

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

### Recall/Quiz

- How many sons did Elimelech and Naomi have?
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
- What happened to the sons?
  - They died
  - They got lost
  - They ran away
- What did Ruth insist on doing?
  - Finding another husband
  - Going back to her own family
  - Staying with her mother-in-law
- When Naomi went to Bethlehem, why did she want to be called Mara?
  - She was tired of her old name
  - After all her misfortune, she felt that she was best called by a name that meant "bitterness" instead of "sweetness".
  - After all her misfortune, she was only able to feel bitterness towards other people.
- What did Ruth go to the fields to do?
  - Plough the earth
  - Sow seeds
  - Pick up grain
- How many measures of barley was given to Ruth?
  - 6
  - 8
  - 4
- What was the condition of buying the land that had once belonged to Elimelech, Naomi's deceased husband?
  - The man must be willing to marry Ruth
  - The land must be farmed and cared for
  - The person must have enough money to buy it
- How was the deal between Boaz and the close relative sealed?
  - A large payment of money was made
  - A shoe was removed
  - 6 measures of barley were given

### Summary of yesterday's story

Elimelech and Naomi had two sons and after some time, Elimelech died. When the two sons were grown, they married Orpah and Ruth. After about 10 years, misfortune frowned upon them once more and both sons died. Naomi was left without husband or children. She insisted that her daughters-in-law return to their families and Orpah did, but despite everything she said, Ruth chose to stay.

In Bethlehem, Ruth won the favour of a wealthy member of the family by gathering grain diligently in the fields. Boaz was also impressed that Ruth had remained loyal to Naomi and he treated her with great kindness. Naomi wished to help Ruth re-marry and asked her to lay herself down at the feet of Boaz. Ruth followed Naomi's instructions and Boaz said he would marry her, if another who was more closely related to Ruth would not. He gave her six measures of barley and she returned to Ruth.

Boaz settled the matter that day by telling Ruth's nearest relative that Naomi was selling the land that had belonged to her late husband Elimelech. When the man learnt that he must marry Ruth in order to acquire the land however, he said he was unable to and so the right was left with Boaz. To seal this agreement between the two men, Boaz took the man's shoe in front of all the elders who were present as witnesses. Thus, Boaz and Ruth were married and had a son and Naomi was not left without a close relative.

### **Draw**

Draw a picture from yesterday's story.



### **Recap**

Manoah and his wife were blessed by God with a child. God said to them that a razor must never touch the head of the boy, for he belongs to God. This boy was named Samson.

Once, Samson went to Timnah, where he saw a woman whom he wished to marry. While in Timnah, he was attacked by a lion. The spirit of God came to Samson and he overcame the lion. When he returned later to Timnah to marry the woman, he came across the carcass of the same lion he fought. It contained a swarm of bees and honey, which he took and ate.

Samson prepared a feast as was the custom for the groom to do and the Philistines provided him with 30 comrades. He told these comrades a riddle and said that he would give them 30 fine linen robes if they guessed his riddle correctly and if not, then they should give him thirty fine linen robes and suits of clothes. They agreed and so he told them the riddle which went like so:

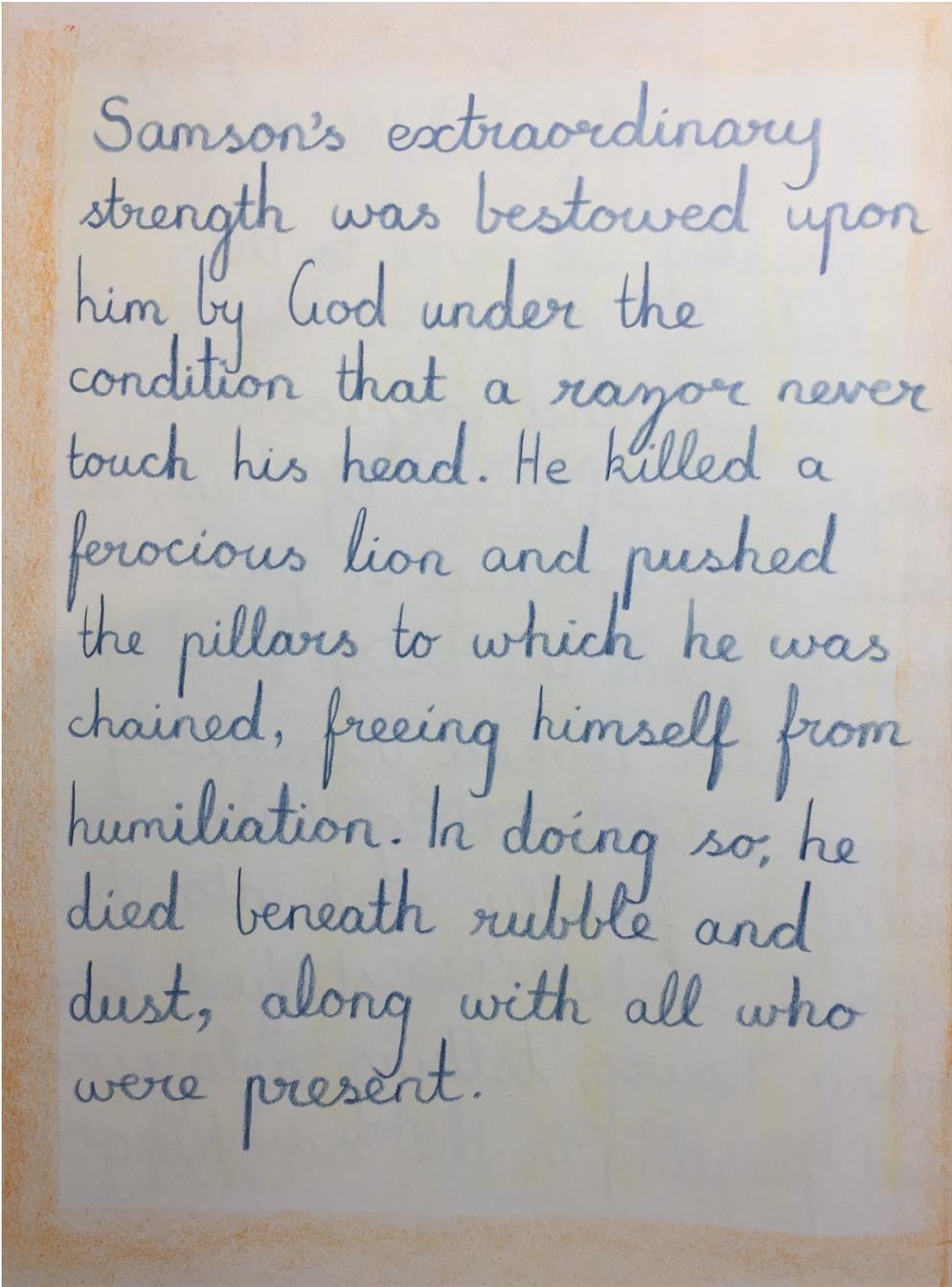
*Out of the eater came something to eat,  
And out of the strong came something sweet.*

For six days they could not solve the riddle and eventually they threatened Samson's wife, who managed to convince Samson to tell her the answer. Samson was so enraged that he killed thirty men, took their garments and gave them to the 30 men who had guessed his riddle. When he returned, his wife had been given away to his best man and Samson took revenge. He was captured and bound, but the strength of God filled him and he broke free to kill those who had seized him, using the jaw-bone of an ass.

Samson later fell in love with another woman, Delilah. The Philistines convinced Delilah to try and find the secret of Samson's strength. He fooled her many times, before finally giving in. Samson was captured and locked away in prison. He was taken out eventually and chained between two pillars to amuse the Philistines at a large gathering. Samson called on the strength of God and pushed the pillars, collapsing the entire building and killing himself and all that were present.

### Writing

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