The 300 Jackals

1 Later, at the time of the wheat harvest, Samson went to visit his fiancée. He took a young goat with him. He thought: “I’m going to have sex with my wife.” But, her father would not allow Samson to enter the house.

2 Her father said, “I thought you really hated your fiancée. So, I gave her away to your best man at the wedding! Her younger sister is more beautiful, isn’t she? Take her instead!”

3 But Samson said to them, “Now I have cause to harm you Philistines! This time, no one will blame me!” 4 So, Samson went out and caught 300 jackals. He took two jackals at a time and tied their tails together. Then he put one torch between the tails of each pair of jackals. 5 And Samson lit the torches. Then he turned the jackals loose in the standing grain fields of the Philistines. In this way, he burned up their standing grain and the bundles of grain. He also burned up their vineyards and their olive trees.