

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 | Camel Rides

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prior to the session, put two chairs facing each other and touching. Then put a brown blanket over the chairs. Print out or show the kids a picture of a [real camel](#). Help the kids sit astride the chairs the way you would sit on a horse. Make sure the chairs are secure so kids don't slide off.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Remove the blanket so that it's easier for toddlers to climb on the chairs. You can also use cardboard boxes or large cushions instead.
- **Who wants to ride on the camel?** One at a time, you can sit on our pretend chair camel. I think this camel is walking so far through the desert.
- Our Bible story today has a queen from far away who brings a lot of camels that are carrying lots of gifts.

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.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Toddlers will not understand a relay game. Instead, just let them play in a kiddie pool or small inflatable ball pit filled with balls. Hold up each and identify its color for the toddlers.
- 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! Additionally, have a sound bite of [construction noise](#) playing in the background and decorate your space with items like caution tape, construction signs, and blueprints. 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:** Before the session, put the poster of the Big Idea (available in the Graphics folder) at the bottom of a sheet pan and cover the poster with dried black beans. Let the kids use toy construction vehicles to push the beans off the "road" to see the poster underneath.
- 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](#).

ACTIVITY | Hunt For The Jewels

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, prepare 30-40 colorful paper plates. Write easy trivia questions on 10 to 15 of the paper plates (we've written out a few examples for you below). Affix the plates to the walls or floors of the room. When kids find a plate with words on the back, have them bring them to you so you can ask them aloud to the group.

✳ **TODDLER HACK:** Read a story for toddlers and say we become wiser as we learn more about God! Remember, toddlers love to ask you to read the same book over and over. Repetition of a familiar story helps a toddler feel confident as they know what to expect. Patiently read that favorite book again and again to help each toddler know that you are a safe place to learn.

- The Queen of Sheba brought jewels and asked Solomon lots of tricky questions. Let's see how many jewels you can find and how many tricky questions you can answer.
 - **What color is your shirt?**
 - **How many ears does a bunny have?**
 - **Where is your belly button?**
 - **What book has God's words?**
 - **What animal says meow?**
 - **Name a food that grows on a tree.**
 - **Name a color in a rainbow.**
 - **Spell your name.**
 - **How old are you?**
- In the Bible story, Solomon was very wise and filled his kingdom with wonderful things. But all of this was possible because of God!
- You can do big things like answer tough questions. You are doing bigger and bigger things every day. **God helps us do big things.**

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

SNACK | Sprinkles and Spice

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prior to the session, make sure you check for allergies. Give each kid a portion of applesauce and a spoon. Let the kids sprinkle cinnamon and colorful sprinkles onto their applesauce.
- Our snack has a sweet and yummy spice in it. **What does your snack smell like?** It smells like cinnamon. Yummy! Cinnamon is a sweet-smelling spice. It is like the spices that the queen gave to King Solomon.
- Look at the colorful sprinkles. **What colors do you see?** It reminds us of the precious jewels the Queen of Sheba brought to Solomon.
- The queen came to see Solomon because of all the big things he had done. **God helps us do big things, too!**

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sit in a circle together. Pass around a camel toy as you play the song, "[Alice the Camel](#)."
- **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

ACTIVITY | Shaggy Camel Craft

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prior to the session, tear brown and tan construction paper into tiny pieces. Older preschoolers may enjoy helping tear the paper if time allows. Print the camel [printable](#) for each kid. Provide

glue sticks for them to attach the strips. You can also provide gem stickers for them to bejewel their camels! See a worked example [here](#).

- You can use these glue sticks and paper pieces to make your own camel that was part of the queen's caravan!
- The Queen of Sheba traveled from far away brought lots of camels carrying jewels, spices, and gold. She came to see King Solomon who had done big things because of God.
- **God helps us do big things!**

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.

ACTIVITY | Build-A-Kingdom

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide plastic cups in two sizes, large tongue depressors, and some cardstock paper. Let the kids build with the materials.
✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Let toddlers use cardboard or foam blocks to stack instead of cups and popsicle sticks.

ACTIVITY | Construction Zone

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill a kiddie pool with playground sand or shredded tan paper and bury small or toy items like plastic cones, construction vehicles, construction hats, shovels, and buckets.