

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

Program A-2

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

First Session Classes will be:

Playing with Sewing Cards

Making Crayon Engravings

Building a Church with Blocks

HAMMERING

Materials: Shoebox or Egg Carton
Golf Tees
Toy Hammer

Do: Make small holes in the shoebox. Stick the golf tees in the holes. DO NOT press in; leave sticking up. Let the children take turns hammering the tees down. Pull up and repeat. If the holes get too big and loose, make new holes.

Talk about: A lot of people had to help build the Temple. Let's pretend we're helping to build our new church building!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW SUN CATCHERS

Materials: Clear Contact Paper
Colored Tissue Paper Pieces
Construction Paper *Frame* Cutout
Bible verse stickers

Do: Each child will need 2 pieces of contact paper, a handful of tissue paper, 1 paper *frame* cutout and a Bible verse sticker.
Remove the backing from ONE piece of contact paper.
Lay sticky side up.
Cover with the *frame* cutout. (Be sure all the edges of the contact paper are covered).
Let the children decorate by placing tissue paper on the contact paper.
When finished, remove backing from second piece of contact paper and cover the tissue paper, *frame* and contact paper.
Add Bible verse sticker.
Punch holes and add yarn for hanging if you wish.

Talk about: Some church buildings today have stained glass windows to make them pretty. Solomon had engravers and goldsmiths and silversmiths to make art for the Temple.

COLOR CHURCH AND WORSHIPERS

Materials: Coloring Page
Crayons (In room)
Scissors (In room)
Tape (In room)

Do: Follow instructions on coloring page. Help younger children with cutting or cut out for them. Assist with taping picture of congregation behind the doors if needed.

Talk about: We worship God at church. Back in Solomon's time, the Israelites built a Temple in Jerusalem for worshiping God.