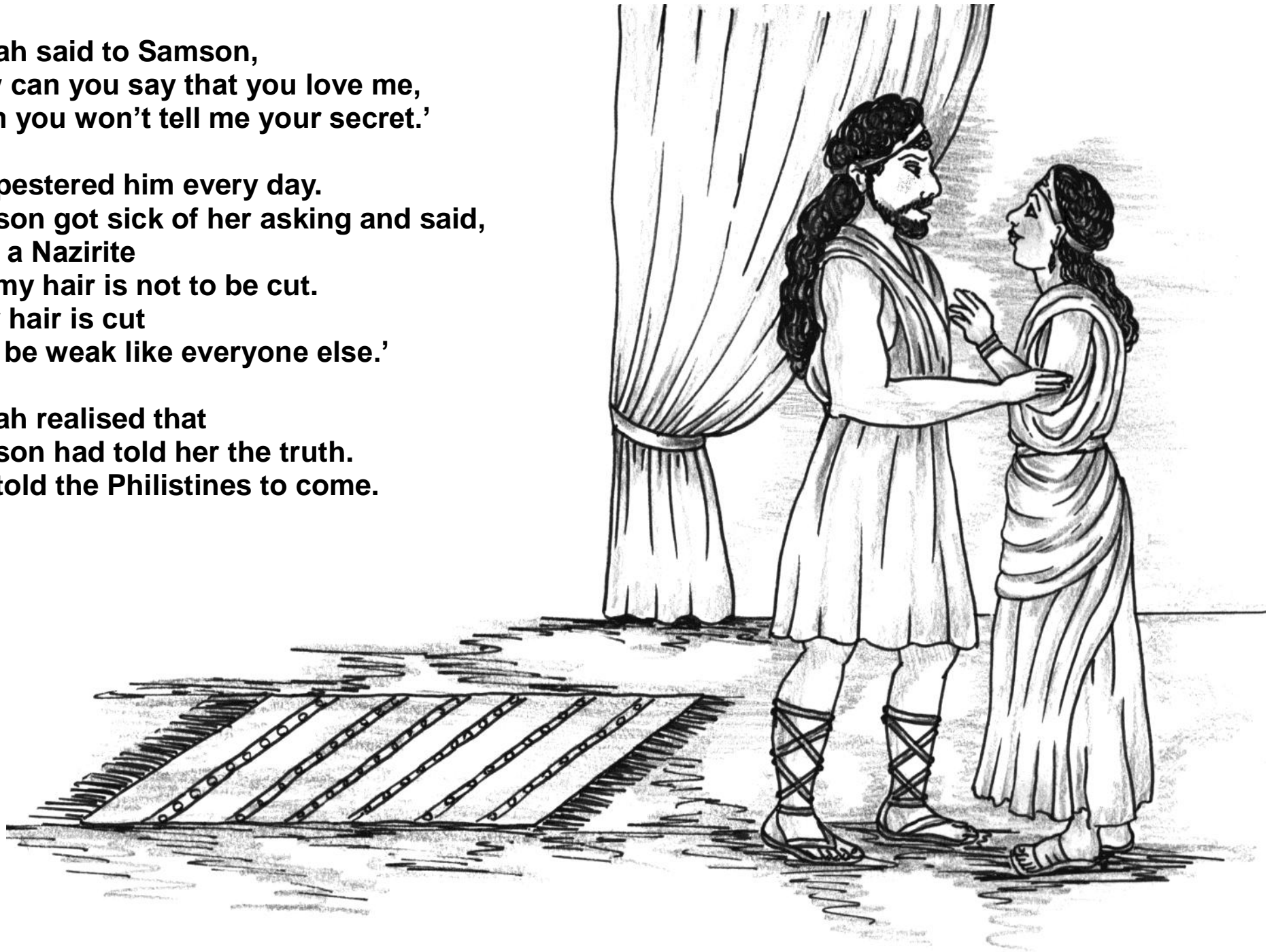
**Samson woke up
and pulled away the pin and loom.**



**Delilah said to Samson,
'How can you say that you love me,
when you won't tell me your secret.'**

**She pestered him every day.
Samson got sick of her asking and said,
'I am a Nazirite
and my hair is not to be cut.
If my hair is cut
I will be weak like everyone else.'**

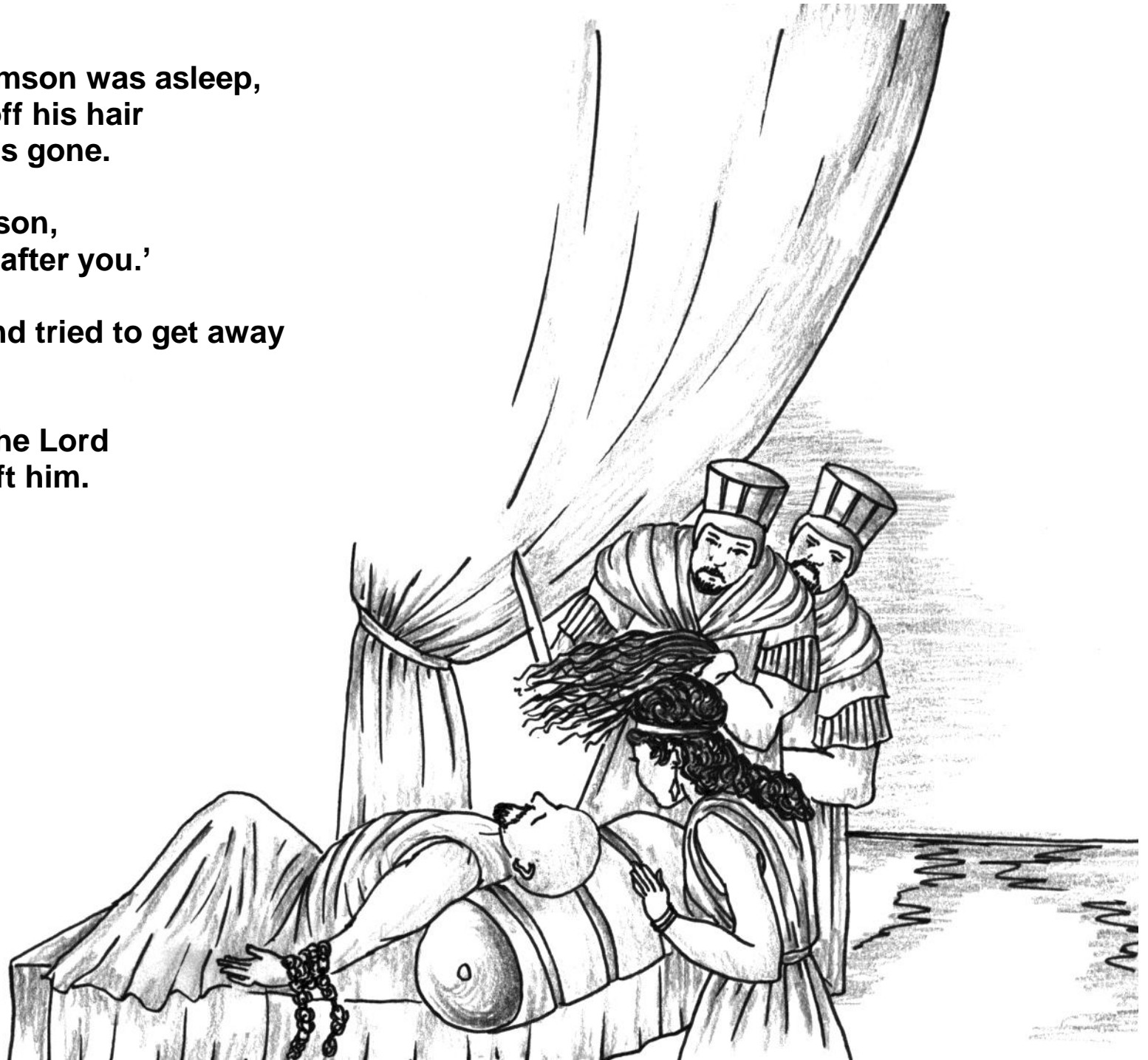
**Delilah realised that
Samson had told her the truth.
She told the Philistines to come.**



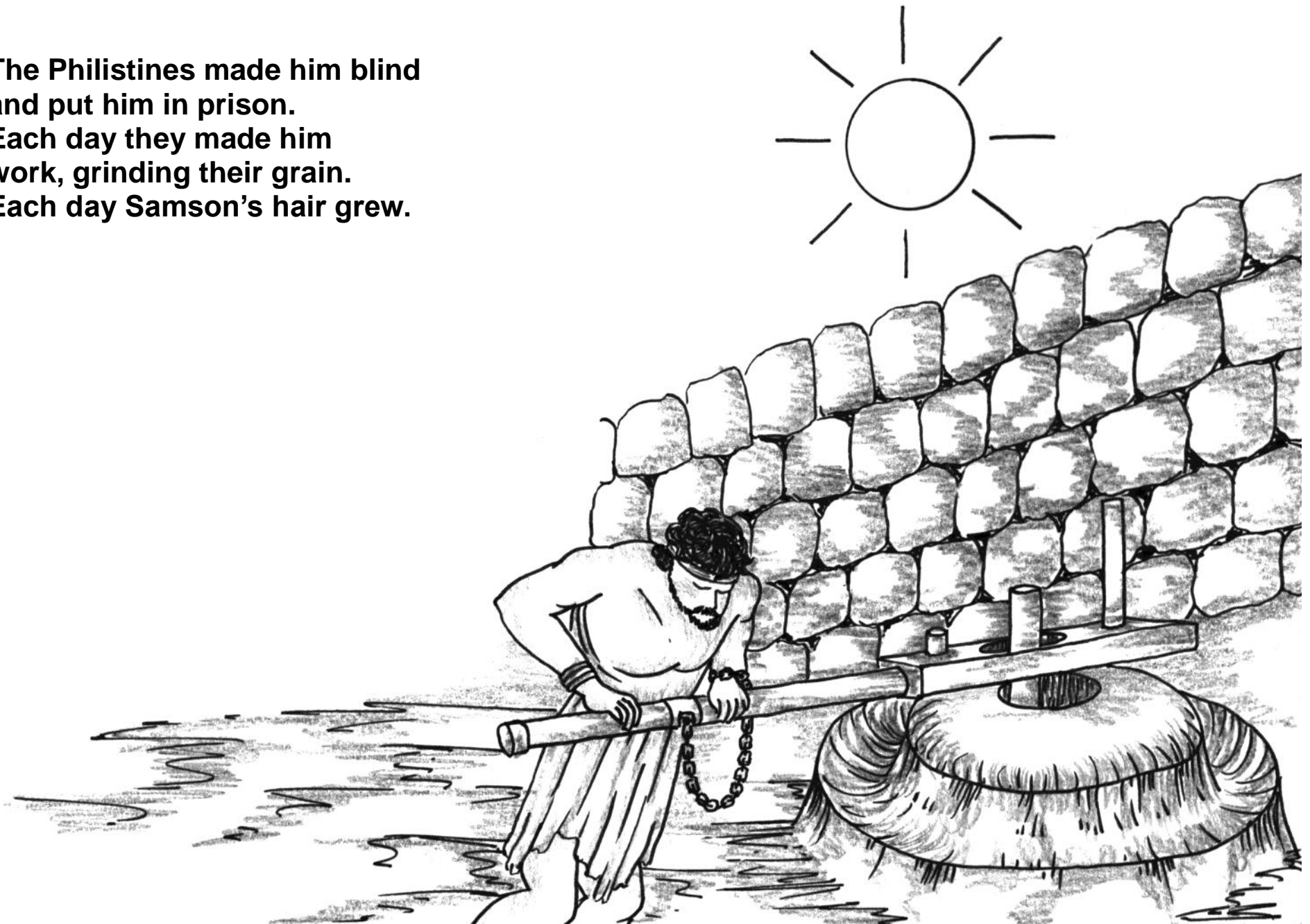
**That night when Samson was asleep,
the Philistines cut off his hair
and his strength was gone.**

**Delilah said to Samson,
'The Philistines are after you.'**

**Samson woke up and tried to get away
like he did before.
But he was weak.
He had disobeyed the Lord
and the Lord had left him.**



**The Philistines made him blind
and put him in prison.
Each day they made him
work, grinding their grain.
Each day Samson's hair grew.**



**Then one day
the Philistines were having a feast
to their god, Dagon.
They brought Samson out
so they could laugh at him.
They put him between the two pillars
that held up the house.**

**Samson said,
'Let me feel the pillars
so I can lean against them.'**

**Then he prayed,
'Lord God, give me strength
just one more time.
Let me die with these Philistines.'**

**Samson put his hands
on the pillars and pushed.
The house came crashing down
killing thousands of Philistines
and himself.**

**God again saved His people
from their enemies.**

