



3RD - 5TH

12.2
Solomon Built the Temple



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

What is the greatest thing you have ever created or accomplished? If you were to make history for something, what would you like your legacy to be?



DESIGN YOUR HOUSE

Start by 9:20/10:45

Provide kids with paper and pencils. Tell kids to imagine they are a king or queen designing a special house. Encourage them to draw and label details they would include, such as the size, rooms, decorations, and materials. Then discuss...

- What would make your house special?
- What materials would you use?
- How would you make it beautiful?

Imagine you were asked to build a house for God. What would you include? Today, we will learn how Solomon built a beautiful temple for God. The temple was filled with precious materials and showed God's people that He was with them. But the temple pointed to something even greater—Jesus, who came to live among us and bring us back to God.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open to 1 Kings 8. **The Bible shows us that God has always wanted to be close to His people. In the Garden of Eden, God was with Adam and Eve. Later, God showed His presence through the tabernacle and the temple. These reminded His people that He was with them. But God had an even greater plan to be with His people through Jesus.** Choose a volunteer to read 1 Kings 8:49-50 aloud.

- Why do you think God wants to be close to His people?
- What are some ways we can spend time with God today?

Solomon built the temple as a special place where God's people could worship Him and seek forgiveness for their sins. When Solomon prayed and dedicated the temple, God's glory filled it, showing that He was with His people. But the temple and its sacrifices could not take away sin forever. Jesus came as the perfect sacrifice to forgive our sins and bring us back to God. Because of Jesus, God is with everyone who trusts in Him through the Holy Spirit.



DISCUSSION

Is a church building the only place we can worship God? Why not?

We can worship God anywhere because God is not limited to one place. Through the Holy Spirit, believers can worship God wherever they go and in everything they do. We gather at church to worship together as God's people, but we can also worship Him in our everyday lives. (Option: Read John 4:23-24.)

Do we have to wait until we get to heaven to experience God's presence? Why not?

We do not have to wait until heaven to experience God's presence. God is with believers now through the Holy Spirit who lives in us. As we spend time in God's Word and follow the Spirit's guidance, we can know God more and see Him working in our lives. (Option: Read Psalm 139:7-10.)

How did Solomon's prayer show that God knows everything?

In 1 Kings 8:39-40, Solomon said that God alone knows every person's heart. God knows our thoughts, our choices, and what we need. Like Solomon, we can ask God to help us love Him, follow His ways, and turn away from sin. (Option: Read 1 Kings 8:39-40.)



20 QUESTIONS

Choose a person, place, or object from today's Bible story. Kids take turns asking yes-or-no questions to figure out the answer. They have 20 questions to guess correctly.

Possible answers: Solomon, David, the temple, the ark of the covenant, the altar, priests...

It can be hard to guess something when we don't know the answer. But God never has to guess because He knows everything. God knew His people needed a Savior, and He sent Jesus to make the way for us to be forgiven. When we trust in Jesus, we can live with God forever.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.