

Family Handout — October 11, 2026 • God Meets Us Where We Are

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Annual Theme: God's Unchanging Hand

Quarterly Theme: The Hand That Establishes

Week 6: Judges — God Meets Us

Scripture: [Judges 13:1–7, 24–25, KJV](#)

Memory Verse — Judges 13:5, KJV

“For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

The Truth We Carry Home

God meets us within circumstances we did not choose, calls us to serve His purposes, and invites us to respond with obedient dependence.

Samson's story begins before he can make a decision for himself. Israel is under Philistine oppression, and his mother cannot bear children. Into these circumstances, God sends a messenger with a promise: she will have a son who will belong to God in a particular way and begin to deliver Israel.

The promise includes instructions. Samson's preparation begins through his mother's faithful response. Later, the child is born, grows under the LORD's blessing, and begins to experience the Spirit's stirring.

Our families also encounter circumstances we did not choose. We cannot always change them immediately, but we can seek God's wisdom about how to respond. We can learn to pray, receive help, obey His Word, and care for one another while the way forward is still unfolding.

Five Truths to Remember Together

- **God sees the circumstances we face.** We can speak honestly to Him about our limitations, questions, and needs.
- **Belonging to God shapes our choices.** His instructions teach us how to live faithfully with what He has entrusted to us.

- **Our obedience can help someone else grow.** Samson's mother participates in his preparation before he can respond for himself.
- **Growth takes time.** The passage moves from promise to birth, growth, blessing, and the Spirit's activity.
- **We can be faithful to our portion.** Samson is called to begin deliverance; we do not have to control every outcome to serve well.

A Conversation Around the Table

Read the focal passage aloud. Give each person room to answer, and allow anyone to pass.

1. **Biblical Understanding:** What did the messenger tell Samson's mother about her son and his assignment?
2. **Theological Insight:** What does God's initiative in this story teach us about His care and purposes?
3. **Community Reflection:** How can our family help each person grow without comparing their gifts or progress?
4. **Personal Application:** What is one circumstance you did not choose in which you need wisdom or support?
5. **Spiritual Formation:** What obedient step could help you trust God more deeply this week?

For younger children, ask: **"When something is difficult, how can we ask God for help and help one another?"**

Listen before offering advice. A family member may need to be heard before they are ready to discuss what comes next.

A Family Practice for This Week

Invite each person to complete these three sentences:

- **One circumstance I am facing is...**
- **One faithful step I can take is...**
- **One way our family can support me is...**

Keep the steps small enough to practice: ask for help, tell the truth, apologize, finish a responsibility, spend time in Scripture, or show patience toward someone.

Return to these sentences later in the week. Notice effort and growth, and offer encouragement where someone is still struggling.

Parents and caregivers can model this by naming a responsibility of their own. Children benefit from seeing adults seek guidance, receive correction, and depend upon God.

Seeing Jesus Together

Samson's calling was important, but his later life would reveal serious failures. Our ultimate hope rests in Jesus Christ, who faithfully fulfilled His saving mission.

Read [John 15:4–5, KJV](#) together. Jesus teaches us that fruitful living grows through abiding in Him. As a family, we can encourage one another to remain close to Him through prayer, Scripture, obedience, and love.

We also honor the difference between God's particular instructions for Samson and our responsibilities today. This passage gives parents an example of receiving God's guidance; it does not authorize us to claim divine certainty about a child's career or impose our personal ambitions upon them.

Family Prayer

Father, thank You for meeting our family where we are. Help us listen to one another, receive Your instruction, and respond faithfully to the circumstances before us. Give us patience with growth and courage to take the next obedient step. Keep us close to Jesus, and let our home become a place where truth, grace, and love help each person flourish. Amen.

Today's Takeaway: We can support one another in responding faithfully to circumstances we did not choose.

Our family's posture: Lord, meet us here, and teach us to walk with You together.