

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Ivy VanDelft- July 3 Theo Posthumus - July 4	
2 minutes	<p>Leader: When King Solomon built the temple, he wanted it to be a place where people could come together to worship God. Even though the temple was beautiful, Solomon knew that no building could ever be big enough to contain our great and wonderful God.</p> <p>Kids: Our God is so big! So strong and so mighty!</p> <p>Leader: God's presence is with His people wherever they gather to seek Him. Today, we don't come to worship because of a special building—we come because of Jesus, who made a way for us to know God personally.</p> <p>Kids: Let's sing praises to God!</p>	Bible
10 minutes	My God is so big	Video

singing		
	This is the day	
	Tell the story – Page 99 Also, have the story from the book “Who is God”. See page noted: Also, will have props here to help tell the story.	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions from kids video: 1. Why do some people say they’re Christians but they don’t go to church? 2.	
	Ask questions: See page 100 1. After David died, who became the next king of Israel? 2. What did Solomon ask God for? 3. What else did God give Solomon?	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	God, thank You for reminding us that You promise to live with those who trust in Your Son, Jesus. Help us turn from evil, and guide us to love others with the truth of the gospel. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace.”	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 6–8. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Solomon Built the Temple.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

“Solomon had been king for four years when he began to build the temple for the Lord. He planned to build a big, beautiful building made of the finest materials for God to dwell permanently with His people.

God said to Solomon, “If you obey my commandments, I will fulfill my promise to you that I made to your father David. I will dwell with my people and not abandon them.”

The ark of the Lord’s covenant would be in the innermost part of the temple. Solomon overlaid everything in this part of the temple with pure gold, including the altar. He also made two huge statues of cherubim (a type of angel) that were overlaid with gold. It was a beautiful space for the ark of the Lord’s covenant.

Solomon hired a man named Hiram to create objects out of pure bronze for the temple. Hiram made pillars, a large basin, water carts, and more out of bronze. Everything he made was beautifully decorated with pomegranates, lilies, lions, oxen, and angels.

Solomon gathered all of Israel to bring the ark of the Lord’s covenant into the temple, to the most holy place beneath the wings of the cherubim. **When the priests came out of the holy place, the glory of the Lord filled the temple. Solomon said, “I have built an exalted temple for You, God, a place for You to live forever.”**

King Solomon turned around and **blessed all of Israel, saying, “The LORD has fulfilled what He promised. I sit on the throne of Israel, and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.”**

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord, and spread out his hands toward heaven, and **prayed to God:**

“LORD God of Israel, there is no god like You.

You have kept what You promised to my father David.

“But will God live on earth?

Even the highest heaven cannot contain You,

Much less this temple I have built.

Please hear the prayers of Your people

When they pray toward this place.

May You hear in Your dwelling place in heaven and answer.

STORYTELLING TIPS

Active listening: Invite kids to shout, “hooray!” when they hear how God kept His promise.

Draw it: Provide each kid with a sheet of paper and a marker. As you read, encourage the kids to draw the temple as the story describes it. This will help them understand that the temple was a real and beautiful place.



“When Your people sin against You—
For there is no one who does not sin—
**When they return to You with all their heart and all their soul,
May You forgive Your people who sinned against You**
And may You grant them compassion.”

Christ Connection: Solomon built the temple, but he knew that the fullness of God did not live there. Jesus is the fullness of God, and He came to dwell on earth (John 1:14). Only those who trust in Him will be forgiven of their sin and live with God forever. 🙏

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ What did God say He would do if Solomon obeyed God’s commands? [Allow responses.] God said He would live with His people and not leave them. The temple was a beautiful building, and Solomon took great care in building it. But the temple wouldn’t mean very much if God’s people didn’t follow His commands and obey Him. **SOLOMON BUILT A TEMPLE FOR GOD TO DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE.**

Where was the ark of the covenant placed? [Allow responses.] The ark of the covenant was in the innermost part of the temple. The ark of the covenant represented God’s presence with His people. Not just anyone could come before the ark of the covenant. Only the high priest could enter the innermost part of the temple once a year. The high priest would offer sacrifices for his sin and the sin of the people.

What happened after Solomon gathered all of Israel together? [Allow responses.] When the priests came out of the temple, the glory of the Lord filled the temple! Solomon prayed and reminded everyone of God’s faithfulness to His people. Many years later, God’s promise to dwell with His people would extend beyond a temple made of bronze and gold. Through Jesus, God made the way for the Holy Spirit to live within His people. Today, God calls the bodies of Christians His temples. 🙏

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ God promised David and Solomon that He would dwell with His people. But because God is holy, sin must be punished by death. God provided His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins and rise again. When we repent and believe in Jesus, God’s presence comes to live in us through the Holy Spirit. If you have any questions, I would love to answer them. 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 12, Session 2” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why are some people Christians but they don’t go to church?
2. Why is it important to be a part of a local church?

**5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)**

Display the “Orvil Reid Photos” as you tell kids about the missionary. Remind kids that Orvil was a missionary to Mexico City, Mexico.

SAY “ One way Orvil shared the gospel was through demonstrating his amazing strength. Large crowds would gather to see these feats of strength, such as clasping his hands together and challenging 32 men to pull them apart or inviting nine men to pull an iron bar from his hands.

Later, Orvil moved to Guadalajara (gwaa-duh-luh-haa-ruh) to continue his ministry. One of his ministry services was providing a home for students while they were getting their education. Orvil started a print shop at the boarding home. Some of the students helped in the print shop to earn money while they were studying. As the students lived and worked, Orvil had opportunities to share the good news about Jesus with them. ”

Remind kids that God commands all believers to share the good news. Discuss how the Holy Spirit gives followers of Jesus power to share the gospel.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Proverbs 3:7 together.

SAY “ When Solomon feared and obeyed the Lord, he was able to honor God through the building of the temple. Our key passage reminds us that we are not wise on our own. We need God’s help! ”

Say the key passage aloud, but omit or change a word. Ask kids to shout, “Uh oh!” when they catch the mistake. Then recite the key passage correctly together. Repeat, inviting kids to lead others in saying the key passage.

Lead kids to sing “Fear the LORD (Proverbs 3:7).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ God, thank You for reminding us that You promise to live with those who trust in Your Son, Jesus. Help us turn from evil, and guide us to love others with the truth of the gospel. Amen. ”



