

Judges 13-16: Samson

RCRC Sunday School
October 6th, 2002

- 1) *Nazirites*: Read Num 6:1-21
 - a) What's so special about the fruit of the vine? What about the hair?
 - b) If Nazirites can't go near a corpse, how does Samson get away with killing lots of people?
- 2) *The riddle*: Judges 14:10-20. Can you think of any spiritual significance to this riddle?
- 3) Why did God choose such an unsavory character for a deliverer? Why is Samson able to see and do many more miracles than the average Biblical worthy? Why did the Lord leave him when he hair was shaved?
- 4) Who is the angle who speaks to Manoah and his wife? (Note: the wife never gets a name!) Why would the angel appear angelic at some times and man-like at others – is this a matter of the angel's choice, or of the perception of the viewer?
- 5) Application question: Other than entertainment, what practical lessons can we take from this story?

Statistical note: Assuming a 50% change of boy vs. girl, the odds of getting exactly 30 sons in 60 children is approximately 10%.