



Sunday School Lesson

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The Most Beautiful Bride

Song of Solomon 6:4-12

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Love

John 3:16-17

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Questions for Us Today

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How are you feeling during this season?

Do you know of someone who is sad these days? If so, what will you do?

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Objective

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To embrace and better understand God's love for us and through us.

Sunday School Lesson Segments

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Solomon

3. Points of Love

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4. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Solomon

Solomon was the tenth son of King David (2 Samuel 5:14) and the king's second by Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:24).

Solomon was the third king of Israel. He reigned for forty years. 1 Kings 11:42; 2 Chronicles 9:30.

Points of Information – Solomon

Solomon was the primary author of almost all of the Book of Proverbs, all of Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon (also known as the Song of Songs). Additionally, he wrote a couple of Psalms (72 and 127). Solomon was believed to be the prolific author of some 3,000 proverbs and more than 1,000 songs. 1 Kings 4:32.

Points of Information – Solomon

Solomon has been widely known as the wisest man of all time. This began when God graciously offered to give Solomon whatever he wanted. Instead of requesting wealth (or long life or the death of his enemies), Solomon asked God for wisdom. The Lord was pleased with this and provided Solomon with wisdom plus wealth. 1 Kings 3:5-13. However, God directed Solomon to “walk in my ways,” to live long and hold onto these blessings. 1 Kings 3:14.

Points of Information – Solomon

Although Solomon loved and served the Lord initially, he had an attraction for women of other cultures and faiths. 1 Kings 11:1. This was epitomized when he connected with the Pharaoh in Egypt, wed his daughter and brought her and her religious beliefs back to Israel. 1 Kings 3:1.

Points of Information – Solomon

Ultimately, Solomon's fondness for numerous "outlandish women" (Nehemiah 13:26) moved him to decline in his faithfulness to the Lord. 1 Kings 11:3-9. God was not pleased and stirred up adversaries against this king. 1 Kings 11:14, 23.

Solomon died and was buried with his father, King David. Solomon's son, Rehoboam, succeeded him. 1 Kings 11:43; 2 Chronicles 9:31.

Remember this:

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The Bible tells us that God is love.

Therefore, since we are created in His image, we too should be vessels of love.

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