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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 12 • Session 2

SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

1 Kings 6–9

WHAT IS MERCY? MERCY IS WHEN GOD DOES NOT GIVE US THE PUNISHMENT THAT WE DESERVE.

Solomon was the king of Israel after his father, David, died. God made Solomon very wise. Solomon began to build a temple for the Lord.

God blessed the temple and promised Solomon, "If you obey My commands, I will keep the promise I made to David. I will live among the Israelites, and I will not abandon My people."

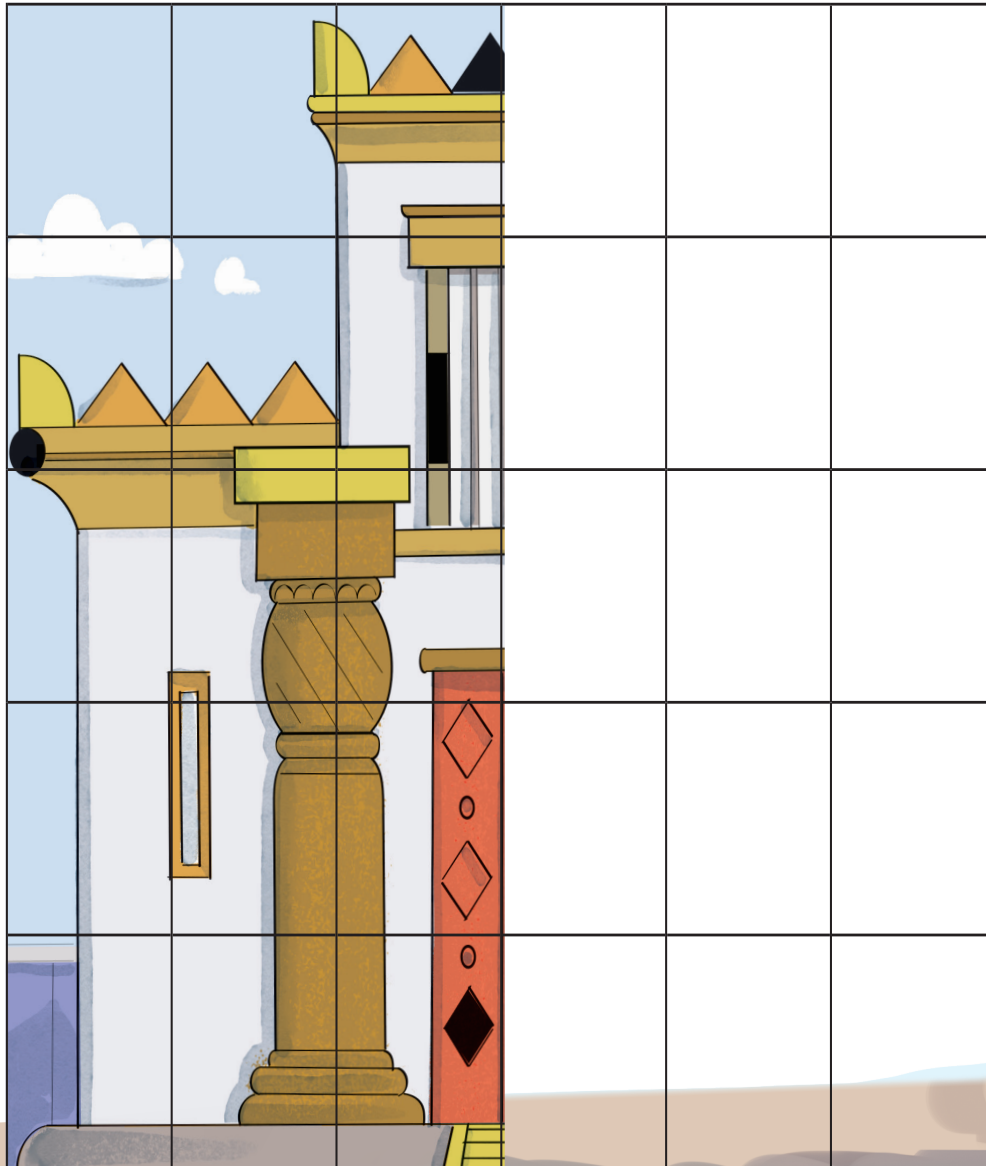
The temple was built in seven years. It was beautiful! Solomon overlaid everything inside the temple with pure gold. When the temple was complete, Solomon moved the ark of God to the new temple in Jerusalem.

A cloud filled the temple. God's glory was in the cloud. Solomon turned to speak to the Israelites. "Praise God!" he said. "God promised David that his son would build a temple. God kept His promise!"

Solomon prayed. "There is no God like You!" he said. When Solomon had finished praying, he encouraged the Israelites to love and obey God. The people returned to their homes, joyful because God was good to them.

Christ Connection: The temple was a place where God met with His people. The people could go there to make sacrifices and worship God. Today, when we trust in Jesus, He is with us wherever we go. We can look to Him for forgiveness and help.

Reasons to Worship | List words describing God to show why He is worthy of worship.



Solomon's Temple | Use the grid to draw the other half of Solomon's temple.

