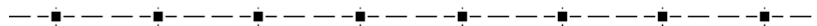


# Old Testament

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# Through the Old Testament in Two Years

## Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners  
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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## Solomon Builds a Temple

I Kings 6, 8

### Memory Verse:

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?  
(I Corinthians 3:16 NIV)

### Goals

1. Understand that David made the plans for the temple.
2. Learn that Solomon would spend seven years building the temple.
3. Recognize that Solomon listened to God.
4. Understand that God's presence filled the temple.

Last week we learned that King David's son, Solomon, pleased God when he asked for wisdom. God gave Solomon more than he asked for. Solomon was able to help the people. God gave Solomon wisdom that everyone heard about. When we walk with Him, God hears and answers our prayers.

### Read the Bible

**READ: I Kings 6:1-10 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

### Begin With Prayer

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 (according to God's plans).

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. (I Kings 5:4)

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. (I Chronicles 28:9-11)

Solomon started building the temple for God four years after he became king. It took seven years to complete the amazing temple. Solomon listened to God and built it exactly like God wanted. (I Kings 6:37)

The temple was rectangular and had three areas or rooms. The first area was like a porch. The next area was an area where they worshipped God. The third area was a private area called the "Holy of Holies." This was where God would "stay." (I Kings 6:1-10)

The special holy room was lined with beautiful wood with gold over it. Carved angels called cherubim were there also. (I Kings 6:11-31)

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

### Solomon Builds a Temple — Bible Facts

1. David made plans to build a temple.
2. Solomon started to build a temple for God.
3. Solomon finished the task.
4. God's presence filled the temple.

allow them to use hammers to build the temple so that it would be quiet and respectful for God. (I Kings 6:7-10)

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, as well as a wooden rod and a jar of manna. God's presence was very strong wherever the Ark of the Covenant traveled. (I Kings 8:1-9)

When the Ark of the Covenant 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. (I Kings 8:10-11)

Solomon knelt 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. (I Kings 8:12-21)

#### Review

1. **What did King David do?** (David made plans to build a temple.)
2. **What did Solomon do?** (Solomon started to build a temple for God.)
3. **What happened next?** (Solomon finished the task.)
4. **What did God do?** (God's presence filled the temple.)

#### Do You Know 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 three 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?

#### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.
3. Ask God to help you finish the tasks He gives you.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow Him.

#### Application

David made the plans to build a temple for the Lord. But Solomon would build it. He spent seven years building the temple. Solomon listened to God and did exactly what the Lord commanded. When the temple was dedicated, God's presence filled the temple. God wants us to know Him personally. We can know His presence, too. When we invite Jesus into our hearts, God's Holy Spirit comes to live in us.

#### Planning for the next week:

**Elijah and the Ravens — I Kings 17:1-6**

# Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: I Kings 6:1-10 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

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 three 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 seven years to build this beautiful temple for God. (Count to seven.) 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.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.
3. Ask God to help you love Him.

Memory verse for younger children

You are God's temple. I Corinthians 3:16

## Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Bring a coloring picture of Solomon’s temple. Write the memory verse on the coloring picture. Cut the picture into a puzzle. Practice the verse.
- **Test your memory** — Bring pictures of the temple and items that were in the temple. Use the pictures as you tell the story.
- **Taste activity** — Bring icing and graham crackers and let the children build a temple.
- **Think about it** — Solomon spent seven years building the temple. Talk about what it means to do things with excellence.

The Bible says that Solomon did what God told him. Talk about the importance of obedience.

The presence of God filled the temple. Talk about how God’s Holy Spirit lives in every believer.

- **Touch activity** — Bring stackable Legos to build a temple.

The people praised God. Bring instruments or make instruments the children can use to praise God. Make tambourines from paper plates. Staple or tape two paper plates together and fill them with small pebbles. Attach streamers to decorate the plates. You may also use plastic bottles or potato chip cans.

- **Run and play** — The builders of the temple had to carry heavy items. Have the children divide into groups of three. Two of the children will lock arms in order to carry the third child. The third child will sit on the locked arms and place his hands around the shoulders of the other two. Have the children race to see which team can move fastest.

- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to obey Him.

- **Sing** — Sing “I Like to Go to Church,” “Praise Him, Praise Him,” or another song related to the story.

- **Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the puzzle with the memory verse to them. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Memory Verse

Don't you know  
that you  
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that God's Spirit  
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I Corinthians 3:16

## Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Solomon

did what

God said.

# Word Search

S F G D D H P K H V M S T P D H J S  
T F K I T H S C D P K P N R R L A H  
N R B V R N R B M C R S E E C U P R  
A D T K C B V D V E T A H G L S V D  
N S B D H I S E L O M O N F D M L B  
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J F G G O L D N B P M R  
H P N E X A C T J M C M  
D R K P O R C H K N G L  
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H P N E X A C T J M C M  
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# Anagram

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## Anagram

KNOW

YOURSELVES

GOD'S

TEMPLE

SPIRIT

LIVES

SOLOMON

BUILT

PRESENCE