

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program A-1

Solomon Builds a Temple

1 Kings 5:1-6:38, 2 Chr. 3:1-7:10
Samuel & Kings Series: Lesson #14

Bible Verse: I like to go to church. Psalm 122:1
Past verses: Wisdom is greater than silver and gold. Proverbs 3:14
The LORD God is very great. Psalm 104:1
I will celebrate before the LORD. 2 Samuel 6:21
Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5
A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17
The LORD is my strength. Psalm 28:7
Help one another. Gal. 5:13
The LORD looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

Bible Story for children:

Focus: The Temple (Church) is more than a building...it is God's House.
Solomon used the best to build the Temple.

Prop ideas: Pictures/drawings of the Temple
Pictures of different churches
Building materials and tools (cedar/pine/juniper, marble,
gold/silver/bronze/iron, purple/crimson/blue yarn or cloth)

SAMPLE STORY

Before King David died, he gave Solomon very detailed plans for building the Temple for worshiping God. It was to be a magnificent place, the most beautiful building around. The Temple would hold the Ark of the Covenant. (Remember how David and everyone celebrated when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem?) It would be the one place for people to bring their sacrifices and offerings. The priests would serve God at the Temple.

Solomon followed his father's plans for building the Temple. He wrote a letter to Hiram, the king of Tyre, asking him to cut cedar trees of Lebanon for the Temple. Hiram agreed, and also cut pine trees. The logs were taken to the great sea (Mediterranean Sea) and floated down the coast. When they were close to Jerusalem, the logs were taken out of the sea and hauled inland.

Solomon hired **thousands** of workers. There were workers to cut the timber. There were stonecutters to cut large stones. There were many workers who were carriers...they carried the huge stones and wooden beams to the Temple building site. There were other workers who worked with gold, silver, bronze and iron. There were men who would engrave

beautiful art on the precious metals. Solomon hired workers who were skilled at working with purple, crimson and blue yarn to weave fine cloth. It took three years and a lot of hard work to finish. Solomon's Temple was magnificent.

Back then, God wanted one central place for everyone to worship. Today we have church buildings all over the place. But they are just as special. They may not have gold, marbles and jewels everywhere. But, they are special because we come together with other Christians to worship God by praising Him, giving our offerings, praying to Him and learning about Him. We even sometimes call the church building, *God's House*. It reminds us why we are here; especially on Sundays...it is to worship Him.

TEACHER EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

Bring an appliance box to make a house. Let them color/decorate with markers.

Bring samples of Cedar/Pine/Juniper wood to display.

Bring toy building/carpenter tools for pretend play.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Hammering

Making Stained Glass Window Sun Catchers

Coloring Church and Worshipers Page

SEWING CARDS

Materials: Cardstock Shapes with holes
Yarn (Blue/crimson/purple)
Tape

(In room)

OR

Toy Sewing Card Kit

Do: If NOT using a Kit, follow these instructions. Otherwise, use Kit as indicated on box and return all Kit items to box before returning to bag.

Wrap tape around one end of each piece of yarn. (Makes *sewing* easier).

Tie or tape other end to secure to sewing card.

Show children how to go in and out of holes to *sew*.

Let them undo and start over again.

Talk about: King Solomon asked for workers who were skilled in working with blue crimson and purple yarn to make cloth and material for the Temple.

CRAYON ENGRAVING

Materials: Scratch Art Paper
Dull pencils or sticks
Bible verse stickers

Do: Let each child have one piece of Scratch Art Paper.
Let the children use the dull pencils to *engrave* a picture.
Add a Bible verse sticker.

Talk about: Look at all the beautiful colors under the black. We can make pretty pictures this way. Solomon hired engravers to work with gold and other metals. They *scratched* beautiful designs on the metal instead of crayons.

BUILD A CHURCH WITH BLOCKS

Materials: Blocks (In room)

Do: Help the children pretend to build a church with blocks.

Talk about: Our church built a new building. We built a new sanctuary or worship center and a new children's building. King Solomon built a beautiful Temple in Jerusalem.