

WEEK 5

LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God helps us
do big things.

BIBLE

The Queen of Sheba Visits:
2 Chronicles 9:1–12

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Building on your own can take years and years, but that's why we have construction crews to help us. This week, we'll hear the story of the time when the Queen of Sheba saw God through Solomon's wisdom. Solomon knew his wisdom and kingdom weren't from his own efforts, and his generosity towards the queen shows us how **God helps us do big things**.

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Caravan Run

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, have kids line up across your space. Each team is one line. The teams will start with the "jewels" (ball pit balls like [these](#)) in one large bin at the starting line. At the end of each line (at the finish line), have a small bucket to collect the "jewels." The first person on their team picks up the jewel and passes it down the line and the last person drops it in the bucket. The team who collects the most jewels in their bucket wins! You can play a couple more rounds so that different kids can be in the front or end of their line.
- Your job today was to get as many jewels from one end of your caravan to the other and in your team's bucket.
- That's kind of like how the queen in today's Bible story traveled. She had a caravan of people traveling with her to visit King Solomon!

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | 2 Chronicles 9:1–12 (The Queen Of Sheba Visits)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below! As you tell the Bible story, there will be fun directions for the kids to follow. Hold your Bible in your lap as you tell the Bible story.
- **Who remembers what King Solomon was known for?** That's right, his wisdom! With the wisdom God gave him, along with so many riches, he was able to build an amazing kingdom. He built a beautiful temple for God and a marvelous palace, too.
- After all this construction was over, news spread about Solomon and his kingdom. People heard all about his wisdom and everything he built. **Let's put our hands to our faces and say, "Wow!"**

- The Queen of Sheba also heard about Solomon. She wanted to see Solomon and his kingdom. The queen came from far, far away. She had to travel for a long time. **Can you say, "Are we there yet?"**
- The queen heard that Solomon was wise. So she prepared a lot of questions to ask him.
 - The Queen of Sheba asked King Solomon tricky questions, and he was able to answer every question!
 - **Do you know why?** Because King Solomon was wise.
 - **Show me how wise you are by pointing to your head.**
 - **Who makes us wise?** God!
- The Queen of Sheba traveled with a caravan of people and all kinds of stuff. She brought camels carrying spices, gold, and gems!
 - **Pretend to bounce up and down riding the camel with me.**
 - **Now make circles with your hands and put them around your eyes and pretend to look around the kingdom with me.**
- King Solomon showed the queen the grand palace he had constructed, the food he had laid out for meals, the clothes he and his servants wore, and the great big offerings he gave in the temple.
- Everyone thought Solomon was awesome, but the queen knew that he didn't do these things all by himself. Even she knew that it was all thanks to God that Solomon could do all of these big things!

BIG IDEA | God helps us do big things.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce the Big Idea using the following hand motions:*
- Our Big Idea today is **God helps us do big things.**
 - **God** (*point both hands to the sky*)
 - **helps us** (*point to self with thumbs*)
 - **do big things.** (*hold your hands out to show how big*)

VIDEO | *Under Construction, Episode 5*

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](https://vimeo.com/935845664/0f3a0c6c44).* (<https://vimeo.com/935845664/0f3a0c6c44>)

PRAYER

- God, you are so good to us. Thank you for helping King Solomon. Thank you for making him wise. Thank you for helping him do big things. You will help me to do big things, too. Amen.

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit in a circle together. Have kids take turns answering the following questions:*
- **Who came with camels from far away to visit King Solomon?** *The queen or the Queen of Sheba*
- **Did she ask King Solomon tricky questions?** *Yes*
- **Was King Solomon wise when he answered her questions?** *Yes, he was very wise.*
- **What kinds of things did the queen give to King Solomon?** *Spices, gold, and jewels.*
- **God helped King Solomon do big things. Who helps us do big things?** *God*

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help kids learn this month's memory verse by setting the words to the tune of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." You can also have kids repeat the verse after you in small chunks, say them using silly voices, or create simple hand motions for keywords.*
- "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.*