



Solomon Built the Temple

Bible Passage: 1 Kings 6-8

Memory Verse: ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **James 1:5**

Bottom Line: I can make wise decisions because God lives in me.

Big Picture Question: What does God know? God knows everything about the past, present, and future.

Christ Connection: The temple was a place where God was with His people. The people could go there to make sacrifices and worship God. Today, when we trust in Jesus, He is with us wherever we go. We can look to Him for forgiveness and help.

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Would You Rather

What You Need: Would You Rather Activity Page (1 copy per kid), pencils, Uno Cards

What You Do:

- Groups kids into pairs. They will ask their partner a question and circle the answer.
- As kids are asking each other questions, they should ask them why after to encourage more conversation.
- After about 5 minutes, give kids a chance to introduce each other to the group, based on what they learned in the Would You Rather questions.
- Toward the end of the series, if everyone knows each other pretty well you can play Uno together until large group starts.

What You Say " We are so happy to have you in our group this year. We are going to spend the next few weeks playing this game, so that we can get to know each other better. I am so excited for our year together. Please know that if you need anything, I am here for you and would love the chance to grow together. Let's see what is going on in Large Group today."

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

CONTEXT

When David was king, he wanted to build a temple for God, but God did not allow him to. "When your time comes and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your descendant ... and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Sam. 7:12-13). God said King David's son would build the temple.

King Solomon began to gather materials to build the temple. He ordered cedar and cypress timbers from Lebanon. He gathered 30,000 men from all of Israel as laborers to excavate stone and prepare the timbers for the temple's construction.

The temple was impressive. The entire interior was cedar. King Solomon had everything covered with gold. In all, it took seven years for the temple to be completed. Inside the temple was furniture and accessories. (See 1 Kings 7:48-50.)

The time came to dedicate the temple. All of the Israelites gathered in Jerusalem. The priests brought the ark of the Lord to the most holy place, and a cloud filled the house of the Lord. God's glory filled the temple.

Solomon prayed and praised God for keeping His covenant with David. He recognized that God is not confined to a temple. "Even heaven, the highest heaven, cannot contain you, much less this temple I have built" (1 Kings 8:27). Solomon's prayer and speech was followed by a great offering to God.

The temple was where God met with His people, and it gave God's people a more permanent place to worship Him. The people could go there to make sacrifices and worship God. Jesus changed everything when He died for our sins on the cross. By taking our sin upon



Himself, Jesus made the way for sinners to come to God. Today, when we trust in Jesus, He is with us wherever we go. We can look to Him for forgiveness and help.

TEACHING FOCUS (1 Kings 6-8)

Solomon was the king of Israel after his father, David, died. God made Solomon very wise. **Solomon began to build a temple for the Lord. Solomon ordered thousands of workers to help build the temple.** They cut cedar logs and stone blocks. **They laid a foundation and built the outside of the temple.**

God blessed the temple and promised Solomon, "If you obey My commands, I will keep the promise I made to David. I will live among the Israelites, and I will not abandon My people."

The temple was built in seven years. It was beautiful! The cedar paneling inside the temple was carved with ornamental gourds and flower blossoms. **Solomon overlaid everything inside the temple with pure gold. He hired men to make bronze furnishings for the temple,** such as bronze bowls for holding water.

When the temple was complete, Solomon moved the ark of God from its place on Mount Zion to the new temple in Jerusalem. Solomon gathered the leaders of Israel. As the priests moved the ark to the most holy place in the temple, King Solomon and the leaders sacrificed sheep and cattle to the Lord.

When the priests came out of the temple, a cloud filled the temple. God's glory was in the cloud. Solomon turned to speak to the Israelites. "Praise God!" he said. "God promised David that his son would build a temple. God kept His promise!"

Solomon stood and prayed with his hands spread out toward heaven. "There is no God like You!" he said. Then Solomon thought about the future. He knew Israel would sin and make God angry again; so Solomon asked for forgiveness, and he asked God to hear their prayers.

When Solomon had finished praying, he encouraged the Israelites to love and obey God. The people returned to their homes, joyful because God was good to them.

***Christ Connection:** The temple was a place where God was with His people. The people could go there to make sacrifices and worship God. Today, when we trust in Jesus, He is with us wherever we go. We can look to Him for forgiveness and help.*

TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- **God led His people to build a temple where He would dwell with them.**
- *The temple was a place they could gather to worship God and learn about Him.*
- *The Bible teaches us that Christians' bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit!*
- Today, when we trust in Jesus, He is with us wherever we go.
- **BL: I can make wise decisions because God lives in me.**

25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- What did God promise to do if Solomon obeyed Him? (*dwell among the Israelites, not abandon them; 1 Kings 6:13*)
- How long did it take Solomon and the workers to finish the temple? (*seven years, 1 Kings 6:38*)
- What did Solomon ask God to do when Israel sinned? (*hear their prayers, forgive them, and restore them when they repent; 1 Kings 8:33-34*)
- Does God need a house or a place to live? *Guide the kids to see that God did not need a temple. Help kids understand that the temple was a symbol of God's choice to dwell with Israel. Remind them that God does not need anything from people. (See Acts 17:24-25.) God is everywhere, but He showed His presence in a special way to the Israelites through the temple.*
- How does God dwell with Christians today? *Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit. Remind kids that all who trust in Jesus have the Holy Spirit living inside them. He guides Christians to love and obey Jesus. Christians gather together to worship God and learn about Him, but Jesus is with us everywhere.*



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- If Jesus is already with us, why is His return important? *Discuss the difference between Jesus' presence with us now and His physical return to rule as King of kings. When Jesus returns, He will fix everything sin has broken. Jesus' return will signal the full coming of God's kingdom.*

Activity: Found in Christ

What You Need: People cutouts from butcher paper, markers, pencils, Bibles, Believe discussion guide (1 copy per kid to take home).

What You Do:

- Distribute Bibles for each kid.
- Give these 6 scriptures to kids to look up in their Bible. You can make pairs of kids to work together.
 - John 1:12 (right to be children of God)
 - 1 Peter 2:9 (royal priesthood, declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness- testify about Jesus)
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (body is a temple of Holy Spirit, honor God with your body)
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (new creation-old has gone)
 - Romans 6:8 (live with Christ now and in eternity)
 - Philippians 3:8-9 (righteousness/faultless)
- Ask kids to write based on the words you read in the Bible what a Christian “looks like” or the attributes God promises when we believe in Him.
- Ask kids if they have questions about what it means to believe. If they have questions you cannot answer ask your campus leader to help you, or tell kids you will get back to them next time with an answer. There might be some kids in your group who are not believers yet, that is ok. Remind them when they do believe that these are things God will give them too.)
- Use the believe discussion guide if needed to help kids take their next step.

What You Say Wow! Those are some incredible things the Bible says about people who have faith in Jesus. Christians are described as children of God, a royal priesthood, temples of the Holy Spirit, new creations, and more! God led His people to build a temple where He would dwell with them. Now through Jesus' death and resurrection, God dwells with Christians personally. God fills us with the Holy Spirit, giving us His power to love and obey Him. Send home the Believe discussion guides for each kid.

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster (printed on 11x17 for this series), sticky notes (with one word from the memory verse on it)

What You Do:

- Display the memory verse poster.
- Lead kids in reading aloud together.
- Place all but one sticky note on the poster.
- Ask kids to read through the words to see what word is missing.
- Then have kids say the memory verse together again.

What You Say ” Our memory verse comes from the Book of James. James, the son of Mary and Joseph, was the half-brother of Jesus. The Book of James is a letter James wrote to Jewish Christians about how to live as followers of Jesus. At the beginning of the letter, James wrote about how to get wisdom. It seems pretty simple; ask God, and get wisdom! We'll work on memorizing James 1:5 together over the next few weeks.”



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Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Say:

"Lord, We praise You for Your knowledge, wisdom and power. We praise You because You love us despite our sinfulness. Help us to have wisdom and see that we need Jesus. Give us faith to trust Him. Use us in Your plan to reach the whole world with the gospel. Amen.

5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Question. **What does God know? God knows everything about the past, present and future.** So God can help us make good decisions when we turn to Him for guidance.