

# SAMSON

## THE STRONG MAN'S STRENGTH

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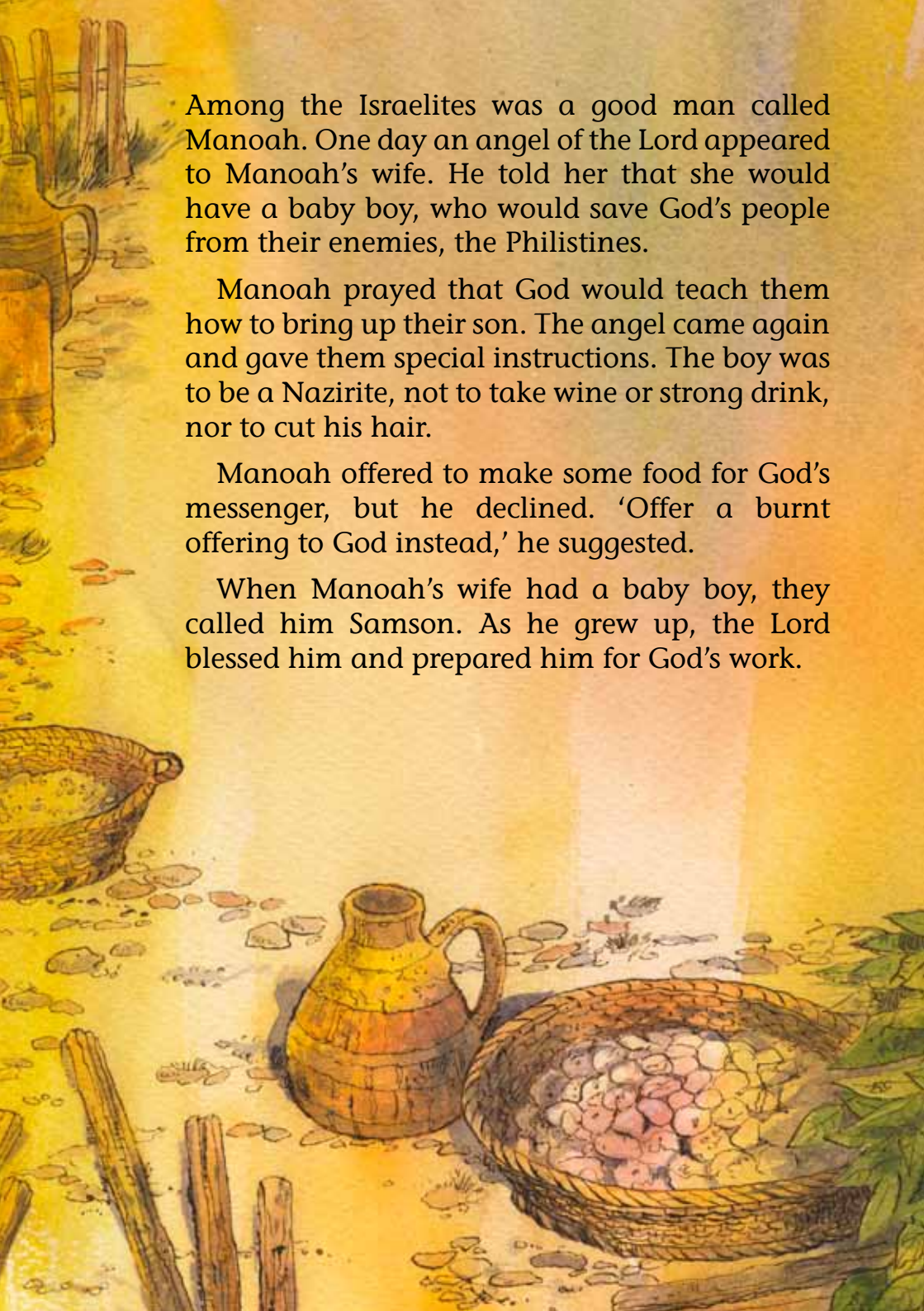
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God's people, the Israelites, turned their back on God and continually sinned. God was displeased and punished them by allowing their enemies, the Philistines, to rule over them for forty years. But God had a plan to save them.









Among the Israelites was a good man called Manoah. One day an angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah's wife. He told her that she would have a baby boy, who would save God's people from their enemies, the Philistines.

Manoah prayed that God would teach them how to bring up their son. The angel came again and gave them special instructions. The boy was to be a Nazirite, not to take wine or strong drink, nor to cut his hair.

Manoah offered to make some food for God's messenger, but he declined. 'Offer a burnt offering to God instead,' he suggested.

When Manoah's wife had a baby boy, they called him Samson. As he grew up, the Lord blessed him and prepared him for God's work.