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Lesson 12: KING SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE 1st KINGS 5-8



The Bible says that King Solomon began to build God’s House, The Temple. Just like God gave Moses exact instructions for the tabernacle, God had given King David the plans for this House, the Temple. Before King David died, he had given Solomon those plans and all the building supplies he had collected.

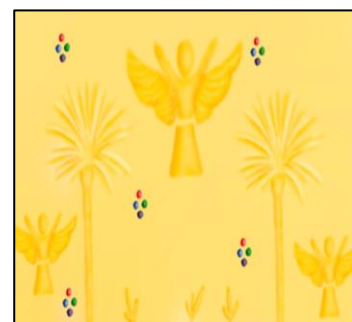
Solomon said, “I will make this Temple beautiful and glorious, because my God is Beautiful and Glorious! The highest Heavens can’t even hold Him, but He wants a House. So, I will build Him a dwelling place among His People.”

The first step was making a strong foundation. Lots of stones were needed. But only stones that were prepared at the quarry were used. No hammer, chisel or iron tool was heard where the Temple was being built.



The temple walls were built very high. They built a huge front porch too. Solomon used the very best wood he could find. He had it brought in from far away.

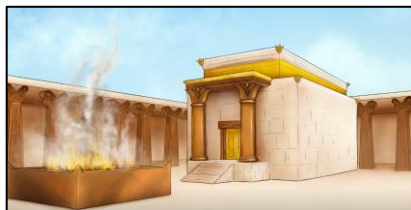
Workers carved pictures on the walls as decorations – pictures of trees and flowers and angels. So, inside God’s House it looked like the garden of Eden where Adam and Eve had walked with God. Then the wooden walls were covered with gold! So inside, everything was bright and shiny! Sparkling gems were added to the walls – green emeralds, red rubies and blue sapphires!



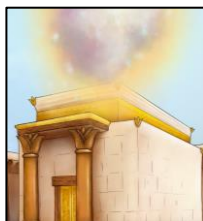
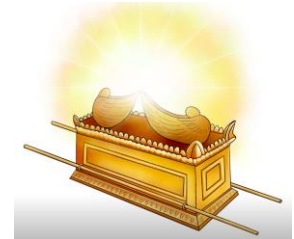


Do you remember the things that were part of the Tabernacle, God's Tent? The Altar, the Wash Bowl, the Lampstand, the Bread Table, the Big Thick Curtain, and the Ark would also be part of this Temple.

Inside the Temple was a very special room — the Most Holy Place. It had a thick curtain in front of it, just as in the Tabernacle. It would still be true that no one except the high priest, once a year, would be allowed past that curtain.



It took 7 years to finish building the Temple. Finally, God's Holy Box, the Ark of the Covenant was put in the Most Holy Place.



All the people came and stood around God's magnificent new House, worshiping God. Then a wonderful thing happened - God's Glory cloud came down! The cloud filled the Temple! God's Glory had filled His House!

Solomon stood and all the Israelites were standing behind him. He said, "Lord, God of Israel, there is no god like You. You keep Your promise of love with Your servants who truly follow You. Night and day please watch over this Temple. Hear the prayer I pray facing this Temple. Hear any prayers of Your People when we pray facing this place. Hear from Your home in heaven, and when You hear, forgive us."



"People who are not Israelites will hear about Your greatness and power. They will come from far away to pray at this House. Hear them from Your home in heaven, and do whatever they ask You. Then people everywhere will know You."

Then he blessed all the people of Israel in a loud voice, saying, "Praise the Lord! May the Lord our God be with us just like He was with all our fathers. May He turn us to Himself so we will follow Him. Let's obey all the rules and commands God gave our fathers long ago. Then all the people of the world will know the Lord is the only true God."

After this they offered 1000's of sacrifices and had a huge party for 14 days. Then Solomon sent everyone home. They left happy and content because of all God had done for His People.

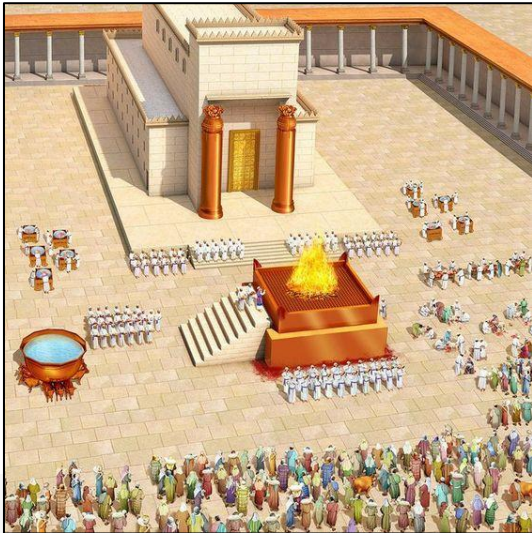
PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



Pretend you live in Jerusalem.
Solomon has just built the
Temple.

**Write a news
article about the great event
and 2-week long festival.**

Encourage people to
come and visit!

A large, brown, scroll-shaped frame that frames the writing area. The frame has decorative, wavy edges and is set against a light gray background. Inside the frame, the title "THE JERUSALEM TIMES" is centered at the top. Below the title are eight horizontal lines for writing, arranged in a column. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across most of the width of the writing area.