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# THE QUEEN OF SHEBA VISITED SOLOMON

1 KINGS 10

## CHRIST CONNECTION

The queen of Sheba was amazed at the wisdom God had given King Solomon. The people who heard Jesus teach were amazed at His wisdom, authority, and power. **Jesus has all wisdom, authority, and power** because He is God's Son who came to live, die, and rise again.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What does God know? God knows everything.

## MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:7

# PREPARE



Take time to reflect  
on today's lesson.

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

By 1 Kings 10, word had spread to the queen of Sheba about the amazing wisdom of King Solomon. She traveled to his courts with an entourage of great abundance—camels, spices, gold, and precious stones. Solomon's acclaim, however, served a greater purpose for the queen: blessing the Lord of Israel (1 Kings 10:9).

What did the queen of Sheba discover during her visit? How does the queen's amazement demonstrate the same amazement that the crowds experienced through the teachings of Jesus?

When the queen of Sheba surveyed the king's wisdom in conversation, as well as the splendor of life in his palace, it took her breath away. The rumors of his wisdom and prosperity didn't offer the full picture of what life in his kingdom was really like. She recognized the king's justice and righteousness. She acknowledged God's eternal love for His people and how happy Solomon's men were because of his wisdom. The queen recognized how a people who have a wise leader and a loving God are truly blessed.

Jesus is the all-wise and perfect Ruler, surpassing Solomon in all his wisdom. Just as the queen of Sheba was amazed at Solomon, the crowds Jesus spoke to were also amazed at His wisdom and authority. And yet, unlike the queen of Sheba who blessed the God of Israel, many refused to believe in Jesus. Jesus spoke about the wisdom of Solomon, but regarding Himself and His own wisdom said, "... something greater than Solomon is here" (Matthew 12:42). Jesus had come to lead people into true wisdom: faith in Him.

Lead boys and girls to see that Jesus is who He says He is: the mightiest King with the greatest wisdom, authority, and power. Pray that they would be amazed by King Jesus and trust in Him. Ask the Lord to show them how to walk by faith in His wisdom.

# WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

## OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or review the memory verse as a group!

## MEMORY VERSE

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

**Proverbs 3:7, ESV**

## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's Memory Verse bin to review the verse with the kids. A hand motion video is also available to learn and review on your room's TV.

*Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on August 31!*



# LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

## THE QUEEN OF SHEBA VISITED SOLOMON

The queen of Sheba heard about King Solomon's fame and how the Lord had given him great wisdom. So, she came to test Solomon with riddles. The queen of Sheba arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of people and camels carrying spices, gold, and precious stones.

The queen came and spoke to Solomon about everything that was on her mind. Solomon answered all of her questions; nothing was too difficult to explain to her. When the queen of Sheba observed all of Solomon's wisdom, his impressive palace, the wonderful food he served, the houses of his servants, how well dressed and behaved his servants were, and the sacrifices made at the Lord's temple, she was amazed.

The queen said to Solomon, "The report I heard in my own country about your wisdom is true. But I didn't believe what I heard until I came and saw it with my own eyes. It turns out you have even more wisdom and wealth than I had heard about. Your people must be happy. Your servants are blessed to stand in your presence and hear your wisdom. May your God be blessed, for He delighted in you and put you on the throne of Israel, because He loves His people. He has made you king to carry out justice and righteousness."

Then the queen gave King Solomon four and a half tons of gold, many spices, and precious stones. In addition, she gave him a large amount of wood which Solomon used to make steps for the Lord's temple and Solomon's palace. He also used the wood to make lyres and harps for the singers.

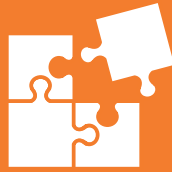
King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba everything she asked for. Then she and her servants returned to their own country.

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# ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

## MAIN ACTIVITY

Get the provided sheet of trivia questions. As a group or in teams, tell kids that you're going to ask a trivia question from the sheet, and they must answer it as quickly as possible. If playing in teams, give each team a buzzer to know which team gets to attempt to answer first.

*Kinder adaptation: Recommend working as a single group and not emphasizing the speed as much as the older groups will. Discuss the answers together and come up with a single group answer.*

## CONNECT THE DOTS



When the queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon, she asked him many questions. But none were too hard for him to answer. She was amazed at the wisdom that God had given him and recognized that the wisdom Solomon had was from God.

## CONNECT THE DOTS



These verses help us understand that all wisdom comes from God. The wise person seeks God, obeys God's Word, turns away from evil, walks with other wise people, and recognizes that the gospel alone is the wisdom of God that saves people from sin. If we want to be wise, then we must trust in Jesus, who is the source of all wisdom.

## BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Pass out Bibles to everyone. If there are not enough, have kids share in pairs or small groups.

Write the following references on the board and have kids open their Bibles to each of them. Read the verses out loud and discuss what they say about a wise person.

- Psalm 14:2
- Psalm 19:7
- Proverbs 3:7
- Proverbs 13:20
- Hosea 14:9
- 1 Corinthians 1:20-24

*Kinder adaptation: Pass out Bibles, but instead of having kids find and read the verses, the leader should read the verses out loud. Guide kids to understand what the verses say about a wise person.*

# CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage  
kids before parent  
pick-up.

## BIBLE STORY REVIEW

**Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.**

1. Why did the queen of Sheba travel so far to see Solomon?
2. Do we have to travel somewhere, like the queen of Sheba did, to find wisdom? Why not?
3. How did Solomon's wisdom bring glory to God?
4. Solomon's wisdom led others to praise God. How can we point others to God?
5. How does God's generosity in sending Jesus compare to His generosity toward Solomon?

## HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!