



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —



Read 1 Kings 6; 8 from your Bible or from below.

King David wanted to build a temple for God. God told David someone else would be the one to build this special place of worship.

When David died, his son Solomon became king. God told Solomon he would build a temple for the Lord just as He had promised David. It had been 480 years since the people of Israel had come out of slavery in Egypt. King Solomon's workers began to build the temple for the Lord. They built the temple with very specific instructions, just as God requested.

God promised if King Solomon would follow God's commands and obey Him, God would always live among the Israelites and never leave His people.

King Solomon built the temple to be a very special place. He used cedar, bronze, gold, and stone, giving special attention to every detail. The king wanted the Israelites to have a permanent place to worship God. It took thousands of workers seven years to build the temple.

When the temple was completed, King Solomon brought the ark of the covenant and placed it in the most holy place in the temple. After the priests had placed the ark of the covenant in the temple, and came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the temple. The glory of the Lord was with them. Solomon prayed, thanking God for His faithfulness and praising Him for all He had done for the people of Israel.



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

Say: Churches come in all shapes and sizes. Some are very traditional, with buildings and a steeple. Others meet in different types of places—movie theaters, schools, warehouses, homes, or even outside. What your church looks like isn't nearly as important as what happens in the lives of those who are there.

In the Old Testament, the people needed a place to worship God. King David wanted to build that place, but God told him his son, Solomon, would be the one to build the temple. For seven years Solomon's men worked tirelessly to get all of the details just right. When it was complete, it was a wonderful place for people to gather to worship God.

Do you have to be at church to worship God? Of course not. You can worship God anywhere, anytime. You can even be by yourself. But, churches allow us places to come together as a group to worship God. This is called corporate worship.

God is worthy of our worship. He is the one true God. There is no one like Him. Because of His great love for us, we can gather together to worship Him with other people who believe in Him. Worship is a key part of what we do when we are at church.

No matter what your church building looks like, realize that it is what the church does to share Jesus with others that makes a difference. At church we learn about who God is and what He has done for us. This is definitely something we want others to know and experience.

Preschool Life Point: At church, people worship God.

Kids Life Point: Worshiping God is an important part of what the church does.

Preschool Review Questions:

1. How many years did it take to build the temple?
2. What did Solomon do when the temple was finished?

Kids Review Questions:

1. What did God promise Solomon if he followed God's commands?
2. Describe what you remember about the temple.
3. What is the purpose of having a church building today?

Pray: God, thank You for giving us places to worship You together with others. While we can worship You anywhere at any time, there is something special about worshipping You with those who believe and follow You. Amen.



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— LEARN SCRIPTURE —

The weekly Bible verse below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.

PRESCHOOL (paraphrase):
B-2: The people sang to God.
2 Chronicles 29:30

3-K: The people worshiped God.
2 Chronicles 29:30

**KIDS: Sing to him; sing praise to him;
tell about all his wondrous works!**
1 Chronicles 16:9



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— SING —

Sing a *Bible Studies for Life* song or one of your family's favorite worship songs.