



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

Pick A Sticks

What You Need: pick up sticks set or colored toothpicks/popsicle sticks(1 set per group), Pick a Stick Act Pg (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Place the sticks in the middle of the table.
- If playing with pickup sticks, you will drop the sticks and each kid gets to try to pick up a stick without moving any other sticks. If they move, then the next player tries. If they don't move they get to answer a question based on your Pick a Stick act pg and the color they picked up. If other colored sticks, you decide how to play.
- Play till everyone gets at least one turn.

What You Say "Welcome to All Star Kids. 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. 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.*



- 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: Elimination

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to stand in a circle.
- Make statements and instruct kids to sit down if a statement applies to them.
- Start with broad statements, but make the statements more specific as the number of kids remaining shrinks.
- Do not end until all kids are seated.
 - Example statements:
 - I ate breakfast this morning.
 - I am not wearing socks.
 - I know how to write my name.
 - My name starts with the letter "_____".
 - I have a brother.
 - My mom is tall.
 - My teacher is nice.
 - I am wearing something blue.

What You Say "At first, it may have seemed that there would be one kid left standing to win the game, but in the end, no one remained. In a way, that's like us and sin. It may seem to us that some people are doing better than others, but only Jesus can stand before God. No one can work his way to God, so God came down to live with us! Today as we talked about Solomon building the temple, it was as a reminder that God lives with His people. What ways can we know that God lives with us now?"

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, bucket, bean bags, tape

What You Do:

- Put the bucket on the floor near your small group area.
- Place a piece of tape on the floor to mark a throwing line.
- Kids will form a line behind the tape and attempt to throw the bean bag in the bucket.
- Each time a kid gets a bean bag in the bucket, the whole group says the memory verse together. You can give each kid one throw or you can let each kid throw until they make it in the bucket.
- As play continues, you can say just one word at a time once they sink a bag, or wait until next week.

What You Say "Our memory verse comes from the New Testament. James was one of Jesus' half brothers, the son of Joseph and Mary. James knew that wisdom comes from God. In this verse we learn that God not only gives wisdom, He generously gives wisdom to people who ask for it! So what do you think we should pray about today? (wisdom?)"



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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.