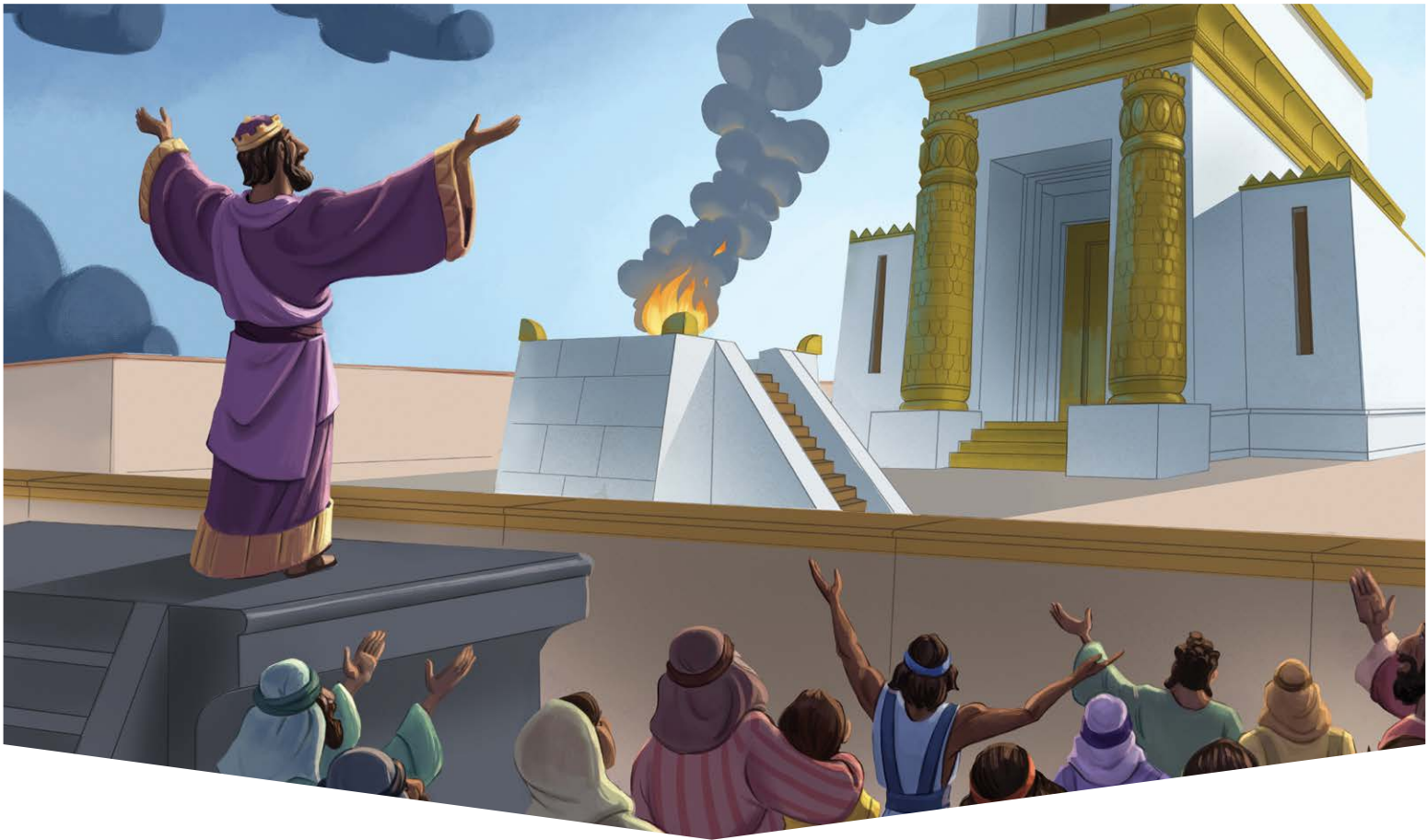




UNIT 12 | SESSION 2

SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

1 KINGS 6–9

CHRIST CONNECTION: When we trust in Jesus, He forgives us and is always with us.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: The Lord is a kind and loving God. Exodus 34:6

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- Solomon built a temple for God.
- Solomon told the people to love God and obey Him.
- When we trust in Jesus, He forgives us and is always with us.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

King Solomon began building a temple for God. Many builders worked on the temple. God said to Solomon, “If you obey Me, I will keep My promise to live among the Israelites. I will not leave My people.” It took seven years to build the temple. The temple was beautiful. Everything inside the temple was covered with gold. When it was time to bring the ark of God into the temple, the people praised God. Solomon prayed, “There is no one like You, God!” Then Solomon told the people to love God and obey Him. The people were happy because God had been so good to them.



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to 1 Kings 6. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “The Farmer In the Dell”:

“The Lord is a kind God.

The Lord is a kind God.

I’ll clap my hands and praise His name.

The Lord is a kind God.”

SAY “When we trust in Jesus, He forgives us and is always with us. The Lord is a kind and loving God. One way we can love and obey God is by praising Him today.”

2 COLOR THE GOLD

Provide a "Temple" printable (one per child) and seven yellow jumbo crayons. Talk about the color yellow and count to seven as children scribble on their papers. Allow the babies to explore the crayons, paying careful attention to keep the crayons out of their mouths. Print Solomon built a temple for God. Review the Bible story, using exaggerated voices to keep babies' interest.

SAY “Solomon built a temple for God. It took seven years to build. When it was finished, the temple was beautiful! Everything inside the temple was gold.”

3 BUILD THE TEMPLE

Provide toddlers with foam or cardboard blocks and play tools. Demonstrate Solomon building the temple by gently hammering and stacking blocks. Ensure no children put toys in their mouths. Wipe down and disinfect toys after each play.

SAY “Solomon built a temple for God. Many builders worked on the temple. When they finished, the people praised God. The people were happy because God had been so good to them.”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 6. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 PAINT THE TEMPLE

Provide a "Temple" printable and painting smocks or bibs for each child. Squirt a daub of washable gold or yellow paint on paper plates for toddlers to paint using cotton swabs. Print Solomon built a temple for God on each child's art. Have baby wipes handy for easy cleanup.

SAY “ Solomon obeyed God and built a temple for Him. Many people worked on the temple. The temple was covered in gold. It was beautiful! ”

3 SING A FAMILIAR SONG

Sing to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.” Use a hammering motion as you sing.

“I’m helping build God a temple, (repeat 3 times)

Like Solomon and his friends.”

SAY “ Solomon built a temple for God. Many builders helped work on God’s temple. They obeyed and trusted God. We can obey God too. ”

4 BUILD THE TEMPLE

Print two copies of the Bible story picture. Cut each copy into four or five pieces. Encourage two groups of children to rebuild the temples (one picture per group). Explain that Solomon built a temple for God. Review the Bible story as toddlers build. Replay as time permits.

SAY “ Many builders worked together to build the temple. It took seven years! The temple was beautiful. We can also work together for God. ”

5 FINDING TEMPLE TREASURES

Place gold items (plastic spoons, large plastic coins, plastic eggs, and so forth) in buckets on towels. Fill the buckets halfway with water. Encourage children to find the items in the water. Allow toddlers to discover and play. For an added challenge, include different color items for toddlers to find and sort what items would and would not belong in the temple.

SAY “ Solomon and the people loved and obeyed God. They built God a temple. The temple was beautiful. Everything inside the temple was covered with gold! ”

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CHRIST CONNECTION: When we trust in Jesus, He forgives us and is always with us.

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: THE TEMPLE BUILD

Provide foam or cardboard blocks and play tools for children to pretend to build the temple. Encourage them to work together like Solomon and his workers worked together to build the temple. Review the Bible story as the children play.

SAY “King Solomon began building a temple for God. Many builders worked on the temple. They all obeyed God and worked together to build the temple. We can obey God too.”

2 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.” Use a hammering motion as you sing.

“I’m helping build God a temple, (repeat 3 times)

Like Solomon and his friends.”

SAY “Solomon built a temple for God. Many builders worked to build God’s temple. They obeyed God and trusted Him. We can obey God too.”

3 CRAFT STICK TEMPLE

Gather construction paper, liquid glue, cotton swabs, and craft sticks. Use cotton swabs to daub glue onto the papers. Then, place craft sticks on the glue to build a temple. Print Solomon built a temple for God and each child’s name on the artwork. Review the Bible story as children work.

SAY “King Solomon began building a temple for God. He obeyed God. God promised not to leave King Solomon or his people. The Lord is a kind and loving God!”

4 HAMMERING BY TEMPO

Provide craft sticks (two per child). Encourage the children to stand in a circle. Lead the children in making a hammering sound by tapping their craft sticks together. Change the tempo from fast to slow and the volume from loud to soft.

SAY “We sound like many people building a temple for God! Many builders worked on the temple. King Solomon and his people obeyed God.”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.