LESSON 18

SAMSON AND THE BURNING FOXES



Aim: **To show the children that we must not replace God's plan with our own plans.**

Scripture Reading: **Judges 15:1–8**

Memory Verse: **James 1:19**
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry …

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Begin the lesson by putting on a little play that you have prepared beforehand. Two children both claim the same pen or exercise book. Both of them say it is theirs. An argument begins, then angry words are said, and finally a fight starts.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. A wedding should be a happy celebration, but Samson's wedding ended in so much anger that he left without his bride. Some time later Samson went back to fetch her, but by then her father had given her to the best man (15:1–2).
2. This made Samson so angry that he took a terrible revenge on the Philistines. He caught 300 foxes and tied them two by two together by their tails. Then he tied burning torches to their tails and let the foxes loose in the Philistines' fields. All their crops were burnt up (15:3–5). **Show Picture 18.**
3. Now the Philistines in their turn were very angry. They took revenge on Samson's wife and her father, but Samson returned and took revenge on them by killing many more Philistines (15:6–8).

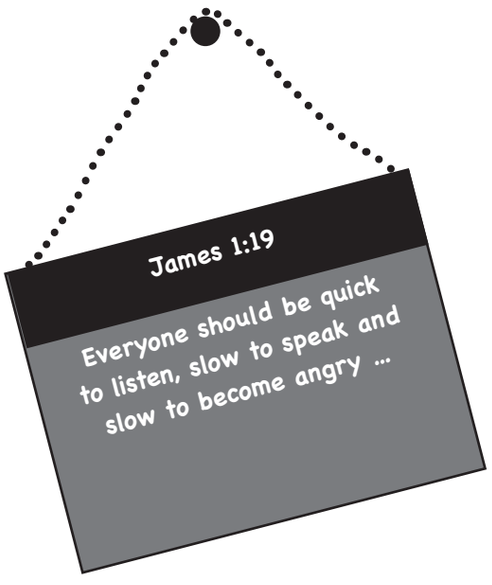
Our Response to the Story

This story has been about anger and revenge. Did taking revenge solve the problems? No. In fact, it made the problems and the violence worse. **Refer to the introductory play.** Did the fight solve the problem of who owned the book or pen? No, it only created further problems. Anger does not lead to wise decisions. We need to ask God's help to control our anger and rather listen to his voice. The memory verse tells us what to do.

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Instil the Memory Verse



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