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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

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

Engage and connect with
kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Kids are free to be in the game room, hang out in the balcony area, or chill in the Large Group room. Leaders should walk around the different areas interacting with kids. Engage with them, talk with them, encourage those who seem a bit shy, etc.

The game room and balcony area will be “closed” once Large Group starts and until small groups are done.

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:7, ESV

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

NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY:
AUGUST 31

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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SMALL GROUP

Dive deeper with your group through relational discipleship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
2. Where does true wisdom come from?
3. How can we grow in wisdom? Look up two or more of the verses from the optional activity below as references.
4. What are some examples of wisdom you've seen from others or have experienced yourself?
5. What's one thing you can do this week to grow in wisdom?

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Have kids open their Bibles and assign each person one of the verses listed below. If there are more kids than verses, ask for volunteers who want to read aloud.

Discuss as a group what these verses 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

CLOSING

Continue to engage kids
before pick-up.

CLOSING & PICK-UP

After small group time, kids are free to go in the game room, hang out in the balcony area, or chill in the Large Group room until service is over. Once parents begin to arrive, small groups should return to their room for pick-up.

Reminder: Parents must present a security code that matches the one on their child's name tag to pick them up! Once the code and tag are matched, take them and dispose of them. If the code or tag are missing when a parent comes to pick their child up, call Taylor or a hall captain for assistance.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!