

Perhaps you are wondering if God ever gives to others such gifts as he gave to Solomon. Yes, I think he does. Perhaps very few are trusted with so many; but I am sure of this, that those who "honor him" he "will honor," and that he will gladly give to even a little child a wise and understanding heart—a heart to understand what is right and what is wrong; a heart to love and honor him—then he will be very likely to trust such a one with other gifts, perhaps even gold and silver.

How can you honor God? By always obeying his commands, by always speaking and thinking of him reverently, by loving him first and best, by letting other boys and girls see that you belong to him and are trying to serve him every day. Will you try in these ways to honor Christ!

**SUGGESTIONS FOR COLORING.** Ladder, brown; clouds and rock, white; crown, yellow; "God gave Solomon," blue; "Wealth," yellow; "Power," red; "Peace," white; "Knowledge," orange; "Wisdom," green; "Them that honor me I will honor," white.



### Kindergarten Hints.

**KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT.** Solomon's Riches and Wisdom. 1 Kings 4, 25-30, 32-34.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "And God gave wisdom and understanding" (1 Kings 4, 29).

**AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER.** Holy Bible, Prov. 1; *Hours with the Bible* (Geikie); *Solomon: His Life and Times* (F. W. Farrar); *Illustrative Notes* (Mrs. Harbut and Doherty); *Handbook of Bible Geography* (Whitney); *Old Testament History* (Smith).

### ATTENTION STORY.

Solomon had a loving heart; sometimes this is called a "large heart," and many small boys and girls have large hearts because they are so loving and they reach a great many people. Solomon's heart had love for many, many people, and he wanted to see all the people of his kingdom happy. He told some men that they might bring food to the palace each day, and they brought meal and flour and meat and fruits. Other men were to take care of the horses and the carriages, which were called chariots, and there were thousands of horses,

and each one had his stall. There were camels, too; O, how fast they could run! All the horses and camels and sheep had plenty to eat, for men brought barley and straw to them. Everybody was happy, and trying to be good and to be helpful. The king wrote many short sayings called Proverbs—how can I tell you of them, for there were three thousand; that is more than we can count. We could count the sons of Jesse, who were Solomon's uncles, and we could count the first five disciples, a one-finger exercise on one hand; but the proverbs we cannot count, nor the thousand songs which the king made. Then he talked of trees and of beasts and of birds and of fishes! And all people came to hear the good and wise things which he said. Is not this a beautiful lesson? We will read all about these very things in this wonderful book. [Read 1 Kings 4, 25-30, 32-34.]

Explain unusual words: "Victuals," "dromedaries," "exceeding," "excelled," "hyssop."

### OUTLINE.

**Sunday.** Attention Story, Bible lesson, and Golden Text.

**Monday.** Talk of abundance. For this large kingdom God gave enough for all the people and all the beasts and all the birds. He does just so now, and he is as careful of each one of us as he was of Solomon. We have all we need, and *some more, too*. That is really so. A poor little beggar girl had a banana given to her, and a little ragged friend asked her for a piece. She said, "I have plenty for us both, 'cause your father died yesterday."

**Tuesday.** Love and sympathy will always be thankful and helpful in thought, and also in expression. Teach a lesson of practical ethics.

**Wednesday.** Solomon liked to read and study and find out things. He liked to do things, too, and he was glad to help. All this was because he loved God and wanted most of all to please him by using the mind and the hands and the senses which God had given.

**Thursday.** He liked to sing, and here he was like his father; he made many songs, because his heart was glad. When we try to be good our hearts are glad and our lips sing songs.

**Friday.** The Golden Text says that God gave wisdom and understanding to the king. In our last lesson we saw that God promised to give this, and his word never fails. It was God who helped Solomon to understand nature, and he talked about trees and animals. What kind of animals does this book say? I will read a verse and then you tell me. [Read verse 33.]

**NATURE WORK.** Barley is the point of connection between last week's nature work of the season and to-day's Bible nature work. Barley is a grain, but what is straw? What are its uses? Do not forget that the straw which is now left upon the harvest fields will blow about next spring and the little birds will use it in nest building. Talk of