

Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Option 1: Quick Questions Ask the questions below to the kids, and consider adding more of your own. Lead kids to sit in a circle. Tell kids that if they know the answer, they should jump to their feet as quickly as they can. The first kid to stand up will have an opportunity to answer the question. If he gets it wrong, the next kid who stood will be able to answer. Play as time allows. SAY When the queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon, she asked him many questions. But none were too hard for him. Solomon answered all of her questions. Today, we'll learn how People were amazed by the wisdom God gave Solomon.	See questions page
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Amanda. She will get you when she is ready.	
Classroom:	Page	Bible Ask Questions
	How did Solomon's wisdom bring glory to God? Do we have to travel somewhere, like the queen of Sheba did, to find wisdom? Why not? Solomon's wisdom led others to praise God. How can we point others to God?	Scissors Tape Vines
	Egg Stravaganza Do option 1 as a whole group. <i>- cumin - cinnamon - salt</i>	<i>- egg is in fridge in large group room.</i>
	Worksheet (gr. 3's have a riddle worksheet)	Worksheet

	Summer Scripture Bingo - Hand out to students to bring home for the summer if a student hasn't gotten it already.	Bingo Worksheet
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WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

| **SAY** “ Have you ever been to another city, state, or country? What was it like? ”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Gather the Gifts” activity page.

| **SAY** “ Today, we will see how the queen of Sheba came from another country to visit Solomon. She brought many gifts to honor King Solomon. ”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: QUICK QUESTIONS!



Ask the questions below to the kids, and consider adding more of your own. Lead kids to sit in a circle. Tell kids that if they know the answer, they should jump to their feet as quickly as they can. The first kid to stand up will have an opportunity to answer the question. If he gets it wrong, the next kid who stood will be able to answer. Play as time allows.

- How many legs does a spider have? (eight)
- How many colors are in a rainbow? (seven)
- Who was the first king of Israel? (Saul)
- What do bees make? (honey)
- What is the fifth book of the Bible? (Deuteronomy)
- How many days are in a year? (365/366)
- How many books are in the Bible? (66)

| **SAY** “ When the queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon, she asked him many questions. But none were too hard for him. Solomon answered all of her questions. Today, we’ll learn how **PEOPLE WERE AMAZED BY THE WISDOM GOD GAVE SOLOMON.** ”

☐ OPTION 2: WACKY WRAPPING

Before the session, place candy in two cardboard boxes, and wrap the boxes with gift wrapping paper. Form kids into two teams. Provide each team with a gift and a roll of tape. They are to attempt unwrapping the gift without tearing the wrapping paper. Explain that if they tear the gift, they must stop and tape up the torn piece before continuing. Encourage teams to work together, allowing their friends to take turns helping. Whichever team unwraps their gift first wins. Invite kids to eat a piece of candy.

| **SAY** “ As Solomon’s wisdom became known in other countries, the queen of Sheba came bringing Solomon gifts and lots of questions. She brought him unique gifts like spices. Did you know that God gave us a special gift? God gave us Jesus to save us from our sin. Let’s get ready to learn how Jesus is the best gift we could receive because He not only gives us wisdom but also forgiveness. ”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles, and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to the table of contents. Guide kids to review the books of the Bible from Genesis to 1 Kings. Invite kids to say the books of the Bible in order from memory. Then guide kids to turn to 1 Kings 10 in their Bibles.

Consider pointing out Jerusalem (H5) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Kings 10:8, or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

SAY 🗣️ The people living in Jerusalem were happy because they had a good king who led them in wisdom. The queen of Sheba recognized how Solomon used his wisdom for the good of the people. He did what was right and fair. Solomon wanted the people to follow God.

When we follow Jesus, we become wise and happy too. Jesus is the greater King who always did what was right and good. Unlike Solomon, who did sin, Jesus never sinned. Even with all his wisdom, Solomon couldn't take away the people's sin. But Jesus can! People who trust in Him will be happy forever because all their sin will be forgiven. 🙏

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY 🗣️ How did Solomon's wisdom bring glory to God? 🙏

Remind kids that the queen of Sheba praised God for Solomon's wisdom and how the people in his kingdom were happy. Share how she recognized God's love toward Solomon. When we remember that everything is from God and praise Him for how He cares for us, God receives the glory.

SAY 🗣️ Do we have to travel somewhere, like the queen of Sheba did, to find wisdom? Why not? 🙏

Share that true wisdom comes from God. Scripture reminds us that Jesus is the Word and through Him God has made Himself known to us (John 1:14). We don't have to travel to find wisdom; it's found in Jesus and God's Word.

SAY 🗣️ Solomon's wisdom led others to praise God. How can we point others to God? 🙏

Allow kids to think about how their lives can point others to God and His Son, Jesus. Prompt kids to remember that we can be wise like Solomon by faith in Jesus. Help kids understand that God gives each of us unique gifts that we can use to serve other people, encourage them, and share the gospel. Tell kids that when we obey God and His Word, we shine like stars in a dark world, pointing others to Jesus.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**



Bible Facts

1. Who built a big boat? (*Noah*)
2. Who was swallowed by a big fish? (*Jonah*)
3. Who defeated Goliath? (*David*)
4. Who was the first man? (*Adam*)
5. Who was the first woman? (*Eve*)
6. Who led God's people out of Egypt? (*Moses*)
7. Who built the temple for God? (*Solomon*)
8. Who visited Solomon to hear his wisdom? (*The Queen of Sheba*)
9. Who was Jesus' mother? (*Mary*)
10. Who was Jesus' earthly father? (*Joseph*)
11. Where was Jesus born? (*Bethlehem*)
12. How many disciples did Jesus have? (*12*)
13. What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? (*A donkey*)
14. Who baptized Jesus? (*John the Baptist*)
15. What did God create on the first day? (*Light*)
16. How many days did God take to create the world? (*Six*)
17. What day did God rest? (*The seventh day*)
18. What is the last book of the Bible? (*Revelation*)
19. What is the first book of the Bible? (*Genesis*)
20. What is God's Son's name? (*Jesus*)

Nature Facts

21. What do bees make? (*Honey*)
22. How many legs does a spider have? (*8*)
23. What color is the sky on a clear day? (*Blue*)
24. What do fish breathe with? (*Gills*)
25. What season comes after spring? (*Summer*)
26. Which animal says "moo"? (*Cow*)
27. Which animal says "oink"? (*Pig*)
28. What do plants need to grow? (*Water and sunlight*)
29. What do caterpillars turn into? (*Butterflies*)
30. Which is bigger: an elephant or a mouse? (*Elephant*)

School & Everyday Facts

31. How many days are in a week? (*7*)
32. How many months are in a year? (*12*)
33. What shape has three sides? (*Triangle*)
34. What shape has four equal sides? (*Square*)
35. What do you use to erase pencil? (*An eraser*)
36. What do you wear on your feet? (*Shoes*)
37. What do you drink when you're thirsty? (*Water*)
38. What color do you get by mixing red and blue? (*Purple*)
39. What do you use to tell time? (*A clock*)

40. What comes after the number 19? *(20)*

Fun Silly Facts

- 41. How many eyes does a person usually have? *(2)*
- 42. What do you call a baby dog? *(Puppy)*
- 43. What do you call a baby cat? *(Kitten)*
- 44. Which is colder: ice or soup? *(Ice)*
- 45. What do you use to brush your teeth? *(A toothbrush)*
- 46. What falls from the sky when it rains? *(Rain)*
- 47. What shines during the day? *(The sun)*
- 48. What shines at night? *(The moon or stars)*
- 49. What color are bananas when they're ripe? *(Yellow)*
- 50. What holiday celebrates Jesus' birth? *(Christmas)*

These questions are intentionally simple so most Grade 1–3 students can answer confidently and keep the game moving quickly.



LIVE

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE the Mission

1 ACTIVITY CHOICE (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: EGG-STRAVAGANZA!



Form kids into groups of three or four. Provide each group with four cups, each filled with 1 cup of water. Then distribute an egg, dried basil, cumin, cinnamon, salt, a measuring spoon, and a measuring cup to each group. Instruct the kids to place their egg in the first cup, and add 1 tablespoon of basil to the cup. Prompt them to observe what happens (the egg will sink). Repeat with the cumin and cinnamon, placing the egg in a new cup each time. All of the eggs should sink. Now, guide kids to place the egg in the last cup of water. Direct kids to add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of salt to the water. The egg will slowly start to float. Prompt kids to consider why the other eggs did not float, while the one with salt did. (The egg will float in the salt water because the water's density becomes greater than that of the egg.)

SAY “Only one spice made the egg rise to the surface. Only Jesus is the way to find true wisdom and forgiveness of sins. Jesus has all wisdom, authority, and power because He is God’s Son who came to live, die, and rise again so that we can live forever with Him.”

☐ OPTION 2: CIRCLE SURVEY



Invite the kids to stand in a circle. Select one kid to be in the middle. The kid will close her eyes, hold her arm out, and turn slowly clockwise. The rest of the circle will move counterclockwise. When the kid in the middle says “stop,” the group will stop moving. Whomever her arm is pointing to will begin describing himself. The kid in the middle will then attempt to guess who is speaking based on his voice and description. The kid who described himself will now be in the middle. Play this until all the kids have taken a turn in the middle.

SAY “When you heard your friends speak and describe themselves, you recognized them! The queen of Sheba had been told about Solomon’s wisdom, but when she heard him speak, she was amazed. **PEOPLE WERE AMAZED BY THE WISDOM GOD GAVE SOLOMON.** God has spoken to us through Jesus and the Bible. When we read the Bible, we learn more about God and can grow in wisdom by following Jesus and obeying Him. Trusting in Jesus as your Savior is the first step to become wise.”

2 REFLECTION AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

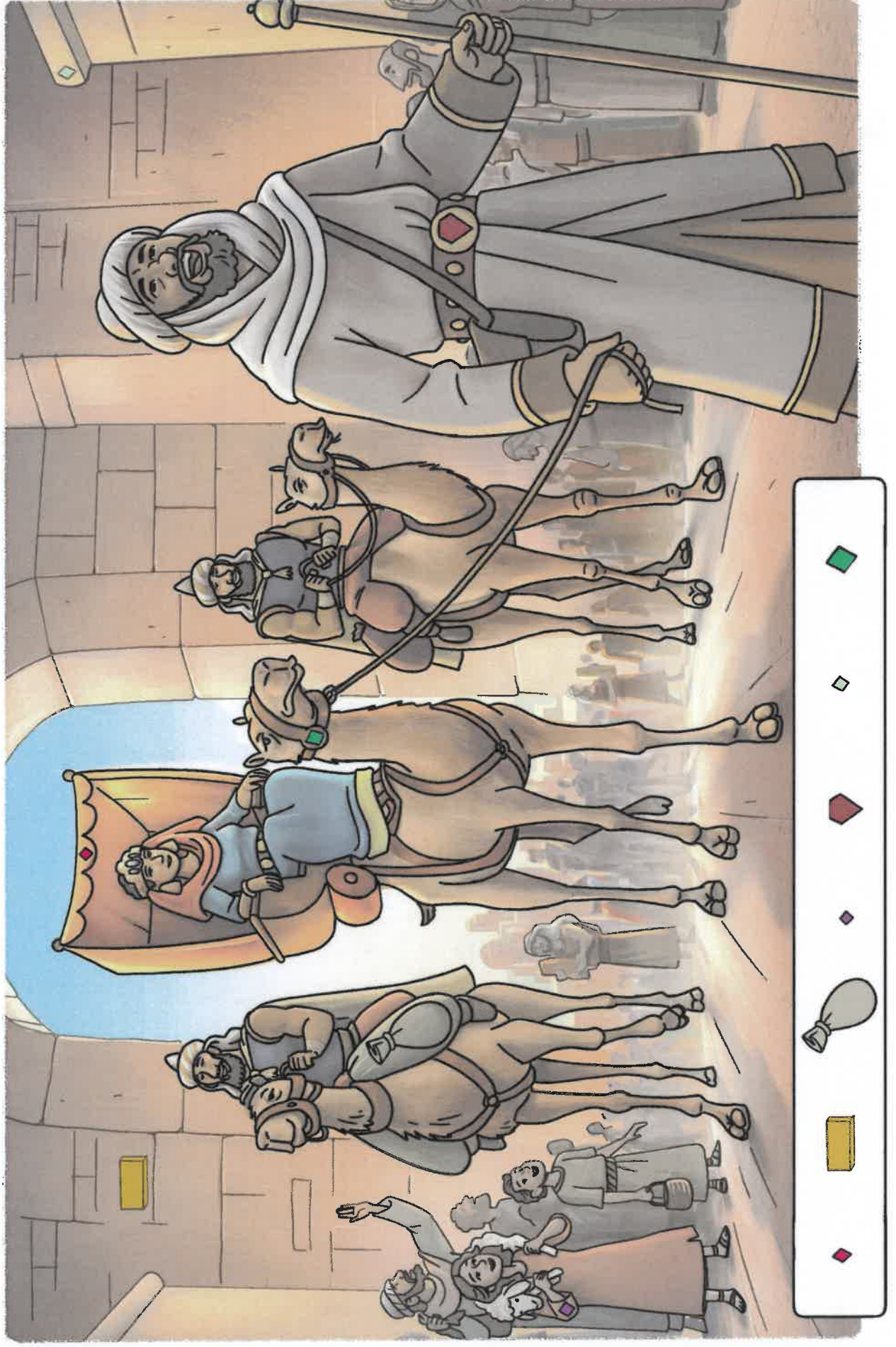
Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids. If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. Pray for your group.

Gather the Gifts

INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle the hidden gifts the Queen of Sheba gave to Solomon.



NAME: _____



The Queen of Sheba Visited Solomon

1 Kings 10

STORY POINT:

People were amazed by the wisdom God gave Solomon.

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.

KEY PASSAGE:

Proverbs 3:7

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What does God know? God knows everything about the past, present, and future.



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JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 12 • Session 4

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA VISITED SOLOMON

1 Kings 10

WHAT DOES GOD KNOW?

GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

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 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 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. It turns out you have even more wisdom and wealth than I had heard about. Your people must be happy. 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 many spices and a large amount of wood which Solomon used to make steps for the Lord's temple and Solomon's palace.

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

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.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!

Can You Answer It? | The queen of Sheba tested Solomon with difficult questions. Solve the riddles below by drawing a line from the riddle to the picture that answers it.

1. What has legs but cannot walk?

2. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?

3. I'm known as man's best friend. Who am I?

4. What has a head and a tail but no body?

5. I go all around the world, but never leave the corner. What am I?



THE LETTER THAT COMES BEFORE X



THE THIRD VOWEL OF THE ALPHABET



THE CONSONANT USED FOUR TIMES IN MISSISSIPPI



THE LETTER THAT COMES AFTER C



THE FOURTH VOWEL OF THE ALPHABET



THE LETTER THAT COMES BEFORE N

JESUS IS THE _____ OF GOD (1 CORINTHIANS 1:24).

Solve It | Solve the clues to complete the sentence.