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Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **"Solomon Built the Temple"** (1 Kings 6-8).

Four years into his reign, King Solomon began building a grand and beautiful temple for the Lord. He used the finest materials gold, bronze, and stone—and filled the temple with intricate decorations and sacred objects. When the ark of the covenant was placed inside, the glory of the Lord filled the temple. Solomon praised God for keeping His promises and prayed that God would always hear His people when they prayed. Though Solomon built the temple, he knew it could not contain God. This story points us to Jesus, who came to dwell with us as the true presence of God.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

- God Keeps His Promises: Solomon praised God for fulfilling His promise to David. How has God kept His promises in your life?
- □ God Deserves Our Best: Solomon gave his best to build the temple. How can we give our best to God each day?
- □ Jesus Is God With Us: God's glory filled the temple, but Jesus is the true temple. How does Jesus show us God's presence and love?

You might consider praying with your child, thanking God for keeping His promises and for sending Jesus to dwell with us and make us His forever.

Grace and blessings in Christ.

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Solomon Built the Temple

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Kings 6-8 KEY PASSAGE: Proverbs 3:7 BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *What does God know?* God knows everything about the past, present, and future.



Solomon had been king for four years when he began to build the temple for the Lord. He planned to build a big, beautiful building made of the finest materials for God to dwell permanently with His people. God said to Solomon, "If you obey my commandments, I will fulfill my promise to you that I made to

your father David. I will dwell with my people and not abandon them."

The ark of the Lord's covenant would be in the innermost part of the temple. Solomon overlaid everything in this part of the temple with pure gold,



including the altar. He also made two huge statues of cherubim (a type of angel) that were overlaid with gold. It was a beautiful space for the ark of the Lord's covenant.

Solomon hired a man named Hiram to create objects out of pure bronze for the temple. Hiram made pillars, a large basin, water carts, and more out of bronze. Everything he made was beautifully decorated with pomegranates, lilies, lions, oxen, and angels. Solomon gathered all of Israel to bring the ark of the Lord's covenant into the temple, to the most holy place beneath the wings of the cherubim. When the priests came out of the holy place, the glory of the Lord filled the temple. Solomon said, "I have built an exalted temple for You, God, a place for You to live forever."



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King Solomon turned around and blessed all of Israel, saying, "The Lord has fulfilled what He promised. I sit on the throne of Israel, and I have built the temple for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel."

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord, and spread out his hands toward heaven, and prayed to God:

"Lord God of Israel, there is no god like You. You have kept what You promised to my father David.

"But will God live on earth?

Even the highest heaven cannot contain You, Much less this temple I have built. Please hear the prayers of Your people When they pray toward this place.

May You hear in Your dwelling place in heaven and answer.

"When Your people sin against You— For there is no one who does not sin— When they return to You with all their heart and all their soul, May You forgive Your people who sinned against You And may You grant them compassion."

Solomon built the temple, but he knew that the fullness of God did not live there. Jesus is the fullness of God, and He came to dwell on earth (John 1:14). Only those who trust in Him will be forgiven of their sin and live with God forever.







"Solomon Thought about Life" (Ecclesiastes 1)



