

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Reuben Gorter - July 13 Addison Mutch - July 17	
2 minutes	Leader: Good morning, everyone! Today we're going to hear about the Queen of Sheba visiting King Solomon. She came from far away because she had heard about the wisdom God had given him. Leader: Who gives true wisdom? Kids: God gives true wisdom! Leader: The Queen of Sheba traveled a long way to learn. Kids: We want to learn from God too! Leader: She was amazed by God's blessings and Solomon's wisdom. Kids: God is amazing! Leader: God's wisdom is greater than riches or treasures. Kids: We will seek God's wisdom! Leader: Jesus is even greater than Solomon and shows us God's perfect wisdom.	Bible

	Kids: We will follow Jesus! Leader: Let's open our hearts to hear God's Word today. Kids: We are ready to worship God!	
10 minutes singing	-The Wiseman built is house upon the rock	Video
	Every move I make	
	Tell the story – Page 129	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions: 1. King Solomon became famous for the wisdom the Lord had given him. Who heard of Solomon's wisdom and came to visit him? 2. How was Solomon able to answer all of the queen's questions? 3. What was the queen's reaction to everything she saw in Solomon's kingdom?	
	Questions from kids video: 1. Why did people hate Jesus when all He did was teach, heal, and feed people? 2. Why do we need to believe in Jesus and not just be amazed at His power and wisdom?	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	God, thank You for the wisdom that is found only in You. Help us turn away from sin and turn toward Your Son, Jesus. In everything that we do, may we point others to Jesus. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 10:1-13. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “The Queen of Sheba Visited Solomon.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

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.

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. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Act it out: Assign kids different roles from the story. As you read, encourage them to act out the events that took place.

Explain it: Explain that no one knows the exact country the queen of Sheba was from, but most experts believe it was located somewhere around Arabia or Africa.



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ King Solomon became famous for the wisdom the Lord had given him. Who heard of Solomon's wisdom and came to visit him? **[Allow responses.]** The queen of Sheba came and tested Solomon with riddles and questions. She also brought many people, along with spices, gold, and precious stones. How was Solomon able to answer all of the queen's questions? **[Allow responses.]** Solomon answered all the queen's questions because of the great wisdom God gave Solomon. The queen paid attention to everything in Solomon's kingdom. She was impressed by both Solomon's wisdom and wealth.

What was the queen's reaction to everything she saw in Solomon's kingdom? **[Allow responses.]** She was amazed and knew that God's people had been blessed by Solomon's leadership and wisdom. The queen praised Israel's God because He had loved and taken care of His people. Solomon used the wisdom God gave him to take care of the people.

PEOPLE WERE AMAZED BY THE WISDOM GOD GAVE SOLOMON. While Jesus was on earth, people who heard Him teach were amazed at His wisdom, authority, and power. Jesus is greater than Solomon because Jesus has all wisdom, authority, and power. He is God's Son who came to live, die, and rise again. 🙏

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ Solomon's wisdom was great, but we have been given a greater wisdom. Jesus was not simply a wise teacher; He is the Son of God. Jesus is true Wisdom, and He died on the cross to save us from sin. When we repent and believe in Him, we are offered new life with Him forever. 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 12, Session 4" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why did people hate Jesus when all He did was teach, heal, and feed people?
2. Why do we need to believe in Jesus and not just be amazed at His power and wisdom?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display the "Orvil Reid Photos" as you tell kids about the missionary.

SAY 🗣️ Orvil Reid was a missionary to Mexico from 1938–1976. During his time in Mexico, Orvil wore many ministry 'hats,' such as performing strong-man feats, writing Christian literature, running Vacation Bible Schools, and planting churches. As a follower of Jesus, Orvil served the people of Mexico with meaning and purpose because he wanted them to trust in Jesus. 🙏

Play a traditional game of Mexico called, "Atrapa el Sombrero" or "Stealing the Sombrero." Print copies of a paper sombrero for each kid. Using tape, attach a sombrero to each kid's



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back. Play some music, and direct kids to try and take another kid's sombrero without allowing theirs to be taken. Start and stop the music to signal the beginning and ending of each round. If kids lose their sombreros, they are out of the game. Play until only two kids remain in the game.

Close in prayer, thanking God for sending missionaries like Orvil Reid to tell the people of Mexico about Jesus. Ask God to help other missionaries follow His plan to make Jesus known throughout the world.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Before the session, print copies of the Key Passage Poster for each group of four kids. Then cut each poster into puzzle pieces, and place the pieces in a paper bag. Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Proverbs 3:7 together.

SAY “Our key passage reminds us that wisdom is not from ourselves; it is from God. Solomon used his wisdom to point the queen of Sheba and others to the one true God.”

Form kids into groups of four, and provide each group with a paper bag filled with the puzzle pieces. Challenge groups to work together to place the pieces together. Then invite kids to say the key passage aloud when their puzzle is complete.

Lead kids to sing “Fear the LORD (Proverbs 3:7).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “God, thank You for the wisdom that is found only in You. Help us turn away from sin and turn toward Your Son, Jesus. In everything that we do, may we point others to Jesus. Amen.”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



