

**SOLOMON AND THE TEMPLE OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: I CHRONICLES 28-29

**The STORY**

Read "Building God's Temple" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories page 175.

**Please note:** *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- Who picked Solomon to build the Temple? (God picked Solomon.)
- What do you think it would be like for Solomon to be given the task of building the temple? (Building the temple was a very special job. It was an honor to be entrusted with the task.)
- What was the purpose for the temple? (David wanted to build a temple for God. It would serve as the permanent resting-place for the Ark of the Covenant that had been displayed in a tent.)

**CRAFT QUESTIONS**

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: David showing Solomon plans for the temple. Engage the children by asking:**

- Who would you rather be, David or Solomon, and why? (Accept any answer.)
- Why do you think the articles in the Temple were made of gold? (Gold is considered the most precious metal. God is deserving of the richest of what the earth can provide.)
- Read about the gold items found in 1 Chronicles 28:15-18. Have the children do their best to draw one of the items on their coloring sheet and color it yellow to represent the gold.

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

**While the children are eating the snack engage the children by asking:**

- Who do you think planned what the temple would look like? (God put the plans on David's mind.)
- What did David do with all the directions for how to build the temple? (David wrote down the plans, read verse 19 to the class.)
- What other instructions did God give to his people? (He gave Noah the plans for the ark. He gave Moses the plans for the tabernacle. Most important of all, He gave us the Bible that tells us how to live a life that glorifies God.)

### WHERE IS JESUS?

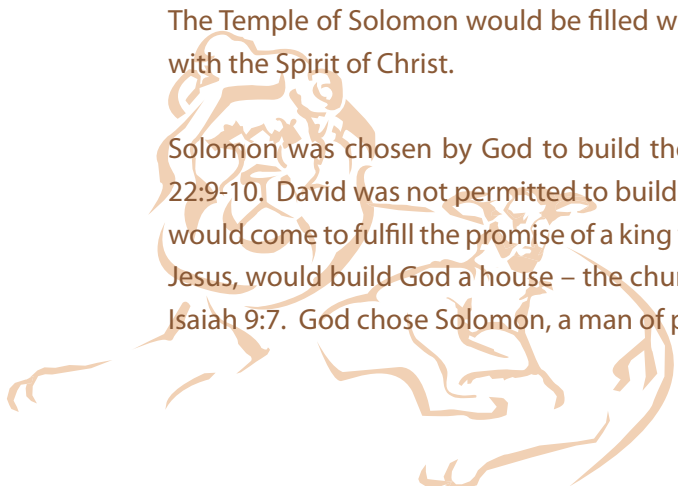
*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

Solomon was commissioned by God to build the temple. The temple would be the place where God's presence would dwell. All of worship would revolve around the temple. This temple was only a shadow of another temple, our hearts. Paul draws the connection in the following scripture:

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.  
(1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

The Temple of Solomon would be filled with the presence of God. Now, as believers, we are also filled with the Spirit of Christ.

Solomon was chosen by God to build the temple because he was a man of peace, see 1 Chronicles 22:9-10. David was not permitted to build God's house because he was a man of war. One day the king would come to fulfill the promise of a king who would reign on the throne of Solomon forever. This king, Jesus, would build God a house – the church. Of the increase of His peace there would be no end, see Isaiah 9:7. God chose Solomon, a man of peace, to point forward to the Prince of Peace, see Isaiah 9:6.



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### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

#### **BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

