



Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 3: Judges through Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 43

Solomon and the Queen of Sheba

1 Kings 10:1-10

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The set for Units 7-10 is designed to look like the outside of the King City Herald, a large newspaper building circa 1940's. A door leads to the office. A phone booth provides the place for the superheroes' quick costume changes. The center panel can be removed to reveal the superheroes "Secret Lab," filled with screens and gadgets (similar to Batman's Bat Cave), where the heroes watch over the city. There is a useable fire escape with a door and a ladder down to ground level. There is a ramp on stage right. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Scoop Gibson is a street-wise, savvy reporter who hides his secret identity as superhero "Scripture Guy." Kasey Carter is a young, college-educated reporter (can be male or female) whose secret identity is superhero "Kingdom Crusader." The Philistine was an evil enemy who wanted to take over King City; recently he is trying to change his evil ways. The Obliterator is another evil enemy who wants to take over King City (appears on video or on a side stage). Professor Glockenspiel and scientists are members of the King City Science Club.

Plot: Obliterator threatens to drain the wisdom out of King City. Scripture Guy tells Kingdom Crusader how King Solomon's wisdom led the Queen of Sheba to praise the God of Israel. We learn God's gifts can point others to Him.

Costumes: Superhero costumes (capcs, face masks, body suit, tights, etc.) "SG" emblem on Scripture Guy costume. "KC" emblem on

Kingdom Crusader costume. Obliterator: Helmet, goggles, leopard coat, gloves.

Props: Ray gun, "Wisdom Cube," newspaper, Bible.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: Heroic music
2. Newspaper box: "Good news" or other triumphant song clip. Music plays when box is opened to reveal the Bible.
3. Voiceover (see last page)

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring superheroes is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Video of Obliterator and scientists is available at ResourceWell.org
3. Fallback slide: "King City Chronicles"
4. A newspaper box holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
5. Scripture Slide: **"Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king, to maintain justice and righteousness." 1 Kings 10:9**
6. Motto Slide: **"We give everything to honor our King!"**

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)

Dateline: King City, a city devoted to the glory of God. But in her dark underbelly, there are villains gathering ... evil men who seek to steal God's glory! Will King City find her hero? Can she be saved and restored to her former glory? For the answer to these questions and more, tune in every week to the King City Chronicles!

Scripture Guy (at secret lab)

Hey kids, it's me, Scripture Guy. Listen to this article in the King City Herald: The King City Science Club is meeting today to announce a plan to build up King City. The president of the club, Professor Glockenspiel, said, "We want King City to be the wisest, godliest city in the world!" I'm so proud of King City. God chose a city with a good heart and He is building her up.

Kingdom Crusader (runs in)

Scripture Guy! Scripture Guy! Quick, quick, turn on the news!

Scripture Guy

Okay, let me tune in the channel. (VFX: video of Obliterator and scientists)

Professor Glockenspiel (video)

Ladies and Gentlemen, citizens of King City, we the distinguished members of the Science Club are proud to introduce our plan to raise the I.Q. of every person in King City. Allow us to present the Wisdom Cube! (hold up Wisdom Cube)

Obliterator (on video, he zaps them with freeze ray) **Thank you, Professor Glockenspiel. I will take that.**

Kingdom Crusader

Oh no!

Scripture Guy

It's the Obliterator!

Professor Glockenspiel (video)

Hey you! Put that down! (Obliterator turns the cube over in his hands.)

Scientist #1 (video)

Don't touch that button!

Obliterator (video)

Do you mean...this button? (reads) **Reverse Wisdom Switch.**

Scientist #2 (video)

Especially not that one!

Obliterator (video)

Too late. (He zaps them.) Let's see how wise you are now, science guys!

All Scientists (video)

Goo-goo, gah-gah!

Kingdom Crusader

Oh no! He's turned them into children!

Obliterator (video)

What cute little babies.

Scripture Guy

You'll never get away with this, Obliterator!

Obliterator (video)

I can't hear you. I'm on television! And now, I will use this Reverse Wisdom Cube to turn everyone in King City into slobbering numbskulls! Ta-ta, King City! (evil laugh, VFX: end video)

Kingdom Crusader

No! The Redeem Team has got to stop him! Let's go!

Scripture Guy

Wait! We need a plan. We have to fight wisdom with wisdom!

Kingdom Crusader

Should I get the Good News?

Scripture Guy

Very wise choice, Crusader!

Kingdom Crusader

I'll get it out right now. (opens box, SFX: "Good News," VFX: beam of light shine from box) **Here, I don't know where to turn.**

Scripture Guy (takes Bible)

King Solomon was known for his wisdom. Let's look for the Queen of Sheba's visit to King Solomon.

Kingdom Crusader

Who was the Queen of Sheba?

Scripture Guy

She was the ruler of a faraway land who had heard about King Solomon's wisdom. She came with her entire caravan to ask Solomon hard questions.

Kingdom Crusader

People in other countries knew about King Solomon's wisdom?

Scripture Guy

Oh yes, God had given him so much wisdom that he had become a legend known far and wide.

Kingdom Crusader

Did the Queen get all of her questions answered?

Scripture Guy

All of them and more! The Bible says she was overwhelmed with all she saw and heard. It made her want to praise our God.

Kingdom Crusader

Wait a minute. Do you mean she had never served God before but seeing Solomon's wisdom made her praise God?

Scripture Guy (SFX: Scripture slide)

Yes. Listen to what she said: "Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king, to maintain justice and righteousness."

Kingdom Crusader

Wow, seeing God's gift of wisdom made her want to worship God.

Scripture Guy

Not only that, but she also gave King Solomon a large amount of gold, precious stones, and lumber to use in making Jerusalem an even more beautiful city.

Kingdom Crusader

So ... wisdom from God helped build God's city. Maybe wisdom can help us stop the Obliterator and build up King City.

Scripture Guy

Yes! We have to find the wisest person we know. What about Professor Glockenspiel?

Kingdom Crusader

The Obliterator turned him into a four-year-old. Right now he's sucking his thumb.

Scripture Guy

You're right. Who do we know that's wise?

Kingdom Crusader

Back in Godly Acres, Uncle Phil was known for his wise advice; he was the wisest guy in town.

Scripture Guy

Uncle Phil? You mean, the Philistine? I thought he was Kasey Carter's uncle.

Kingdom Crusader

He is! What I meant was Kasey told me that, before he became a bad guy, the whole town praised God for his wisdom.

Scripture Guy

I just never thought the day would come when we'd have to turn to the Philistine for advice.

Kingdom Crusader

We have to make the wisest choice for King City.

Scripture Guy

You're right. Where can we find Uncle Phil, I mean, the Philistine?

Kingdom Crusader

I know where he lives. I mean, I'll call Kasey and find out. (enters phone booth)

Scripture Guy (moves to lab monitor)
I'll check the view screen!

(SFX: voiceover, VFX: dim)

Voiceover (or offstage announcer)

Oh no, can it be so? Will the Obliterator steal all of King City's wisdom? Will the Redeem Team be able to find the Philistine? Will he help them overcome the Obliterator? Will God give them the wisdom to save our city? For the answer to all of these questions and more tune in next week to King City Chronicles!

(Kingdom Crusader exits booth.)

Scripture Guy (to Kingdom Crusader)
Did you hear that?

Kingdom Crusader

Hear what?

Scripture Guy

That voice...it was talking about us.

Kingdom Crusader

Voice...?

Scripture Guy

Yes, it was talking about what we are going to do next ... never mind.

Kingdom Crusader

Anyway, I've got the address.

Scripture Guy

Excellent! You lead the way. Okay kids, let's all say our motto together!

(SFX: "Heroic music," VFX: Motto Slide)

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We give everything to honor our King!