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# SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

1 KINGS 6-8

## CHRIST CONNECTION

The temple was where God met with His people. Because God loves us, He sent Jesus to be with people and save them from their sin.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What does God know? God knows everything.

## MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**

# PREPARE



Take time to reflect  
on today's lesson.

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

In 1 Kings 6-8, Solomon embarked on the project his father, David, had first envisioned: building a temple for God. It was no small task, yet Solomon set out to create a place for God to dwell with His people. Though the fullness of our omnipresent God cannot be contained by manmade structures, the temple represents a greater fulfillment: God would send His Son to live, die, and rise again so that God's people would dwell in His presence forever.

What was the temple's purpose? Why do we no longer need the temple today?

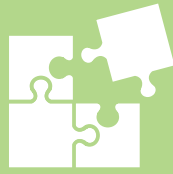
Solomon built the temple as a place for God's people to worship and experience His presence—similar to the role the tabernacle had previously held for Israel. The temple was a reminder of God's promise to never leave or forsake Israel and to remain faithful to His covenant promises. Because Solomon sought to honor the Lord as holy, he spent seven years thoughtfully and intricately designing the temple's every detail.

Solomon dedicated the temple to the Lord and blessed Israel as they stood before it. He recalled God's faithfulness in rescuing their ancestors from Egypt and then in establishing the throne of his father David. Solomon prayed to the Lord, esteeming Him as the gracious God who keeps His promises. Solomon recognized God's glory and might, stating that He could not be contained by a manmade temple. Solomon asked the Lord to hear their prayers, forgive them, righteously judge them, and uphold their cause for His glory. Lastly, Solomon urged Israel to be devoted to God's ways.

In Jesus, we see the fulfillment of God's promise to dwell among His people. Jesus came to earth to provide the way for God's people to worship Him in Spirit and in truth wherever they are. Before Jesus' ascension, He promised His followers that the Holy Spirit would come, giving them power to share the gospel and follow Jesus' commands. Now, believers become living temples of God, indwelt by the Holy Spirit and being built up together into one house of worship (1 Peter 2:5).

Lead boys and girls to see that Jesus has made the way for believers to dwell with God forever. Remind kids that Christians can worship God anywhere through His Spirit living in them and that one day, God's people will worship Him face to face.

# OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities.

## WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

### ACTIVITY #1: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “Three Blind Mice”:

In the beginning (x2)  
God created (x2)  
the heavens and the earth. (x2)  
Genesis 1:1 (x2)

### CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”  
God created everything,  
and He knows everything!

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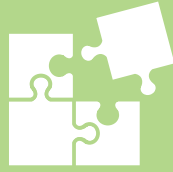
King Solomon wanted to build a special house for God. When the temple was finished, God’s glory filled the temple. The temple was where God met with His people. God wants to be with us. Because God loves us, He sent Jesus to earth to be with people and save them from their sin.

### ACTIVITY #2: BLOCK TEMPLE

Show children the Bible story picture and place blocks nearby. Using the blocks, invite children to build a temple like the one that King Solomon built.

As children work to build the temple, ask them to describe the temple they see in the Bible story picture and some of the things Solomon used in the temple.

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## ACTIVITY #3: TRACE TOOLS

Place the provided toy tools, papers, and markers or crayons on a tabletop. Distribute the prepared papers to children. Show them how to lay a tool flat on their paper.

Lead or help children to hold the tool down with one hand while tracing around the tool with a marker in the other hand. After children have finished tracing one tool on their paper, encourage them to try tracing others.

*While making the connection point on the right, show children the provided bronze items to help them understand what bronze is and looks like.*

## CONNECT THE DOTS



King Solomon built a temple for God to dwell with His people. Solomon asked a man named Hiram to make lots of things out of bronze for the temple such as pillars, a basin, and carts for water. Do you think that Hiram had to use tools to make the bronze things? *[Allow responses.]*



## SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

King Solomon had an idea. He wanted to build a special house for God called the temple. He wanted the temple to be big and beautiful, made of the best materials, so God could always be with His people.

God told Solomon, "If you do what I say, I will keep the promise I made to your father, David. I will stay with My people forever."

Inside the temple, Solomon made a very special place to hold the ark of the Lord. He covered everything in gold and even made two big gold angels. It looked beautiful!

Solomon asked a man named Hiram to make lots of special things out of bronze for the temple. Hiram made pillars, a big basin, carts for water, and many other things with pretty decorations.

Then Solomon gathered everyone from Israel to bring the ark into the temple's holy place. When the priests came out of the holy place, God's glory filled the temple. Solomon said, "I made this temple for You, God, so You can be here forever."

Solomon prayed to God, saying, "God, there is no one like You. You kept all Your promises to my father, David. But can a temple really hold You? You're bigger than anything! Please listen to us when we talk to You and forgive us when we sin."

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# SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

## SNACK & DISCUSSION

**Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the story as needed.**

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. Why did King Solomon want to build the temple?
4. What does God know? God knows everything.

## CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return storage cubes to Rm 108.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**