

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program A-1

Queen of Sheba visits Solomon

1 Kings 10:1-29, 2 Chr. 9:1-28

Samuel & Kings Series: Lesson #16

Bible Verse: Give praise to the LORD God. 1 Kings 10:9

Past verses: I like to go to church. Psalm 122:1

Wisdom is greater than silver and gold. Proverbs 3:14

Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17

The LORD is my strength. Psalm 28:7

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: No other king was as wise or rich as King Solomon.

God kept His promises to give Solomon wisdom and riches.

Prop ideas: Jewelry, silk/satin fabrics, pictures of riches

SAMPLE STORY

We have learned how King Solomon was the wisest king around. God also gave him great wealth and treasures. There was no one else as wise or as rich. There was a queen in the land of Sheba who had heard about Solomon. She had heard that he was very rich. She had heard that he was also very wise. The stories were so great that she could not believe it. She had to see for herself.

The Queen of Sheba took a large group of servants and people, or a caravan, with her to visit King Solomon. She had many tough questions to ask him. When she came, she brought many gifts with her to present to the king. The Queen of Sheba was very amazed at Solomon's knowledge and wisdom. No question she asked was too tough for him to answer. She had also never seen so many treasures and riches for one king. In her amazement she exclaimed "Praise be to the **LORD** your God. Because of the **LORD'S** love for Israel, He has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness."

The Queen of Sheba saw that God had made Solomon the richest and wisest king around. She knew that God was the one to praise and be thankful to. Our Bible verse today says "Give praise to the **LORD** God." *1Kings 10:9* Let us always be thankful to God and give Him praise.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Reading Books

Playing "Find the Present"

Coloring Solomon Page

First Session Activities

CINNAMON & BREAD SNACK

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring a toaster and toast the bread before spreading margarine on.

Materials: Bread (1st floor kitchen)
Margarine (1st floor kitchen)
Plastic knives or craft (Popsicle) sticks
Cinnamon/sugar mixture
Paper Plates
Plastic Spoon

Do: Give each child a slice of bread on a paper plate. Either spread margarine on the bread or place a small amount on the plate with a plastic knife or craft stick and let the children spread it on themselves. Help them shake a teaspoon of cinnamon sugar on top. (Do not let them keep the spoon, as it will surely be licked clean!)

Talk about: The Queen of Sheba brought gifts for King Solomon. Some of her gifts were spices. Spices smell good and are used in cooking and making perfumes. Cinnamon is a spice that smells nice and tastes good.

MUSICAL X's

Materials: Masking Tape (In room)
Music CD (In room)

Do: Make a circle of X's using masking tape. (You can make a square or triangle, ellipse, whatever).
Have at least one X's for each child.
Turn one X into an * by adding more tape.
Have the children walk around the circle (square) as you play music.
When you stop the music, they should stop walking.
The child on the * gets to answer a question about the lesson or any of the past Samuel & Kings lessons. (You can make up easy true/false or yes/no questions).
Start the music again and keep going.

Variation: If they tire of questions, have the child on the * do a funny trick. (Hop on one foot, spin around, etc.)

Talk about: What was the name of the King on today's story?
Was he a smart man?
Who visited King Solomon in today's story?
What did Solomon build? (It was like a church)
Name another King we have learned about.

Before he was king, what did David do for a living?
David killed someone with a slingshot. Who was that?
David's best friend was the king's son. His name was...?
Solomon did not write any Proverbs. T/F
David did something to calm King Saul. He played...?
David was the oldest and biggest son of Jesse. T/F
Who called young Samuel when he was sleeping in the tabernacle?
How old was Samuel when he went to serve the priest Eli?

PUZZLES

Materials: Puzzles (In room)

Do: Place no more than four puzzles on the table at a time.
(Tip: Child's age +1)

Talk about: King Solomon was very wise. The Queen of Sheba and others brought him many hard questions to solve. Some of the questions may have been like a puzzle. Let's solve these puzzles like Solomon solved the questions.