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1 Kings Chapters 9-11

Early Childhood

1KG03EC

Solomon Was the Wisest, Richest Man on Earth.

Memory Verse:

Two- and three-year-old verse: 1 Kings 8:23: O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below.

Four- and five-year-old verse: 1 Kings 8:23: O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below.

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. Who kept His promise and made King Solomon wise and wealthy? (*God.*)
2. Who was very wise and answered all of the hard questions that the queen of Sheba asked? (*King Solomon.*)
3. Who became angry with King Solomon when he started worshiping idols? (*The Lord.*)

Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:

1. What queen came to see wise King Solomon? (*The queen of Sheba came to find out if King Solomon was as wise and rich as she had heard.*)
2. What gifts did the queen of Sheba bring to King Solomon? (*The queen of Sheba brought many camels carrying bags of gold, precious jewels, and spices.*)
3. What bad sin did King Solomon do when he was older? (*King Solomon disobeyed God by collecting gold, horses, and wives who turned his heart to worship idols.*)
4. What did God do to punish King Solomon? (*God told Solomon that his son would not be king over all of Israel. God sent prophet Ahijah to Jeroboam to tell him he would be king over ten parts of Israel.*)

Key for symbols:



- This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow down the pace for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Hook:

Horse Center: Bring in as many plastic toy horses as possible. Provide fencing, barns, shelter, etc., for the children to use while they take care of so many horses. In today's Bible Adventure, Solomon brought lots of horses from Egypt. God was not pleased with the way King Solomon spent the riches that God had given him.

Jewelry and Spice Center: Bring gold (colored) and rhinestone jewelry for the children to see, talk about, and try on. Obtain small plastic covered containers (hold about two tablespoons) from a fast food restaurant. Place different spices and scented things like cinnamon, vanilla, peanut butter, nutmeg, cloves, and chili powder in the covered containers. Ask the children to close their eyes and, as you open the container, see if they can identify what they smell. Do any of them smell familiar? What are spices used for? What would you do with these gifts if someone gave them to you? In


today's Bible Adventure, a very important queen brings valuable, beautiful stones, gold, and rare spices to King Solomon as a gift.

-  **Play Dough:** Use animal and flower cookie cutters and see how many you can make with the dough that you have. We are going to find out today that King Solomon had lots of animals and big gardens. He could tell you all about anything you wanted to know. God gave King Solomon the wisdom that he had asked for.
-  **Picture Collection for Wall Mural:** Let children each find three pictures of flowers, trees, or animals in magazines. These will be used in the "Solomon Mural" in the Look section. The children can keep their own pictures to be glued on the mural later. Discuss how these are all things that King Solomon owned and knew a lot about.
- ④ **What Do You See?** On a tray, place several items (stuffed animals, jewelry, gold objects, a toy boat, flowers, etc.). Let children look at these for a few minutes and then cover it. Let them recite the things they remember seeing. These are all things that King Solomon owned. You will hear more about them in the Bible Adventure today.
- ④ **Let's Learn Something New:** Bring several children's books about anything in nature like trees, plants, animals, birds, fish, or ships and read them together. Begin by asking questions that you know the books will answer like "Do you know why a snail has a shell or why a camel has a hump?" Read and discuss. King Solomon knew so much that people came from all over the world to ask him questions. He knew what is in all these books!



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

-  Color and mount the **1KG03ECGF1, 1KG03ECGF2, 1KG03ECGF3, 1KG03ECGF4,** and **1KG03ECGF5** pictures on construction paper. Show them as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save these pictures for review in future lessons.

-  **"My Bible" Finger Play:**

I open my Bible,	<i>(Hands open like a book.)</i>
And listen to God,	<i>(Hand to ear.)</i>
He tells me what I should do.	<i>(Point up.)</i>
I know that He loves me,	<i>(Arms hug self.)</i>
He hears when I pray,	<i>(Hands folded in prayer.)</i>
And all of His stories are true.	<i>(Head nods "yes.")</i>
I like my Bible,	<i>(Hands open like a book.)</i>
It's special to me,	<i>(Fold hands over heart.)</i>
Just like a friend I see every day.	<i>(Point to eyes.)</i>
So, now I'll be quiet,	<i>(Put fingers to lips.)</i>
My hands will be still,	<i>(Fold hands.)</i>
I'll listen to what God wants to say.	<i>(Hold one hand to ear, point up.)</i>

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

Solomon had asked for God's wisdom in leading the people of Israel. God promised Solomon he would be wise if he would obey God and follow His commands.

(Show the review 1KG02ECGF5 picture.) God was pleased with the beautiful temple that King Solomon had built for the Lord. All of Israel rejoiced and worshiped the Lord at the new temple.

(Show the 1KG03ECGF1 picture.) God kept His promise and made King Solomon wise about all things. Men came from all parts of the world to listen and learn about how to grow the best kind of plants and animals. (Identify the different plants and animals in the picture.) When they came to learn, they would bring King Solomon gifts. These gifts made him even more wealthy.

(Show the 1KG03ECGF2 picture.) King Solomon became very famous around the world. One time, a very important visitor came to his kingdom. It was the queen of Sheba. She brought gifts of gold, jewels, and spices. The queen had heard of Solomon's wisdom and had come to test him with hard questions. King Solomon was able to answer all of her questions. Nothing was too hard for the king! The queen of Sheba left Israel giving glory to God for making King Solomon so wise.

(Show the 1KG03ECGF3 picture.) King Solomon grew even more wealthy. He had many orchards and animals. He brought lots of horses from Egypt. His ships were the best in the world. He had great armies with chariots.

(Show the 1KG03ECGF4.) King Solomon began disobeying God by marrying women who did not love the one true God. They worshiped idols. Soon King Solomon also started worshiping idols and even built altars to them. Solomon forgot to obey God and keep His statutes. He started loving his wives and his things more than God.

God became angry with King Solomon. The kingdom that King Solomon ruled over would never be strong again. God would divide the country of Israel into two (hold up two fingers) different countries. King Solomon's son would rule only a small part of Israel.

It is sad that King Solomon forgot to obey God and follow His statutes when he got older. It is good for us to read the Bible every day so we won't forget how to obey God.

Prayer: Dear God, please teach us to love and obey You. Don't let us have people or things draw us away from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show the review 1KG02ECGF5 picture.) King Solomon built a beautiful temple where the Israelites could worship God. King Solomon stood with his arms in the air and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below. Please stay with us forever, as You stayed with my father, David." Solomon loved God and wanted to obey God's statutes.

After the temple was finished, the Lord appeared to King Solomon and said, "I have heard your prayer, and My eyes and My heart will always be in this temple. If you obey My statutes, like your father David obeyed, you and your sons will always be kings of Israel. But if you or your sons turn away from Me and worship idols, then I will take this temple and the land of Israel away from you."

(Show the 1KG03ECGF1 picture.) God gave King Solomon wisdom about many things, like trees, plants, animals, birds, and fish. Solomon taught classes about these things, and men from all over the world came to listen to King Solomon and learn about how to grow the best kinds of plants and animals. When these men and women came to learn from King Solomon, they brought him gifts of gold, jewels, and spices.

(Show the 1KG03ECGF2 picture.) The queen of a place called Sheba (modern Yemen in Arabia) had heard about King Solomon's wisdom and came to see if what she had heard was true. The queen of Sheba arrived in Jerusalem after a very long, long trip (1200 miles). She brought with her many camels that carried great amounts of gold, precious gems, and spices for food.

The queen of Sheba came to King Solomon and asked him many questions about things she had wondered. Solomon wisely answered every question. Nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. She was overwhelmed by Solomon's wisdom, the palace home he had built, the large amounts of food on his table, the large number of men who prepared and served the food, and the large number of animal sacrifices that were made at the temple.

The queen of Sheba said to King Solomon, "I had heard that you were wise and wealthy, but you are much wiser and richer than I had imagined. Your God must be happy with you to bless you so much. Your servants and the men who help you must be happy as they listen to your wisdom day after day."

The queen of Sheba gave King Solomon several tons of gold, large sacks of spices used in cooking food, and big bags of shining jewels. With some of the gold, King Solomon made shields for his men to carry on special occasions. Solomon made a great, large throne and covered it with gold. Solomon even drank his water from glasses made of gold.

(Show the 1KG03ECGF3 picture.) Solomon built many ships to carry gold across the water from far away lands. Solomon had more horses and chariots than any king on earth. King Solomon had many large orchards and many herds of animals. Solomon was very wealthy.

God had told his kings not to collect a lot of gold to become rich. God had said, "Don't go to Egypt and buy a lot of horses. Don't collect gold, and don't marry wives who worship idols." Well, I must tell you that Solomon did all three of those things. As Solomon got older, he disobeyed God and bought a lot of horses from Egypt. He disobeyed God and collected more and more gold. King Solomon disobeyed God and married a wife who loved and worshiped idols. Solomon didn't marry only one wife who loved idols. He married seven hundred wives who worshiped idols!

(Show the 1KG03ECGF4 picture.) Just as God had known would happen, King Solomon's love and obedience for God became less and less. Solomon built a high place for his wives to worship Chemosh,

the terrible idol the Moabites worshiped. Solomon built a high place for Molech, the detestable idol the Ammonites worshiped. He built a special altar to each idol that his wives worshiped. How could Solomon forget what God had said? "Don't worship idols! Smash the idols!"

The Lord was angry with King Solomon. He said to him, "Because you have disobeyed Me, Israel will be taken away from your son. Rehoboam will have only the land called Judah, but the rest of Israel will be given to another man."

(*Show the 1KG03ECGF5 picture.*) As Jeroboam, one of King Solomon's officials, was going out of Jerusalem one day, a prophet named Ahijah met him on the road. Ahijah was wearing a brand-new robe, but he took it off and ripped it into twelve pieces. Prophet Ahijah said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces for yourself. Because Solomon did not obey God, God is tearing his kingdom into twelve pieces and giving ten of the pieces to you. If you love the Lord by walking in His statutes, as King David did, God will give you a powerful kingdom, like He gave King David." Jeroboam believed the prophet and waited to become king after King Solomon died.

Next week, we will find out what happened to Jeroboam and Solomon's son, Rehoboam. Isn't it sad that King Solomon forgot to obey God and His statutes when he got older? I want to obey God every day for the rest of my life. That's why I read the Bible every day so that I won't forget what He says.

Prayer: Dear God, I am sad that wise King Solomon disobeyed You when he got older. Help me obey Your words every day for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name, amen.



Look:

Aim Questions: The questions can be written on a paper shaped in the form of a robe that Ahijah would have worn. Have a child rip off the question (arm, collar) to be taken to the teacher to be read.


Snack: Drink water or juice from goblets (plastic or metal). Serve Snickerdoodle or gingersnap cookies and talk about the spices that give the cookies such a good flavor.


Wall Crown: (1KG03ECGF6) Add another giant jewel to the large crown on the wall and also the GF6 picture of the faces of Jeroboam and Rehoboam.


Solomon Mural and Verse Review: Begin by learning the memory verse and saying it together several times. After answering an Aim Question right or saying the verse, a child can glue his pictures on the large piece of butcher paper on the wall (see the Hook section), exclaim about how great God is. Say the verse together.


"Where Is Solomon?" Finger Play: (tune: "Where Is Thumbkin?") King Solomon loved God and wanted to obey His commands. But the more things he got, the less he remembered about God's laws and commands. That can happen to us today. When we become too busy with our toys and activities, sometimes it is hard to remember what God wants us to do.


Where is Solomon? Where is Solomon?	(Hands behind back.)
Here he is! Here he is!	(One hand then other with pointer finger up.)
He bought lots of gold. He bought lots of gold.	(Wiggle one finger, then other.)
Will he remember God? Will he remember God?	(One hand then other behind back.)
Where is Solomon? Where is Solomon?	(Repeat first verse actions.)
Building a throne! Building a throne!	(Pound fists together.)
He covered it with gold. He covered it with gold.	
Will he remember God? Will he remember God?	(One hand then other behind back.)
Where is Solomon? Where is Solomon?	(Repeat first verse actions.)
Buying horses! Buying horses!	(Pretend to pay money.)
He brought them from Egypt. He brought them from Egypt.	
Will he remember God? Will he remember God?	(Hands go behind back.)
Where is Solomon? Where is Solomon?	(Repeat first verse actions.)
Marrying many wives! Marrying many wives!	(Put ring on finger.)
They all worshiped idols. They all worshiped idols.	
Will he remember God? Will he remember God?	(One hand then other behind back.)
Did King Solomon remember to do God's laws and commands <u>all</u> of his life?	

 **Camel Relay:** Divide the class into three groups and have them wait behind a line drawn on the floor. At the opposite wall, in front of each team, is a basket or box. "The queen of Sheba had many camels carrying heavy loads of gold, precious stones and spices. Today, you will start on your hands and knees, and when a leader places a bean bag on your back, you are to crawl to the basket (King Solomon's court) and drop the bag into the basket. If the load falls off before you get to the basket, stop and have a leader help you get the load back on and then continue." The "camels" then wait against a third wall until everyone has had a turn. Which team could deliver its load first?

 **Camel Caravan: (1KG03ECGF2)** Make copies of the GF2 camel picture, one for each child. Supplies: glue sticks, gold glitter, sequins, and cinnamon. Have children color the camel and glue "gold, precious gems, and spices" onto the camel's bags. Have the children tell about the Queen of Sheba bringing gifts to King Solomon and that she asked him many hard questions that he answered. (1 Kings 10:8-9: "Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness.")

 **Camel Puppets: (1KG03ECGF7)** Color the GF7 camel head and glue it to half of a paper plate. Tape or glue a tongue depressor to the back. The camel could be glued onto a paper lunch sack if preferred.

 **Camels and Queens Role Play:** Select a child to be the Queen of Sheba. She gets a crown to wear over a piece of netting that flows over her clothing. Four servants get an old necktie tied around their necks. They get to move the queen who is seated on a sheet of firm plastic or a dish style sled. The rest of the children have camel puppets to walk with and move up and down as they travel to see King Solomon. Give each camel a grocery bag to carry as if taking gifts. King Solomon could be a teacher wearing a crown. Have a lot of questions to ask him and share your gifts. Say the memory verse as you leave.


 **1 Kings Booklet: (1KG03ECGF8)** Let each child make a booklet showing the two kings of 1 Kings we have learned about so far. Fold the GF8 page in fourths so that page number one is the cover page. Talk about King David and wise King Solomon and sing the songs to remind the children that these wise kings loved and obeyed God.

④ **Armies and Animals Rely:** Bring a garbage bag full of stuffed animals, dolls, and a huge bag of army men (make sure they are not too small so that children could accidentally choke). Have three teams lined up on one side of the room and scatter the toys on the opposite end. Tell the children to collect as many toys as they can and bring them back to their team (have a grocery bag for each team) and put them in the bag. Then the next person in line does the same thing until everyone has had a turn. The team that has the fullest bag is crowned King Solomon. End the game by saying, "Today we're going to learn how King Solomon disobeyed God and collected wealth, horses, and wives who worshiped idols. He didn't obey God's commands."

Songs:

 **Kings 8:23, Memory Verse Song** (tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

O Lord, God of Is-ra-el
(Twin- kle, Twin- kle little star)
There is no God like you in
(How I won der what you are.)
Heaven a- bove or on earth be- low.
(Up a- bove the world so high)
First Kings eight verse twenty-three.
(Like a dia- mond in the sky.)
O Lord, God of Is-ra-el,
(Twin- kle, Twin- kle little star)
There is no-o God like you.
(How I wonder what you are.)


 **If You Disobey God** (tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you disobey God, stop it now. (Clap, clap!) If you disobey God, stop it now. (Clap, clap!)

If you disobey God, if you disobey God, if you disobey God, stop it now. (*Clap, clap!*)

If you sin against God, say, "I'm sorry." If you sin against God, say, "I'm sorry."

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 **Kings of Israel** (*tune: "King of Kings"*)

David was the king o-of Israel, glory (*Clap*), hallelujah! (*Repeat.*)


David, king of Israel, glory (*Clap*), hallelujah! (*Repeat.*)


Solomon was king o-of Israel, glory (*Clap*), hallelujah! (*Repeat.*)


Solomon, king of Israel. Oh, no! (*Clap*) He disobeyed! (*Repeat.*)





Took:

 **King Solomon Doll Reminder:** Each child receives a large plastic spoon and half a circle of cardstock. Cut out a rectangle as shown. Children can decorate the half circle to look like a king's robe. Use glitter glue, stickers, markers, etc. Draw a happy face on one side of the spoon and a sad on the other. Make a small crown out of gold foil to glue on the top. Make the half circle into a cone and tape along the edge. Slip the spoon into the hole at the top. Add a triangular piece of foil for an outer robe. Review all the ways that King Solomon was a good king and all the wisdom God had given him. Look at the sad Solomon when discussing the bad choices he made as he got older when he disobeyed God and worshiped idols.

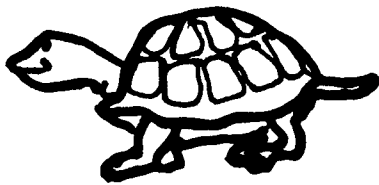
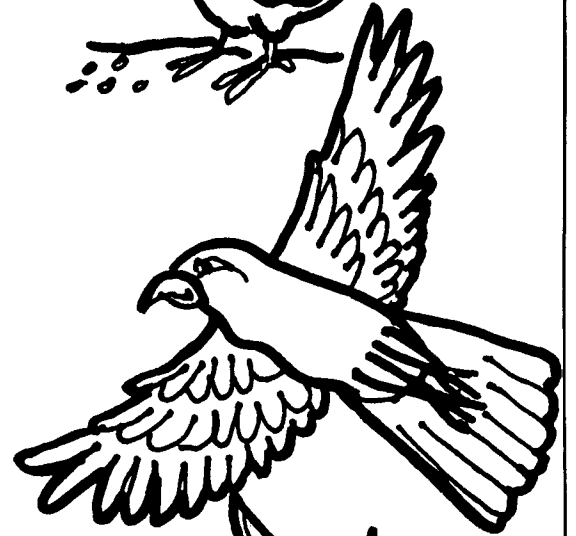
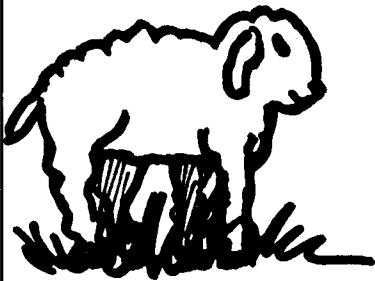
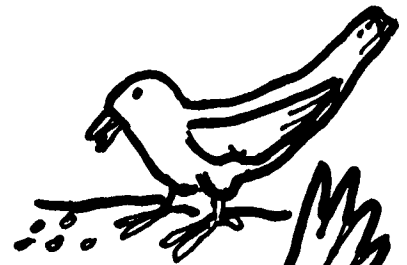
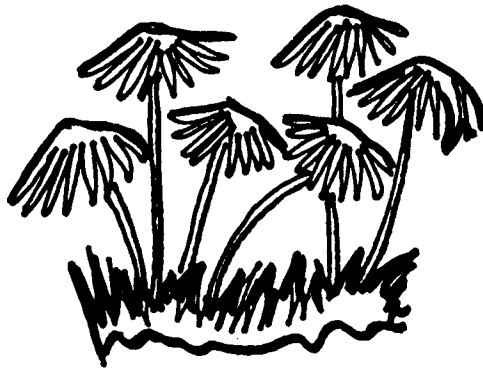
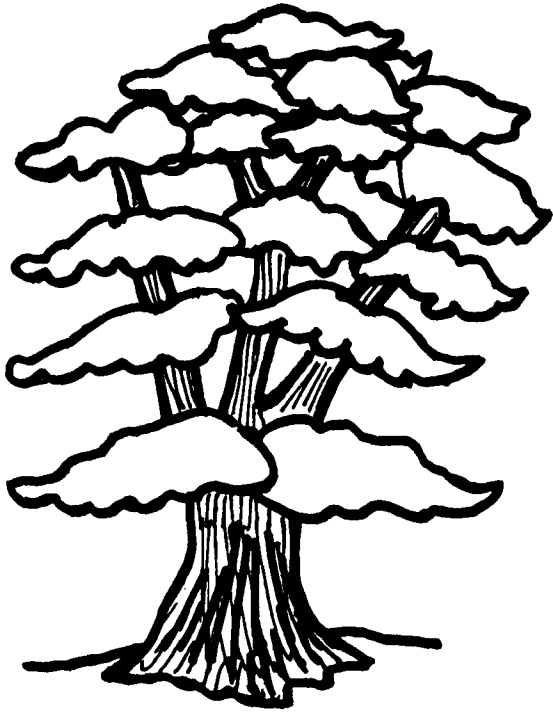
 **Floatable Boat: (1KG03ECGF9)** Supplies: plastic foam trays, small or medium-sized foam thread spools, glue, crayons, the GF9 memory verse written on a triangle shape, scissors, tape, and straws. Help the children glue a spool to the center of their trays. They can color their triangle sails and tape them to the tops of their straws. Tape another sail to the back of the first sail, sandwiching the straw between the sails. Squeeze a few drops of glue into the hole in the spool and stick the other end of the straw into the spool. When the boats are done, let the children "sail" their boats on the floor as they say the memory verse together. Remind them about King Solomon's powerful kingdom and all his wealth and ships. Also, remind them what God promised him (1 Kings 9:4-7: "Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight."). A simplified version of a boat could be made with two thicknesses of aluminum foil or cork. A short straw (one to two inches cut from a regular straw) could be poked through the center of the foil and taped on the bottom side so that the straw stands up.

 **"Shake a Face" Review: (1KG03ECGF10)** Give each child an egg carton, a marker, stickers, pieces of construction paper, and glue to decorate their cartons. Inside with a marker, write a "V" on several egg cups and let children place happy and sad face stickers on the others. Glue the memory verse on the carton as well as the instructions for playing. To play, place a miniature marshmallow in the egg carton, close it, and shake it while saying "Shake, shake, shake, what face did I make?" If the marshmallow lands in one of the "V" cups, the children get to say the memory verse. If it lands in a happy face cup, share something good about King Solomon. If it lands in a sad face cup, share something wrong that King Solomon did that made God angry. These instructions could be glued to the top of the carton so parents understand and can help.

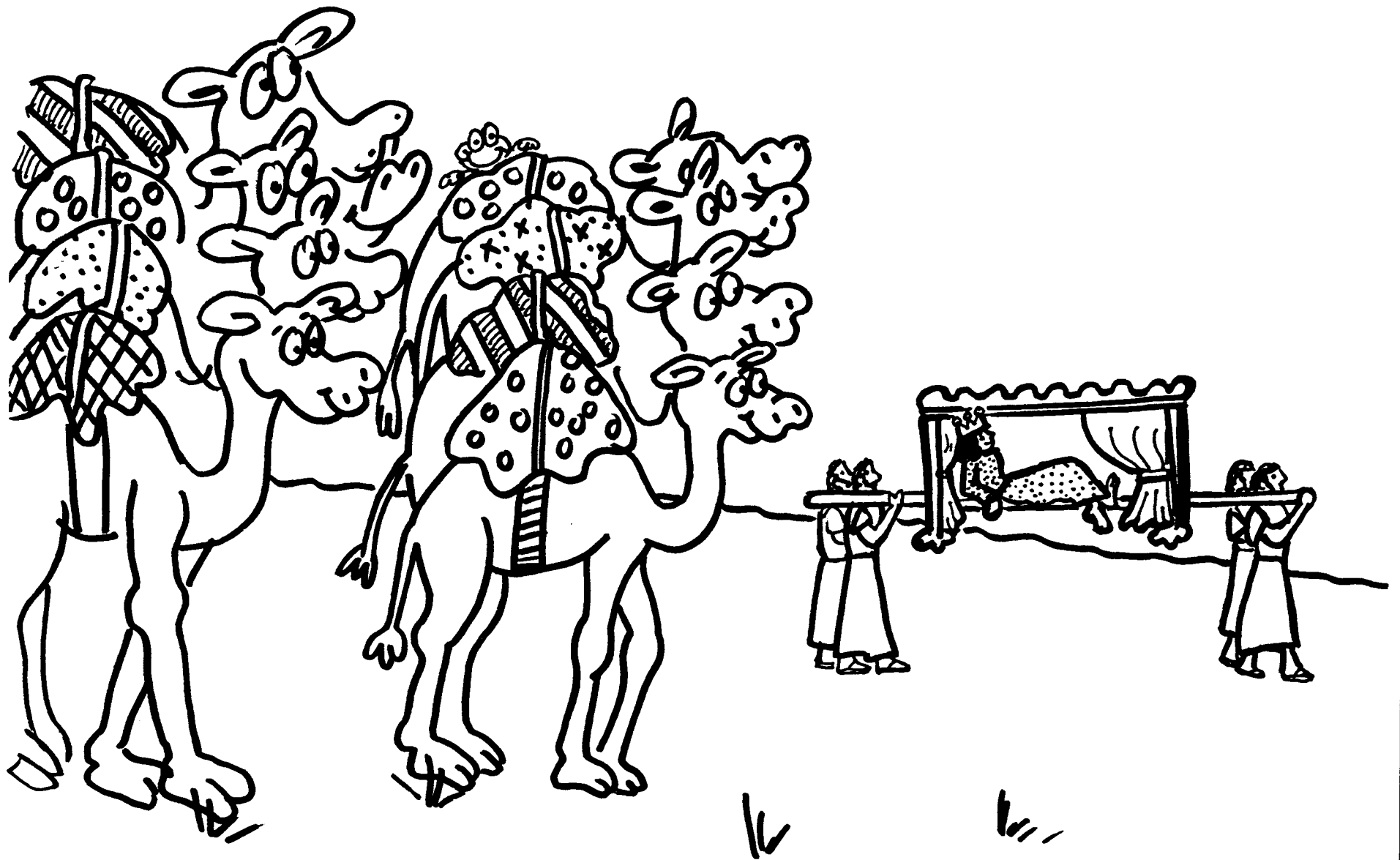
 **Preschool Page for Parents: (1KG03ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.

 **Potpourri Ball:** Materials needed: One small orange or lemon for each child, plenty of whole cloves, 18" ribbon for each child, 6" chenille wire for each child, straight pins. Have the children push

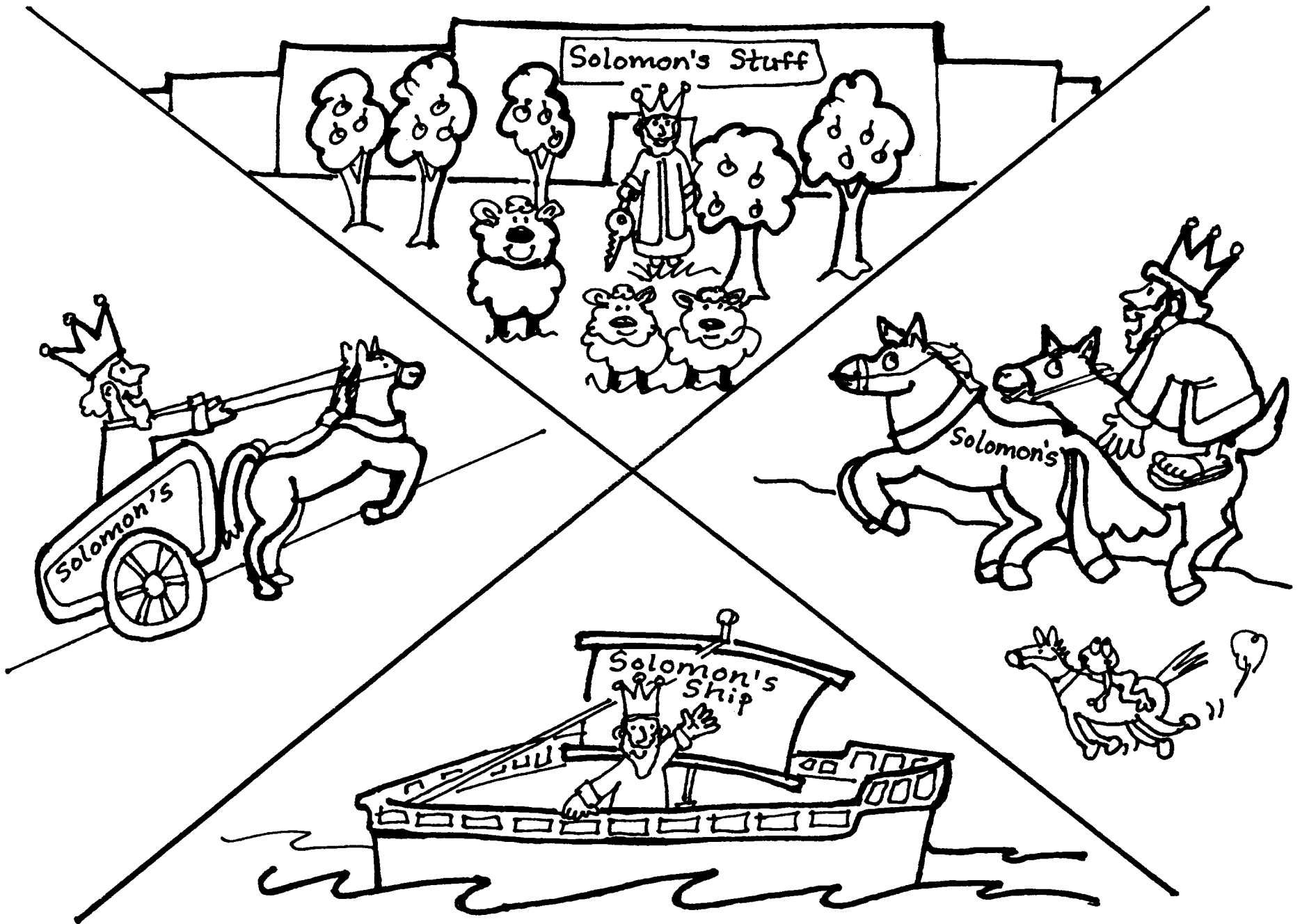
the whole cloves into the orange, making a design. Push the cut ends of the chenille wire into the orange near the stem. Tie the ribbon into a bow so that the loops and ends both hang down over the orange. Push the pin into the orange through the knot and into the stem area. It is now ready to hang in a closet. "The queen of Sheba brought King Solomon gifts because he was so wise. We will make these good-smelling oranges for our parent's closet as a gift to them because we respect their wisdom."



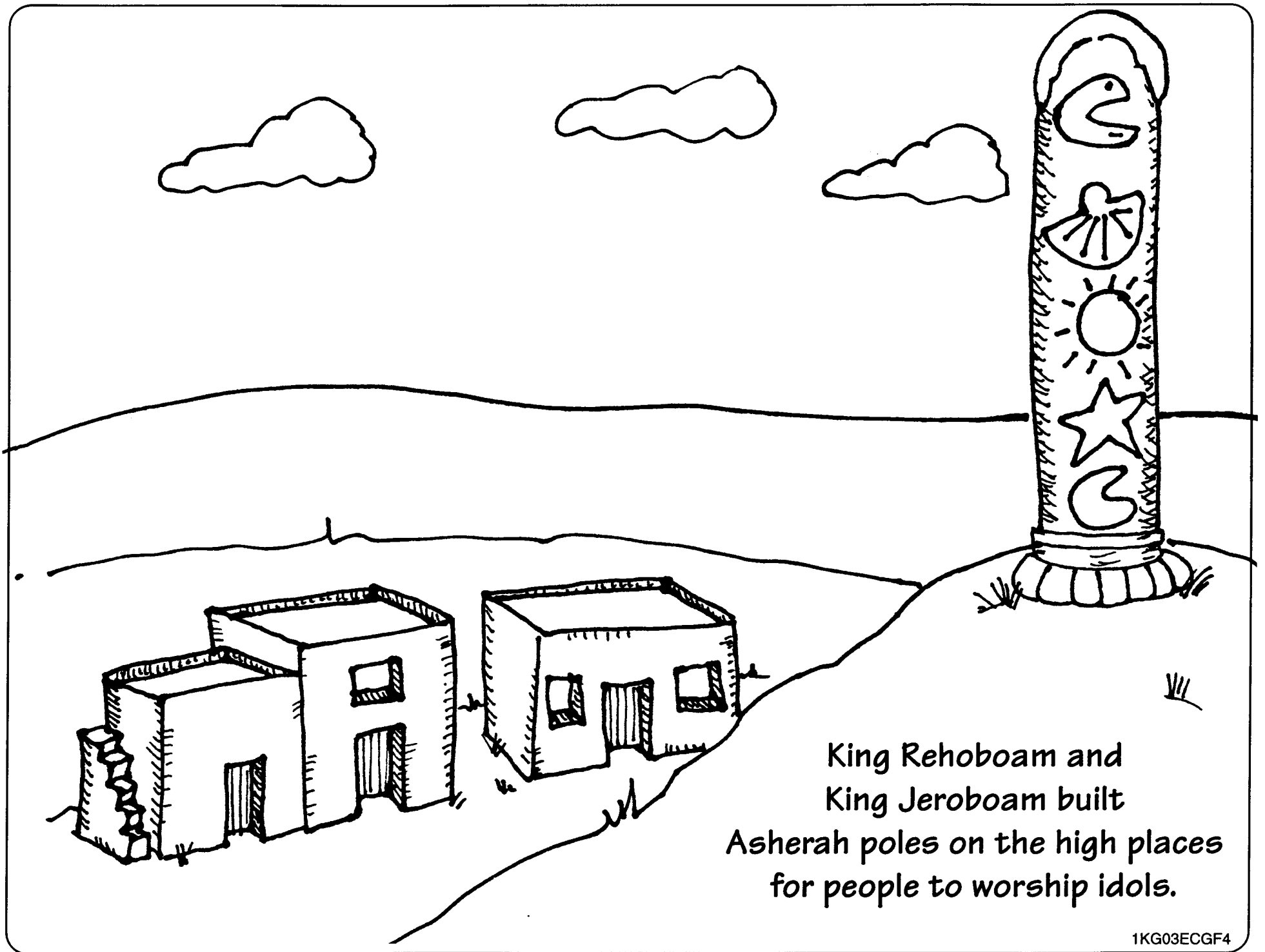
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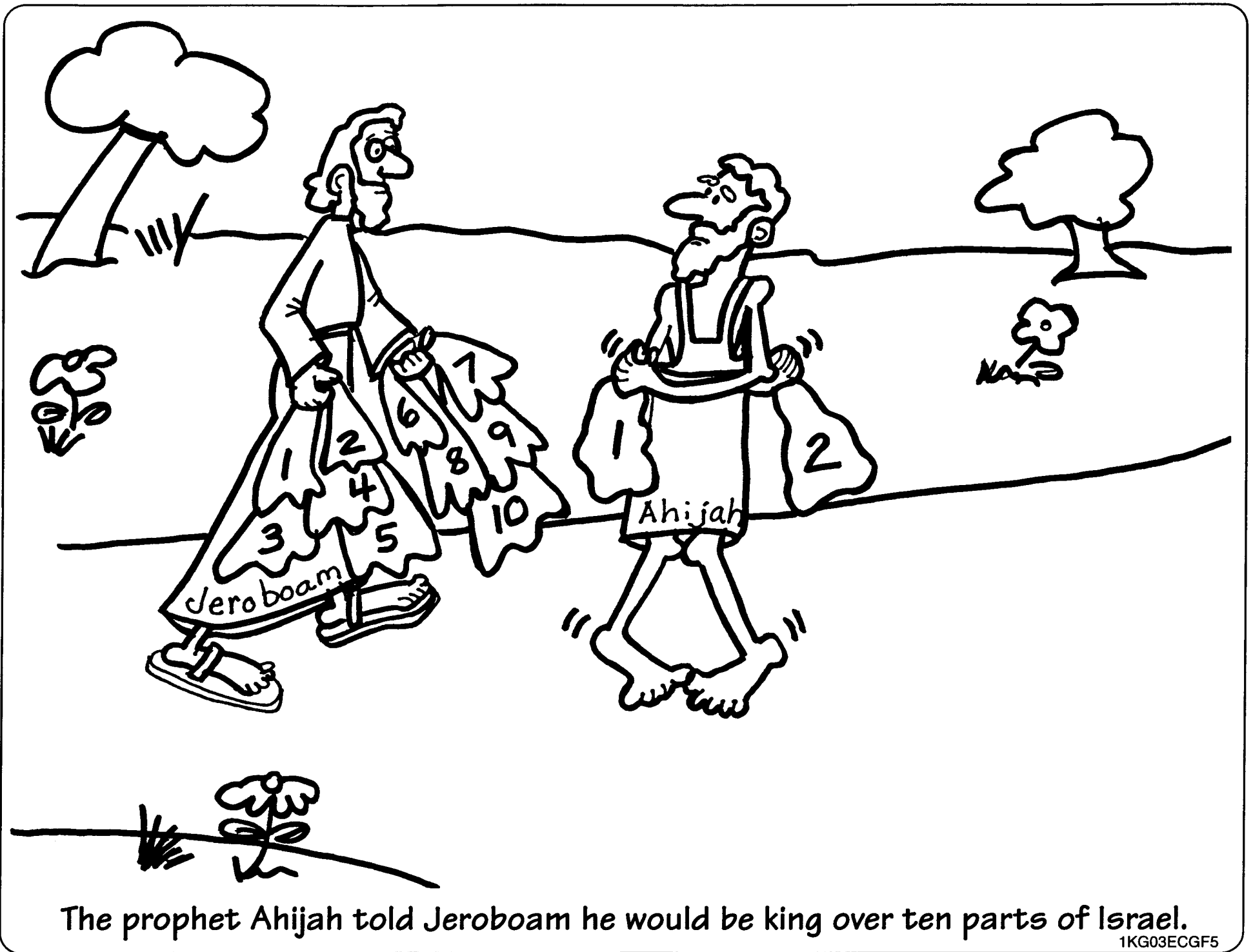
The queen of Sheba brought gifts of gold, jewels, and spices to King Solomon.



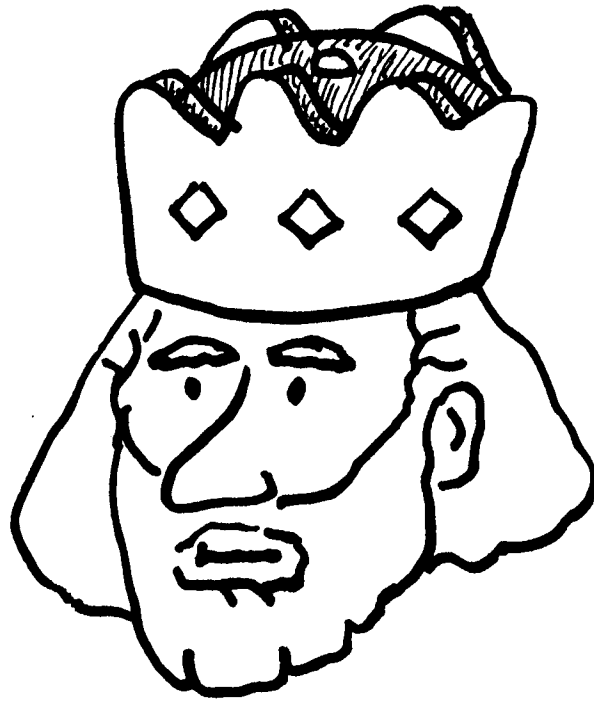
King Solomon was rich with horses, chariots, ships, orchards, and animals.



King Rehoboam and
King Jeroboam built
Asherah poles on the high places
for people to worship idols.



The prophet Ahijah told Jeroboam he would be king over ten parts of Israel.



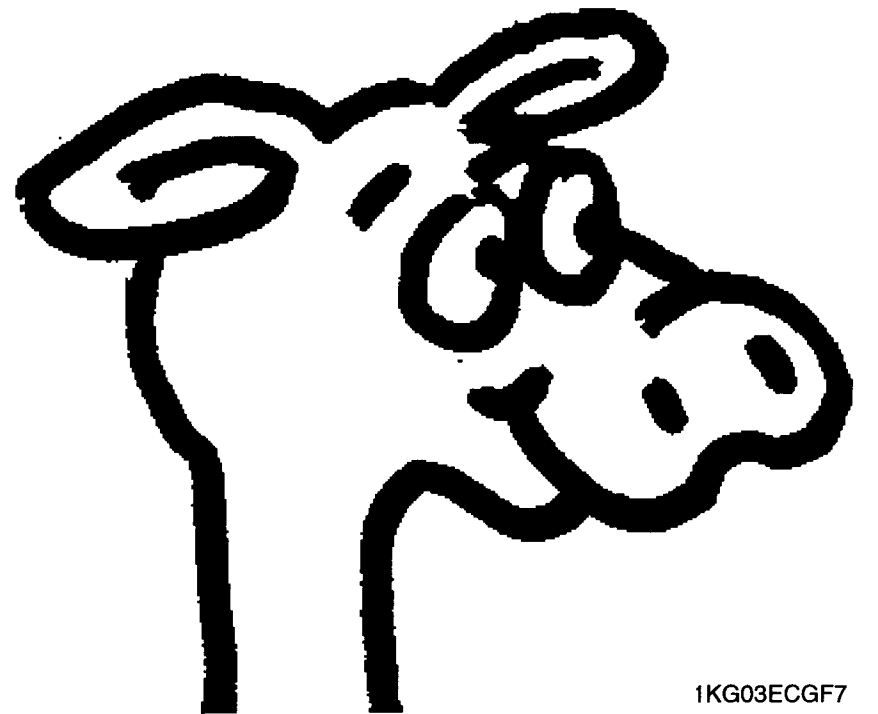
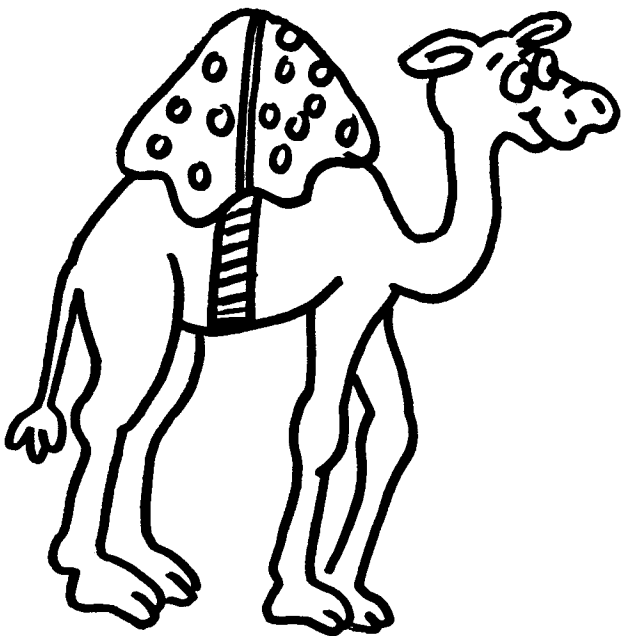
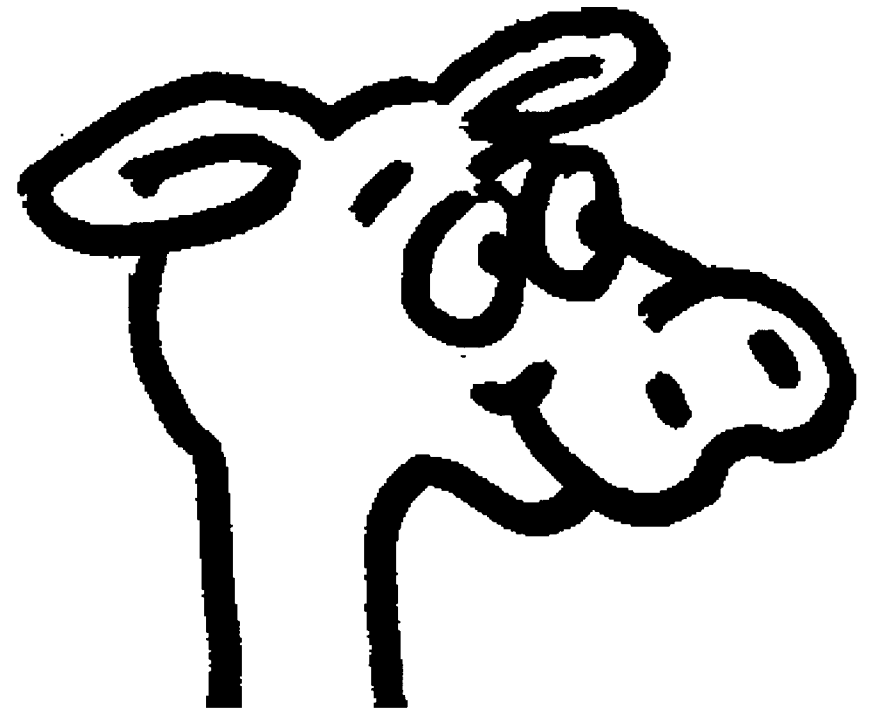
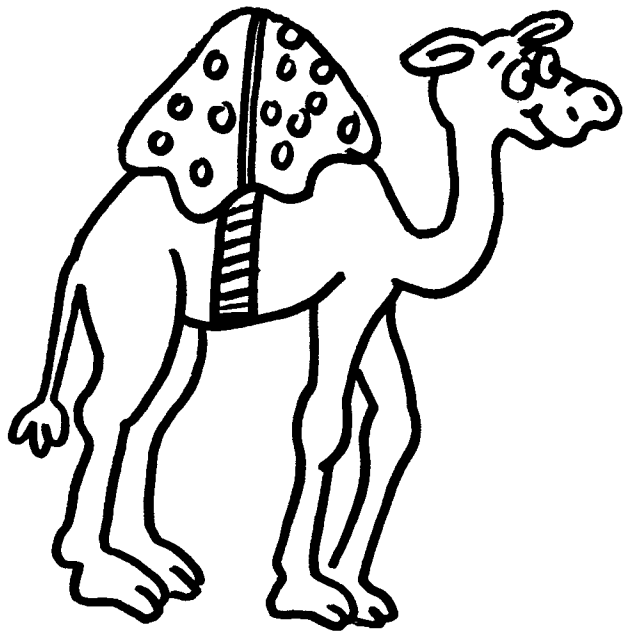
King Solomon disobeyed God, and the Israelites were divided into two kingdoms with two kings.

King Rehoboam of Judah

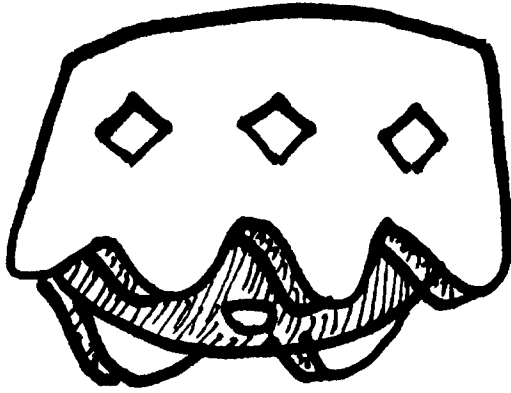


King Jeroboam of Israel





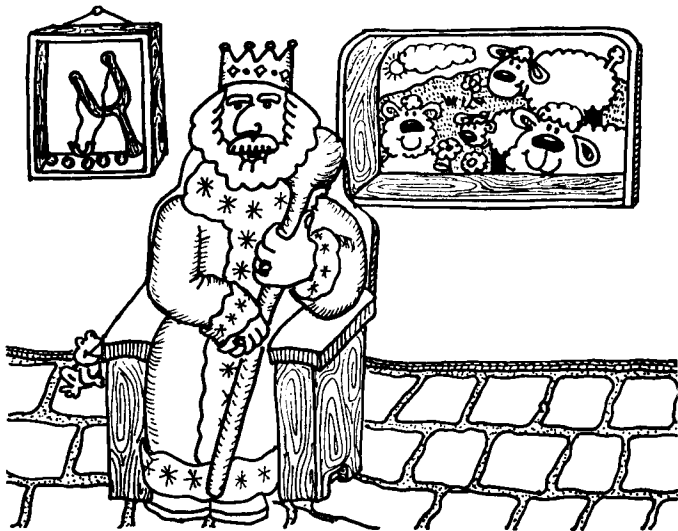
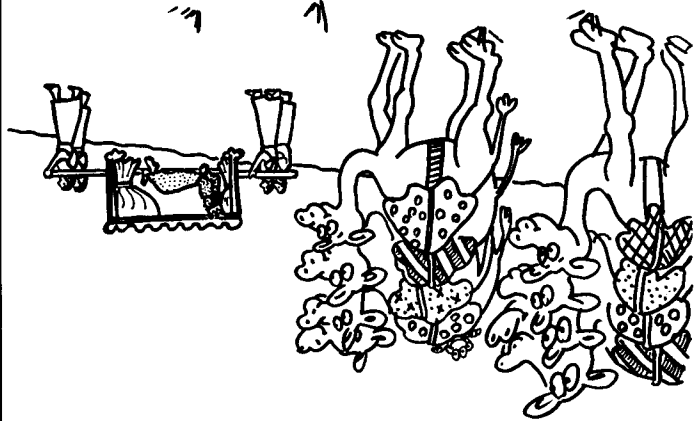
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 (Twin-kle, twin-kle, little star, How I wonder what you are.)
 Heav'n a bove or on earth below.
 (Up above the world so high)
 First Kings eight, verse twenty-three.
 (Like a dia-mond in the sky.)
 O Lord, God of Is-ra-el, There is no-o-o God like you.
 (Twin-kle, twin-kle, little star, How I wonder what you are.)



The Book of 1 Kings

4.

The queen of Sheba brought gifts of gold, jewels, and spices to wise King Solomon.



King David loved God and obeyed His laws.

King David Obeyed
 (tune: "Happy Birthday")
 King David obeyed. (Repeat.)
 King David loved Go-od.
 King David obeyed.

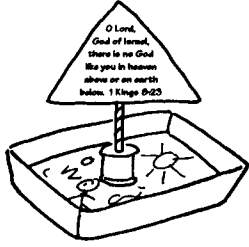
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King Solomon showed his love for the Lord by obeying.

King Solomon Obeyed
 (tune: "Happy Birthday")
 King Solomon obeyed. (Repeat.)
 King Solomon loved Go-od.
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Sample floatable boat

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"Shake a Face" Review Game

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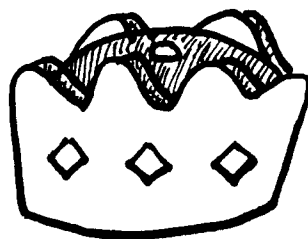
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This is what I learned today!

Today, we learned that King Solomon became a very rich man. He traded with other countries and brought in lots of gold. With this gold, he made special shields for his men to carry. He made a beautiful throne and even drank out of gold glasses. God gave King Solomon much wisdom. Even the queen of Sheba came from far away to ask Solomon hard questions which he could answer. But later Solomon forgot about God's laws and statutes and started worshipping the idols of the wives that he had married. God was angry with Solomon and told him that a large part of Israel would be taken away when his son became king.

Today's Memory Verse:

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1 Kings 8:23**

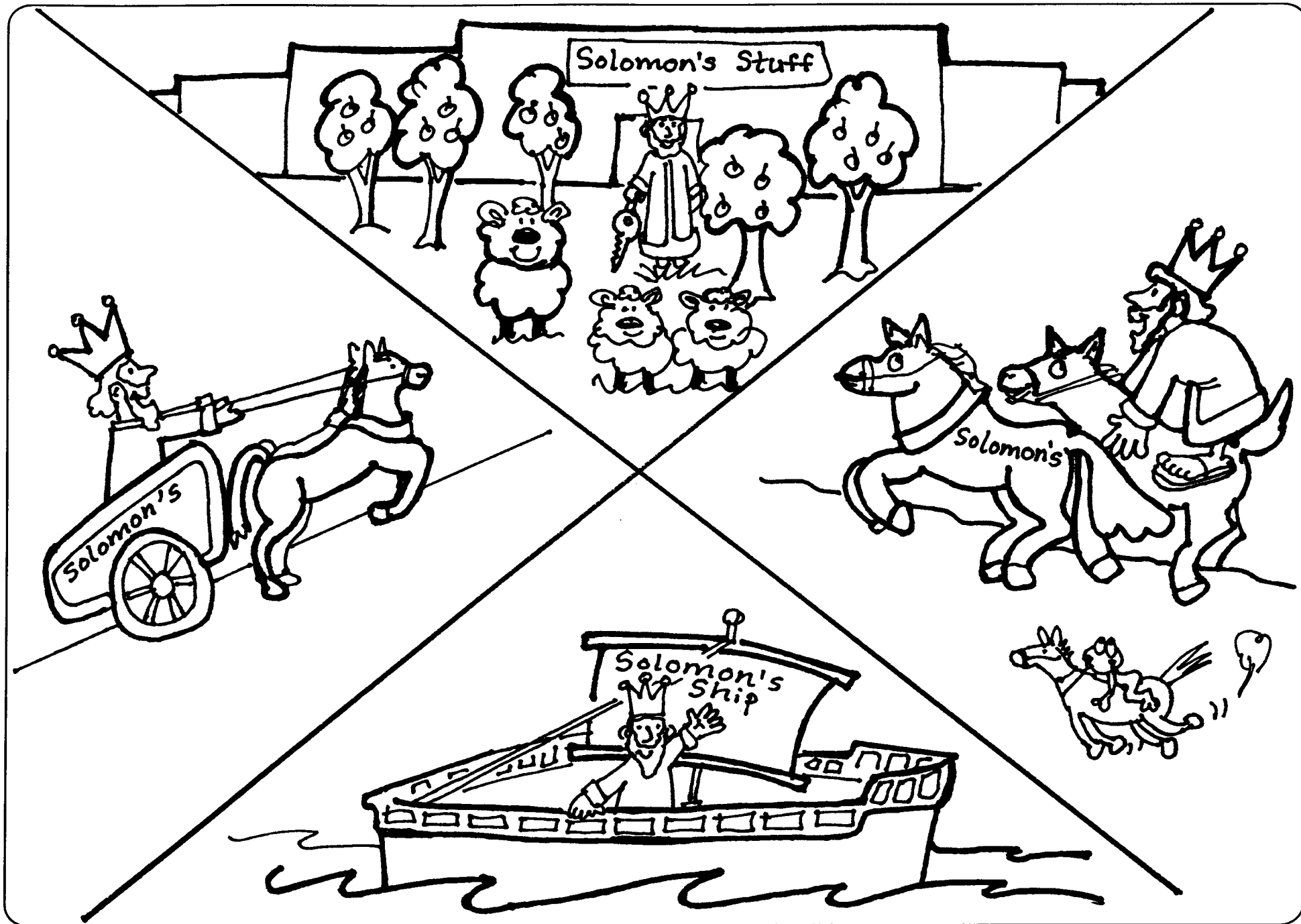
The Wisest and Wealthiest Man on Earth



King Solomon built boats to carry spices, gold, and precious gems. As a family, experiment with making boats that float. You can make a simple boat by curling up the edges of aluminum foil, or you can make a more complex boat by cutting the top three-fourths from a milk carton. Let the children sprinkle different kinds of spices on their boats and pretend to take them to wise King Solomon in Jerusalem.

Kings 8:23, Memory Verse Song
(tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

**O Lord, God of Is-ra-el,
There is no God like you in
Heav'n above or on earth below.
First Kings eight, verse twenty-three.
O Lord, God of Is-ra-el,
There is no-o God like you.**



King Solomon was the wisest and wealthiest man on earth.