# Story Time - Read the story to the children Lesson 93: THE QUEEN OF SHEBA 1 KINGS 10:1-13

Now the queen of Sheba, hearing great things of Solomon, came to put his wisdom to the test with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels weighted down with spices, and stores of gold and jewels: and when she came to Solomon she had talk with him of everything in her mind. And Solomon gave her answers to all her guestions; there was no secret which the king did not make clear to her. And when the gueen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house which he had made, And the food at his table, and all his servants seated there, and those who were waiting on him in their places, and their robes, and his wine-servants, and the burned offerings which he made in the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king. The account which was given to me in my country of your acts and your wisdom was true. But I had no faith in what was said about you, till I came and saw for myself; and now I see that it was not half the story; your wisdom and your wealth are much greater than they said. Happy are your wives, happy are these your servants whose place is ever before you, hearing your words of wisdom. May the Lord your God be praised, whose pleasure it was to put you on the seat of the kingdom of Israel; because the Lord's love for Israel is eternal, he has made you king, to be their judge in righteousness. And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a great store of spices and jewels: never again was such a wealth of spices seen as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon. And the sea-force of Hiram, in addition to gold from Ophir, came back with much sandal-wood and jewels. And from the sandal-wood the king made pillars for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, and instruments of music for the makers of melody: never has such sandalwood been seen to this day. And King Solomon gave the gueen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she made request for, in addition to what he gave her freely from the impulse of his heart. So she went back to her country, she and her servants.

# 93. THE QUEEN OF SHEBA (1 KINGS 10:1-13)



"And she said to the king, The account which was given to me in my country of your acts and your wisdom was true."

1 KINGS 10:6

# 93. THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

1 KINGS 10:1-13

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"He made you king, to do justice and righteousness." 1 KINGS 10:9

#### **TRUE OR FALSE**

- 1. The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon and so she came to test him with hard questions.
  - TRUE or FALSE
- 2. She came to Jerusalem with only a couple of things and one other servant. TRUE or FALSE
- **3.** Solomon could answer all of her questions. There wasn't anything too hard for him to answer.

  TRUE or FALSE
- **4.** She told Solomon that everything she had heard about him was true. TRUE or FALSE
- **5.** She gave king Solomon one little diamond ring as a gift and nothing else. TRUE or FALSE

#### **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

- 1. Where was this queen from? What country?
- 2. Why did the Queen of Sheba want to come to see king Solomon?
- 3. Did king Solomon have any trouble answering any of her questions? Were they easy questions?
- 4. What were some of the things she gave the king as gifts? (120 talents of gold, a lot of expensive spices and lots of jewels!)
- 5. Did the Queen of Sheba stay in Jerusalem?

## Lesson 93 Optional Activity

## **Camel Craft**

You will need enough templates (enclosed with the curriculum) for the number of children in your class, crayons or markers, a glue stick and purple and tan construction paper. Give each child a camel from the templates. Place some tan construction paper behind the template (as an option you could copy your templates onto brown card stock). Cut out around the edges of the camel. Next, cut out a rectangle from the purple construction paper to make a royal covering over the camel. Cut in a rectangle approximately 1 1/2" X 2 1/2". Cut small slices on both ends (length wise) on the rectangle to make some fringes. Next with a glue stick, glue the purple covering over the hump of the camel. You can write 1 Kings 10:9 on the camel (or have the kids do it) if you like to help them to remember the lesson.

# **PRAYER**

Lead the children in a prayer to first of all ask the Lord for wisdom and then for the Lord to help us to use the wisdom He gives us to help others. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

