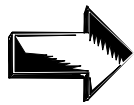


# Old Testament

Solomon builds a church temple 1st Kings 6:1-14; 8:22-66

**Younger Verse** Set an example for the believers. 1st Timothy 4:12

**Older Verse** Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. 1st Timothy 4:12



Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember always to include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

**Welcome Time** Have you ever started a project and it took a lot of time. Many people start projects and never finish them. Let's see what Solomon does when God gives him a special project.

**Bible Story** *Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We have had many lessons on King David. David loved God and tried to live for Him. One thing David really wanted to do was build a beautiful temple church for God. He spent much time designing a wonderful building for God.

God, however, told David that he would not be the one to build the temple. God told David that his son, who would be the next king, would build the temple for Him.

David gave the plans for the building to his son, Solomon. Last week we learned how Solomon asked for wisdom and God was pleased with his request.

Solomon started building the temple for God four years after he became king. It took them seven years to complete the amazing temple. Solomon listened to God and built it exactly like God wanted.

The temple was rectangular and had 3 areas or rooms. The first area was like a porch. The next area was an area where they worshiped God. The third area was a private area called the "Holy of Holies." This was where they thought God would "stay."

The special holy room was lined with beautiful wood with gold over it. Carved angels called cherubim were there also.

**Lesson Goals**  
**See how Solomon finished a task that God asked him to do**  
**Learn how we must respect God and respect His church**  
**Understand how God made a way for us to come to Heaven**

Solomon used the finest woods and materials to build the temple. He also used the best craftsmen to build the temple. In fact, he would not allow them to use hammers to build the temple so that it would be quiet and respectful for God.

After the temple was built, Solomon asked the priests to come to dedicate the temple to God. The priests brought the special box called the ark of the covenant. It was important to God's people. It contained the ten commandments from Moses' time and God's presence was very strong wherever the box traveled.

When the box was placed in the temple, a big cloud filled the temple and Solomon rejoiced that God's presence was there. They praised the Lord and thanked Him for keeping His promise to His people.

Solomon kneeled before the altar and prayed to God. He praised God for being God and thanked Him for always keeping His promises. After that, they had a huge party to celebrate. It lasted 14 days! It was a special time to thank God and be joyful. Everyone was happy and glad for all the things that God had done.

Solomon started and finished a special project for God. In fact, he finished God's temple before he started his own palace! When we start a project, it is important for us to finish it. Sometimes it is easy to get sidetracked or give excuses why it is hard. God wants us to do our best like Solomon and complete a task. Three times in chapter 6 it mentions that Solomon completed the temple. That was important. We must also complete things that we start.

We talked about a special place for God called the "holy of holies." Back in Solomon's time, God was separated from His people. Priests took the people's requests to God. Something happened to change all this. When Jesus died on the cross, the curtain separating the "holy of holies" was torn in two from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51). God opened a way for us to come to Him. He did this through His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on a cross for all the wrong things we have done. If we come to Him and ask forgiveness for our wrongs, He will clean us and come into our lives. Because Jesus came back to life 3 days later, we know that with His help, we can live for Him and one day go to Heaven. Would you like to go to Heaven? See us to help you know how to ask Jesus into your heart.

#### Learning Activities

Use activities to help the kids learn values and truths from this lesson.

#### Memory Verse Activities

Ask the kids what kind of examples we can learn from this lesson. Share the 5 ways we are to be examples. Trace your hand and write the 5 things on each finger.

#### Prayer Time

Ask God to help us complete tasks for Him and do things His way. Ask Him to help us always do our best.

#### Snack Time/CleanUp

Share snacks together and clean up!

Planning for Lesson 54  
Solomon turns from God  
1 Kings 11:1-13; 41-43

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Solomon builds a temple church

(Teachers: bring stackable blocks or Legos to use today)

Solomon was a special king who loved God very much. He was King David's son. God promised King David that his son would build a special temple or church for God.

David spent much time drawing a special building for God. It would be shaped like a rectangle (show them what a rectangle looks like) with 3 rooms in it. It had special wood from far away and there was gold all around the wood in the special room for God.

Solomon took 7 years to build this beautiful temple for God. (Count to 7) It was so beautiful.

When it was finished, Solomon had a special time to praise and thank God for being so good to His people. They also had a special celebration or party to celebrate the wonderful temple of God.

Solomon started and finished a special project for God. He did his best and made the temple the most beautiful thing in the kingdom. God was pleased with Solomon.

God loves us and cares for us like He loved Solomon. He wants us to love Him and care for others too.

Pray and ask God to help us love Him and love others.

Sing the song to the tune of "This is the way we wash our clothes." Use hand motions like hammering etc.

This is the way we build the church,  
build the church, build the church.  
This is the way we build the church,  
We build the church of God.

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
Solomon builds the temple

Use sugar cubes, marshmallows, or leftover candy to design a temple. You may want to do this as a project together or let each child design a temple separately.

Bring boxes to show the 3 areas of the temple. Let the kids draw on the sides how they imagine the temple looked.

Show the importance of completing a task. Bring a project for the kids to do. It may be a craft project or even a baking project. Talk about what would happen if the class did not finish the task (craft not finished; cake taste funny or not completely cooked). Share how we much finish tasks and do our best job (not a halfway job). This is a great object lesson.

Draw a picture of what you think the temple looked like. Encourage the kids to be creative. Praise them for their creativity and imagination.