

Lesson

Engaging Introduction

Hello there, young adventurers! Today, we're going on an incredible journey back in time to visit one of the most fascinating kings in the Bible, King Solomon. Have any of you heard of him before? Solomon was famous for his wisdom, wealth, and the beautiful kingdom he ruled. Our story takes us to 1 Kings 10, where we meet a very special visitor, the Queen of Sheba. She traveled a long, long way—imagine traveling for miles and miles through desert sands and over tall mountains—just to see if Solomon was as wise as everyone said.

Imagine you heard about someone so smart and wonderful, you decided to go see for yourself. That's how curious the Queen of Sheba was. Our story today is like opening a treasure box filled with jewels of wisdom, sharing, and God's blessings.

But before we dive into our adventures, let's think about the word "wisdom." Can anyone tell me what that means? Wisdom is knowing how to make good choices and understanding what's right. Sometimes it's like having a superpower! Did you know that God blessed King Solomon with this superpower because Solomon asked God for it when he became king? We'll see how this wisdom attracted people from faraway places, like the Queen of Sheba, bringing with her precious gifts to see if what she heard was true.

So, let's put on our explorer hats and step into this fascinating chapter of the Bible where we'll discover not just about gold and riches, but the true treasure of wisdom that God gives. Are you ready? Let's begin!

Main Teaching Points

1. The Visit of the Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10:1-5)

The Queen of Sheba had heard reports about Solomon's wisdom and wealth. She could hardly believe it! Have you ever heard something amazing and wanted to find out if it was true? That's exactly what she did. She took a long journey with her entourage carrying camels loaded with spices, gold, and precious stones.

When she arrived, she asked Solomon many difficult questions—almost like a test to see just how wise he was. Solomon answered all her questions with great wisdom. The Bible tells us that nothing was too hard for him to explain. Imagine having answers to all your questions! The Queen was amazed by what she saw and heard in Solomon's palace—his wisdom, the way he served God, his wonderful palace, and the food on his table. She discovered that everything she had heard was true, and even more!

2. Solomon's Wealth and Wisdom (1 Kings 10:6-10)

After talking with Solomon, the Queen was so impressed that she said all the stories she heard didn't even tell half the truth! Solomon's wisdom and riches were beyond anything she had imagined. And as a way to show her appreciation, the Queen of Sheba gave Solomon 120 talents of gold and a vast quantity of precious spices and stones. That's a lot of treasure, isn't it?

But what made Solomon truly remarkable was not just his riches, but his gift from God—the

wisdom to lead God's people. Just like when we share our toys or help a friend, God gives each of us special gifts. For Solomon, it was wisdom, and he used it to lead his people and honor God.

3. The Blessings of Wisdom (1 Kings 10:11-25)

Solomon's kingdom was filled with treasures and riches, but the true treasure was the wisdom given by God. Have you ever been given something really special, like a favorite toy or game? Now think about something even more special than that: wisdom. Wisdom helps us in everyday life; it helps us make good choices and keeps us from trouble.

Solomon used his wisdom to make Israel a beautiful place where people wanted to visit and learn. It was said that silver was as common as stones in Jerusalem during his reign! That might sound like make-believe or a fairy tale, but it's how God blessed Solomon.

But wisdom needs to be shared. Solomon showed us it's not just important to have wisdom, but also to use it to help others and to lead people closer to God.

4. The Praise of God (1 Kings 10:26-29)

The Queen of Sheba praised God for Solomon's wisdom. She said, "Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel." The wisdom of Solomon pointed her eyes and heart to God.

When we use our gifts wisely and compassionately, others see the goodness of God in us. It's like when you make a lighthouse from your Legos. It stands tall, and the light shines bright—it can be seen from far off. Similarly, when we shine with goodness and kindness, people see God's love.

God was pleased with Solomon and blessed him, and others praised God because of him. This is a wonderful reminder that our actions can show others how wonderful God is.

Personal Application for Elementary Students

Wow! Wasn't that an exciting adventure we took with Solomon and the Queen of Sheba? Now, let's think about how this amazing story about wisdom relates to each of us.

Firstly, each one of you is unique and special and God has given you the potential to be wise, too. Maybe you're already super at sharing, or really good at helping mom or dad at home—that's a step towards wisdom. Like Solomon, we can ask God for help in learning how to make better choices. Remember, it's not just about being smart but making good choices and being kind to others.

Next, let's try to apply this wisdom in small ways every day. If you're asked to clean up your room, or share a toy with a sibling, or help a friend with their homework, think about how Solomon used his wisdom to help others and honor God. Can you think of any ways you can be like him?

Also, Solomon's story reminds us to be curious and eager to learn just like the Queen of Sheba. Ask questions when you don't understand something, seek answers, read your Bible, and listen to wise teachings from your parents and teachers.

Finally, think about how you can use your gifts to make God happy and also let others see His love. Maybe it's through art, sports, helping others, or being a kind friend. When people see you shining bright with kindness and wisdom, they will see a glimpse of God's love.

Let's all try to be wise this week and see how we can be a blessing to others, just like Solomon was. And don't forget to pray and ask God for wisdom as Solomon did.

Interactive Discussion Questions with Explanation and Teaching Guidance

Alright, everyone! Now it's time for a little talk. I have some questions to ask, and I'd love to hear your thoughts.

1. Why did the Queen of Sheba visit Solomon?

Let's think about this: The Queen of Sheba had heard incredible stories about Solomon's wisdom and riches. She was curious and wanted to see if it was all true. This teaches us to be explorers in our own way—always interested in learning and understanding more about God and His creations. When people or things are intriguing, we should not hesitate to find out more, just like the Queen of Sheba.

2. What did the Queen think of Solomon after she saw everything?

After meeting Solomon and seeing his wisdom, the Queen was amazed and believed everything—and even more—she had heard about him. Discuss how people might be amazed by our actions when we do what's right and good. It shows us the importance of leading a life that reflects God's wisdom.

3. What is a way you can use your own wisdom or talents to help others?

Encourage everyone to think about this: we each have talents or gifts, maybe you're great at sports, art, or helping others. Can you think of a way to use those gifts wisely to help a friend or cheer someone up? Discuss ideas, like helping with chores without being asked or being kind to a person who's feeling down.

4. How does our behavior reflect God's love to others?

When we act wisely and kindly, others may see God's love through our actions, just like how the Queen of Sheba praised God after meeting Solomon. Discuss simple ways we can show God's love: being patient, using kind words, or helping others.

Use these questions as the final wrap-up, encouraging each child to take one thing they learned today about wisdom, and think about how they can apply it in the coming week. Remind them that they each have the potential to show God's love and wisdom through their actions.