



K - 2ND

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 something you have built or made? How long did it take you to make it?



SCULPT IT

Start by 9:20/10:45

Provide each kid with play dough. Invite kids to use the play dough to create items they might see in a temple, such as pillars, doors, bowls, or other special decorations. When kids finish, invite them to share their creations with the group. Show kids a picture of Solomon's temple to help them see what the temple may have looked like. Kids are allowed to keep their play doh.

Solomon built a beautiful temple for God. The temple had large pillars, special doors, bowls, and many other details that showed care and honor for God. Today, we will learn how Solomon followed God's plan and carefully built the temple as a place where God's people could worship Him.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and invite kids to find 1 Kings in their Bibles. Practice finding a verse from chapters 6, 7, and 8. Read aloud 1 Kings 8:39.

- **What does God know about us?**
- **Does God know when we do something wrong? How do you know?**
- **What did Solomon ask God to do when people sinned?**
- **Who did God send to forgive us for our sins?**

God knows everything about the past, present, and future. God also knows what is in each person's heart. He knows our hearts are sinful. He knows we will sin even before we do. He also knows who will repent of sin and turn to Him. Solomon prayed, asking God to hear and forgive His people when they turned to Him and asked for forgiveness. We can ask God to forgive us when we sin, too. God made the way for our sin to be forgiven for all time through Jesus.



DISCUSSION

Why wasn't the temple a permanent place for God to live?

The temple was a special place where God showed His presence, but God is greater than any building. God cannot be kept inside a temple or any other place. God planned to be with His people in an even greater way by sending the Holy Spirit to live inside those who trust in Him. One day, God will bring His people to live with Him forever.

What was the most special part of the temple? Why?

The most special part of the temple was the innermost room, called the holy of holies. The ark of the covenant was kept there, and it showed that God was with His people. Once a year, the high priest entered this room and offered a sacrifice for sin. These sacrifices reminded God's people that they needed forgiveness.

How can you live with God forever?

God made a way for us to live with Him forever through Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, and He came back to life, defeating death. When we turn away from sin and trust in Jesus, God forgives us and promises that we will live with Him forever.



WHERE DOES IT LIVE?

Gather kids together. Invite kids to take turns acting out different animals, such as a bird, bear, bat, horse, pig, tiger, dolphin, or other familiar animals. After each kid acts out an animal, the group guesses where that animal lives. Continue playing as time allows.

God made a home for every animal. A fish belongs in the water, and a bird belongs in the sky. God also made people to know Him and be close to Him. The temple showed God's people that He was with them, but God had a greater plan. He sent Jesus so anyone who trusts in Him can be forgiven and live with God forever.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.