

# Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of the splendour of King Solomon. You can find it in your Bible in:

### 1 Kings 10

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of the splendour of Solomon. Just as you blessed and provided for Solomon would you do the same for us.

Just as others saw how you cared for Solomon and worshipped you, would others see the blessings we have in our lives and learn something of your for themselves.

Help us to be wise in our thoughts and actions, to point to you when others ask where our hope and provision comes from.

Amen

## Discussion

### A question for adults to ask children

*Why do you think so many people came to visit King Solomon?*

King Solomon had been given great wisdom by God and blessed with riches and which enabled him to build and create wonderful things like his throne and the temple that he built for God. People came to visit from far and wide because they heard about the amazing kingdom of Solomon, they wanted to show their respect for him but also to God who had given Solomon such success and prosperity.

### A question for children to ask adults

*Can you tell me about the time when you knew God was blessing you?*

## Family Activity 1

When the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon she brought him spices as a gift, more than anybody had ever brought as a gift before!

Why not see what herbs and spices you have in your kitchen? You could put some of each spice onto a plate and see if you can guess what it is just by smelling them. Be careful not to inhale the spices.



*Did you know... herbs are made from the leaves of plants whilst spices are made from the seeds, bark, stems or fruits.*



## A verse to remember

Luke 12 v 27

**Consider how the lilies grow; they don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers.**

Read this whole passage together, it explains that God loves and cares for us so much that He will provide all that we need. All we must do is seek God's Kingdom first. Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

## Family Activity 2

Solomon had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses! Why not have your own horse and chariot race. You will need to be in pairs. One person is the 'chariot' and walks on their feet holding the legs of the 'horse', who can reach the finish line the fastest?

If you don't have enough people to form pairs why not set up a course and see if you can beat your own time or switch partners and see which pair is the best.



## Active Prayer

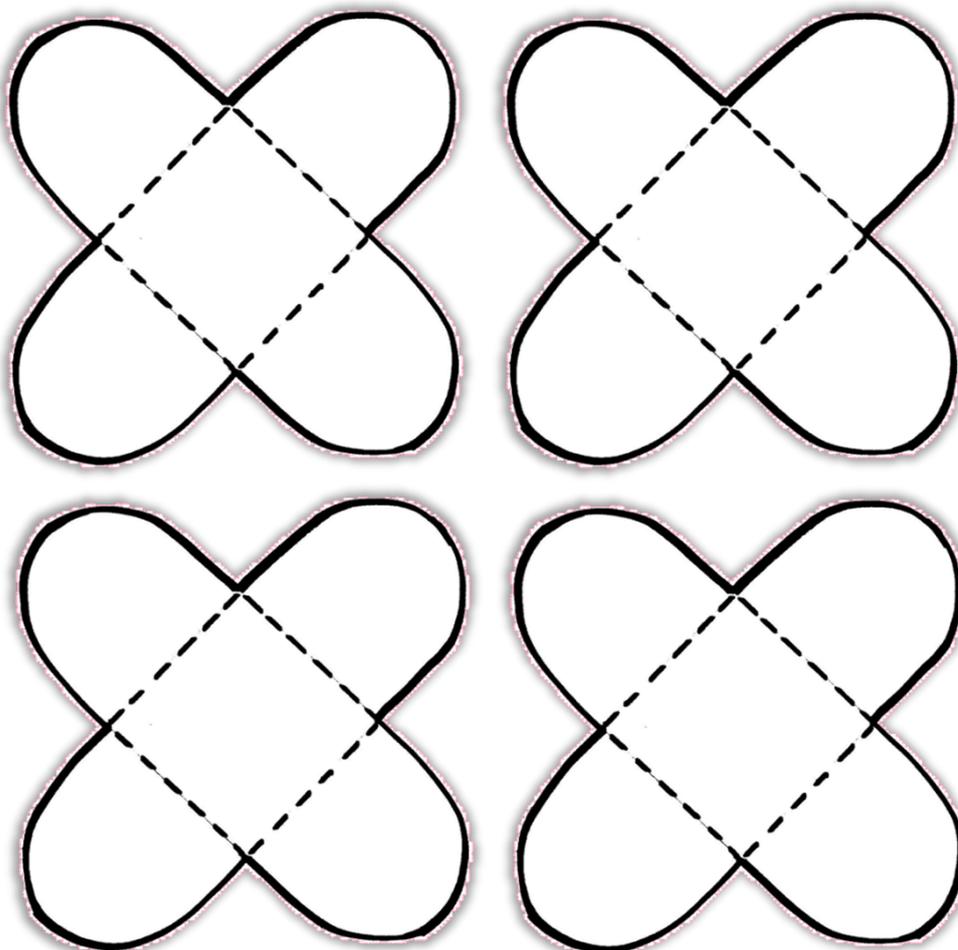
*Use the template at the bottom of the page to make your own floating lily prayers.*

Solomon always gave glory to God for his wisdom and wealth, the Queen of Sheba was so amazed she praised God too.

Take some time to pray and thank God for all the good gifts he gives you. Write or draw things that you are thankful for onto the sections of the flowers.

Fold the petals into the centre of the flower.

Fill a shallow dish with water. Place the flowers (petal side up) onto the dish and watch the flowers unfold as a thank you to God.



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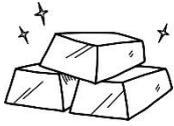
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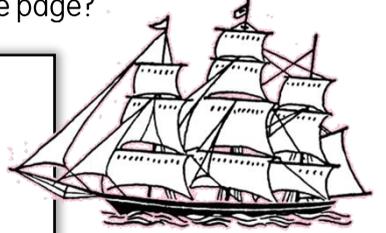
# PUZZLE SHEET

Solomon had many ships that sailed around trading and bringing him wonderful things. How many ships can you find on the page?

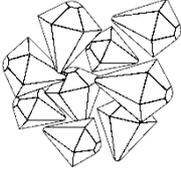


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Can you unscramble the words to reveal some of the gifts that were brought to King Solomon?



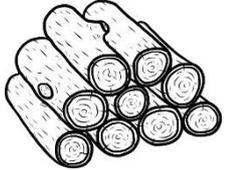
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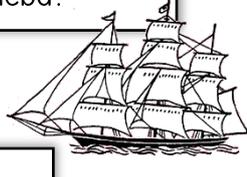
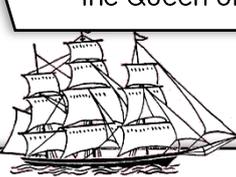
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Can you find 8 differences between the two pictures of the Queen of Sheba?



Help the ships to find their way through the maze to King Solomon.

