

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- In what ways does your family honor God?
- Share honestly how you feel about gathering for worship with the church.
- How can you encourage one another to focus on God?

Solomon Built the Temple

1 Kings 6–8

STORY POINT: GOD LED HIS PEOPLE TO BUILD A TEMPLE WHERE HE WOULD DWELL WITH THEM.

Solomon began to build a temple for the Lord. Solomon ordered thousands of workers to help build the temple. 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! Solomon hired men to make bronze furnishings for the temple. When the temple was complete, Solomon moved the ark of God to the new temple. 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 spoke to the Israelites: "God promised David that his son would build a temple. God kept His promise!"

Solomon prayed. He thought about the future. Solomon knew Israel would sin and make God angry again; so he asked for forgiveness for 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.



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Draw the Temple

Use the guide on the right to draw the temple that Solomon built.

Solomon's Supplies

Check the items you think King Solomon needed to build the temple. Cross out the items he didn't need.

- window frames
- finished stones
- banjos
- paintbrushes
- pure gold
- cedar planks
- cedar paneling
- measuring tape
- cypress boards
- apples
- bronze
- olive wood
- doors
- screwdriver
- bulldozer

