



Unit 12, Session 3

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.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> window frames | <input type="checkbox"/> cedar planks | <input type="checkbox"/> bronze |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finished stones | <input type="checkbox"/> cedar paneling | <input type="checkbox"/> olive wood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> banjos | <input type="checkbox"/> measuring tape | <input type="checkbox"/> doors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> paintbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> cypress boards | <input type="checkbox"/> screwdriver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pure gold | <input type="checkbox"/> apples | <input type="checkbox"/> bulldozer |

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What was the purpose of the temple?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Why did Solomon want to build a temple for God?

- The temple Solomon built was where people went to meet with God. Why don't people have to go to a temple now to meet with God?

- How do you feel about communicating with God?

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APPLY the Story

- Find James 1:5 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for the local church and asking God to make you aware of His presence.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 5:2-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 10:24-25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James 5:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 18:20 |