



CONVERSATION

Solomon Built the Temple

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your preteen heard that worshiping God is an important part of what the church does. After Solomon had completed the temple, a new place of worship, the people gathered to worship, praise, and thank God.



Help your preteen understand that the church is the people who worship together. Think about some churches in your community who meet in different kinds of buildings. Pray with your preteen for these believers.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Churches gather together to worship and respond to God.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 Chronicles 16:9 Monday: Psalm 111:1 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 15:22 Wednesday: Nehemiah 9:6 Thursday: Habakkuk 3:17-18

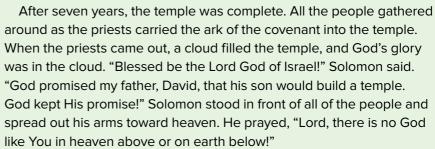
Friday: Psalm 86:9 Saturday: Revelation 14:7

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Four years after Solomon became king, he began to build God's temple. The temple would be 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. As Solomon guided the work, God spoke to him. God promised that if Solomon would follow God's commands and obey Him, God would always live among the Israelites and never leave them.

Solomon used panels of cedar wood, bronze, gold, and stone in the temple.

The most holy part of the temple was the inner sanctuary. This place would hold the ark of the covenant, which had been with the people as they traveled with Moses in the wilderness. The ark contained the two stone tablets with the Ten Commandments God had given Moses.



After Solomon's prayer, he said to the Israelites, "Let your hearts be completely devoted to God. Obey Him in all things." Solomon sacrificed 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep to dedicate the temple to the Lord. Solomon and all of Israel celebrated for 14 days. On the 15th day Solomon sent the people away. They blessed the king and went home to their tents. They rejoiced and thanked God for His goodness.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 1 Chronicles 16:9

LIFE POINT: Worshiping God is an important part of what the church does.



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