

## **A Temple for God**

**August 16, 2020**

**Bible Story: 1 Kings 6: 1-38; 8: 1-66**

**Background for the lesson:**

**The Israelites were finally settled in the land God had promised them. Now they wanted a permanent place to worship God. Solomon took on the task of building the temple. It was to be the center of their religious lives. Solomon wanted the temple to be the most beautiful place ever built. His father, David, had designed the plans for the temple, but didn't allow him to build it. David passed it on to Solomon when he became king. Only the best materials were used. It took seven years to finish, and it was as beautiful as Solomon expected. The people gathered and remembered all the wonderful things God had done for them.**

**Find 1 Kings 6:1-38; 8:1-66 in the Bible. Either read the story from the Bible or read the attached Bible story that is a summary.**

**Ask: Why did Solomon want to build the temple? (He wanted to do something that would show the community that God was with them.) What kinds of things do you think Solomon had to think about as he directed the building of the temple?**

**Watch the video attached.**

**Enjoy the attached activities.**

**Share the following blessing with each other. Blessings show how special you are to God.**

**(Say the name of the person \_\_\_\_\_), God loves you. God remembers you. God will always be with you.**

**YOU ARE SO LOVED!!! AMEN!!!**

# Solomon Builds the Temple

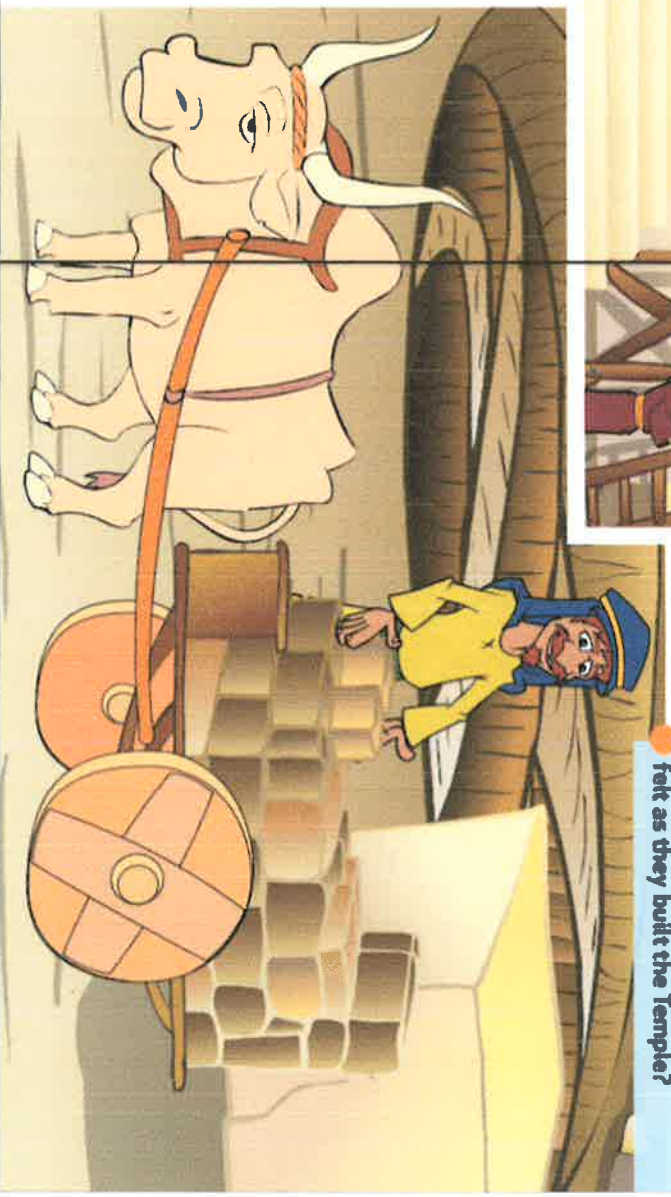
1 Kings 6:1-38



**S**olomon wanted to do something to show the people that God was with them. So Solomon built the Temple, a special place where the people could come to worship God.

The people chipped away at huge stones and sawed wood to build the Temple. The people hammered gold and bronze to cover the Temple. The people worked for seven years to build the Temple. It was beautiful!

**?** How do you think the people felt as they built the Temple?



After the Temple was finished, Solomon gathered all the people together. The priests moved the chest of God into the Temple.




Solomon stood in front of all the people.

“Remember all the wonderful things God has done for us,” said Solomon.

“Remember that God is with us all the days of our lives.”

Solomon knew the Temple would help the people remember that God was with them.

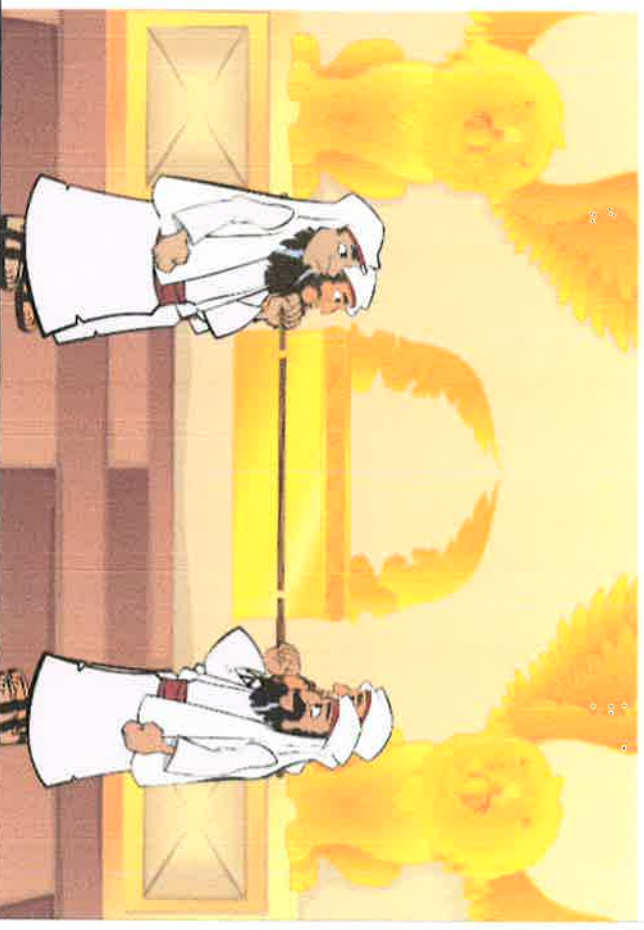
The Temple was finished. It was a special place for the people to gather together and worship God. 

## Solomon Dedicates the Temple

1 Kings 8:1-66

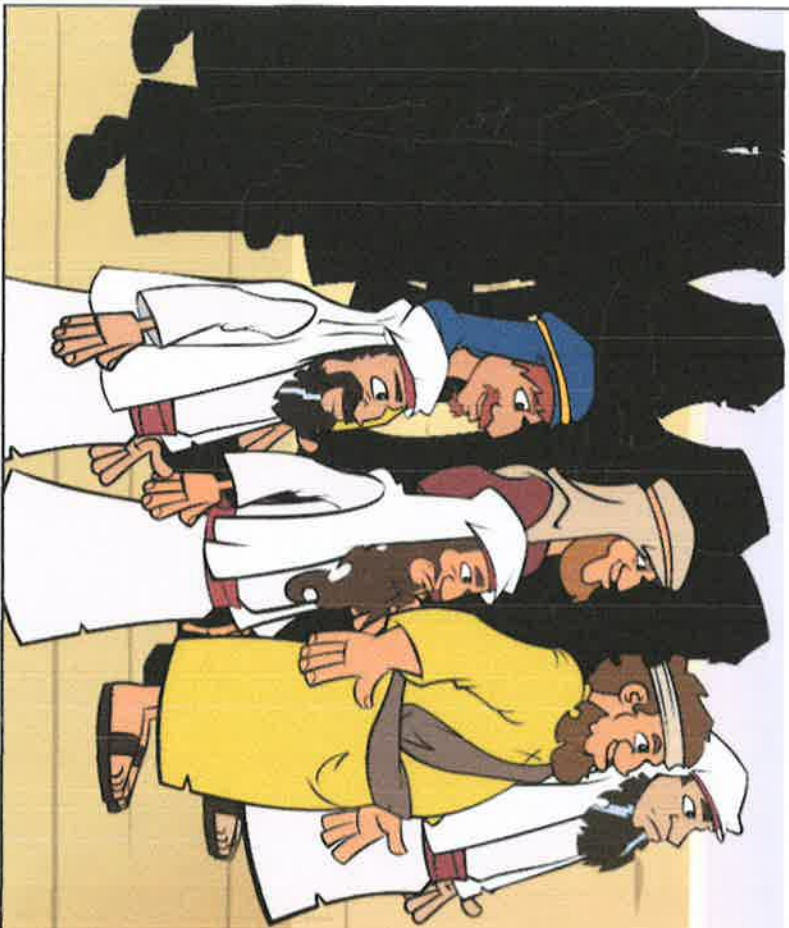
It was time to move the sacred chest to the new Temple in Jerusalem. So Solomon called all of the Israelite leaders together.

When the leaders arrived, the priests carried the sacred chest and all of the holy things into the inner holy place of the Temple. God’s presence and glory filled the Temple.





Solomon knelt down at the altar to pray, saying, "I have built God a house to live in forever. Bless God! There is no god like you. God, you keep your promises. Please listen to your people when they pray in the Temple. Care for every person."

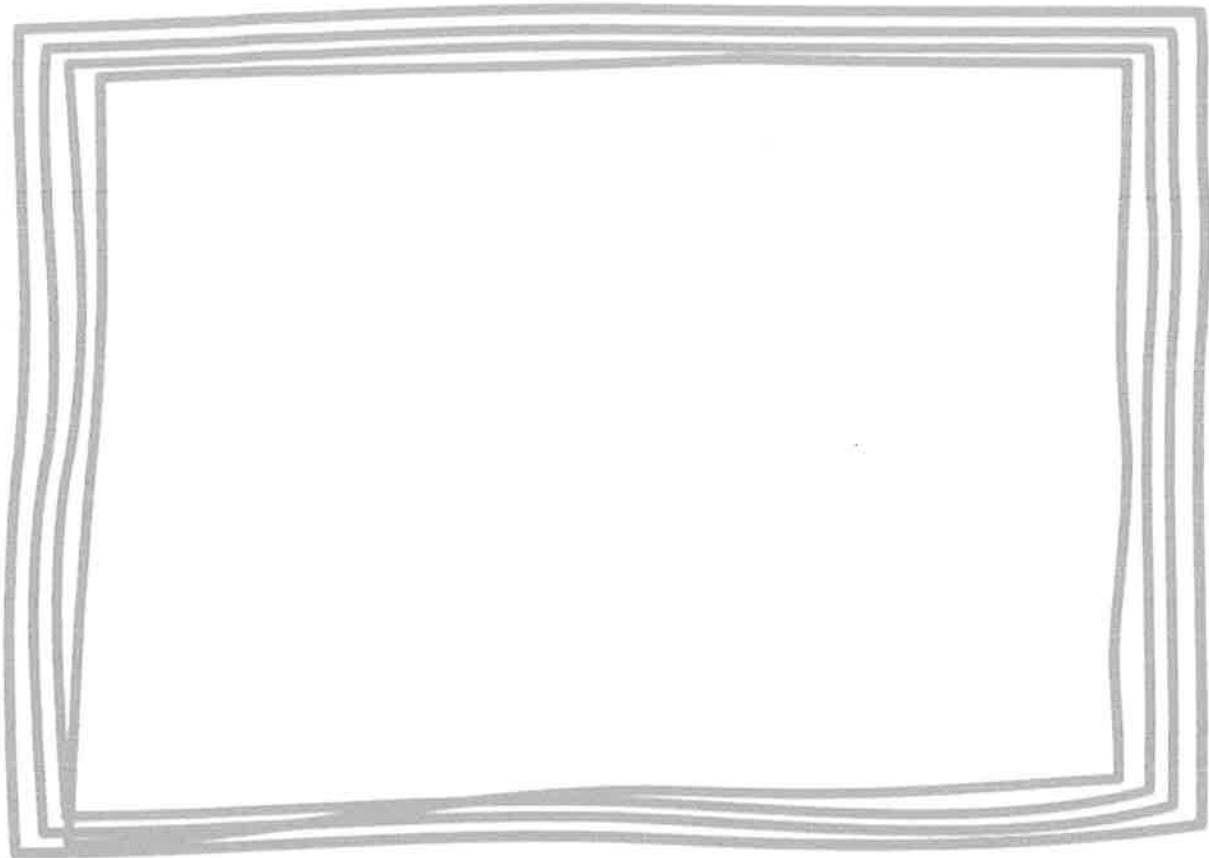


Solomon stood up and faced the leaders. He said, "May God be blessed! God has cared for us. We will live the way God wants us to:"

**?** How do you think Solomon felt as he prayed to God?



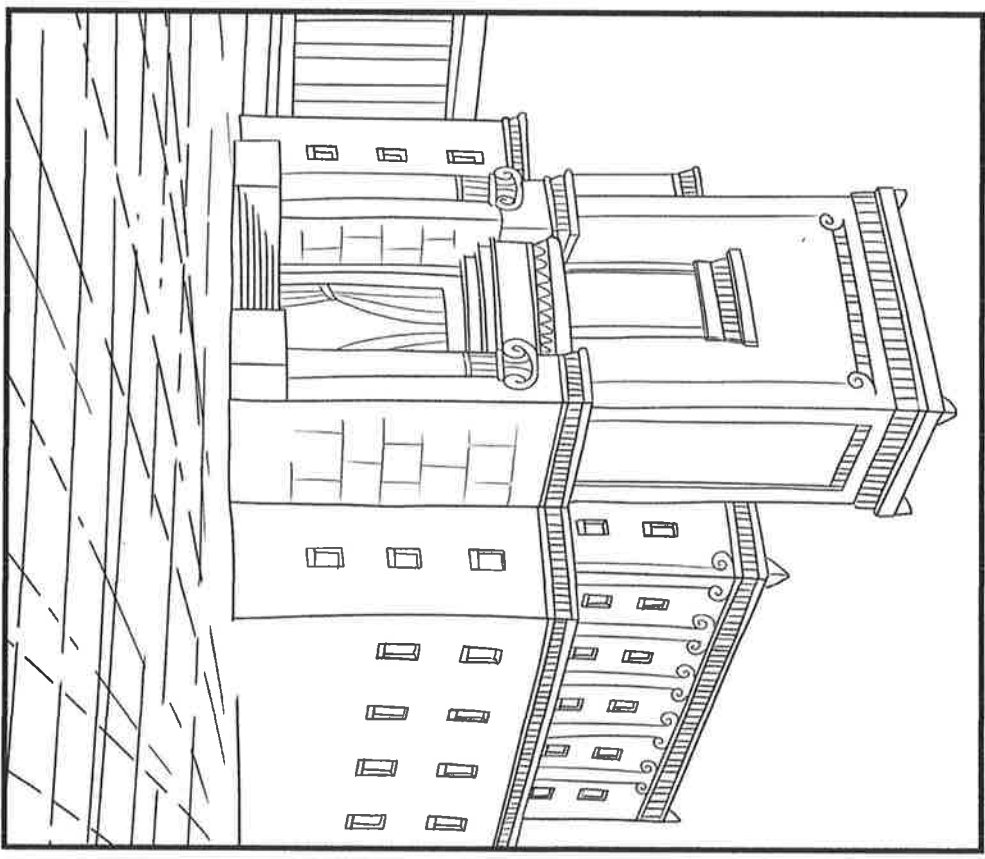
The Temple was like a very big church. What does your church look like? Draw or describe it below.



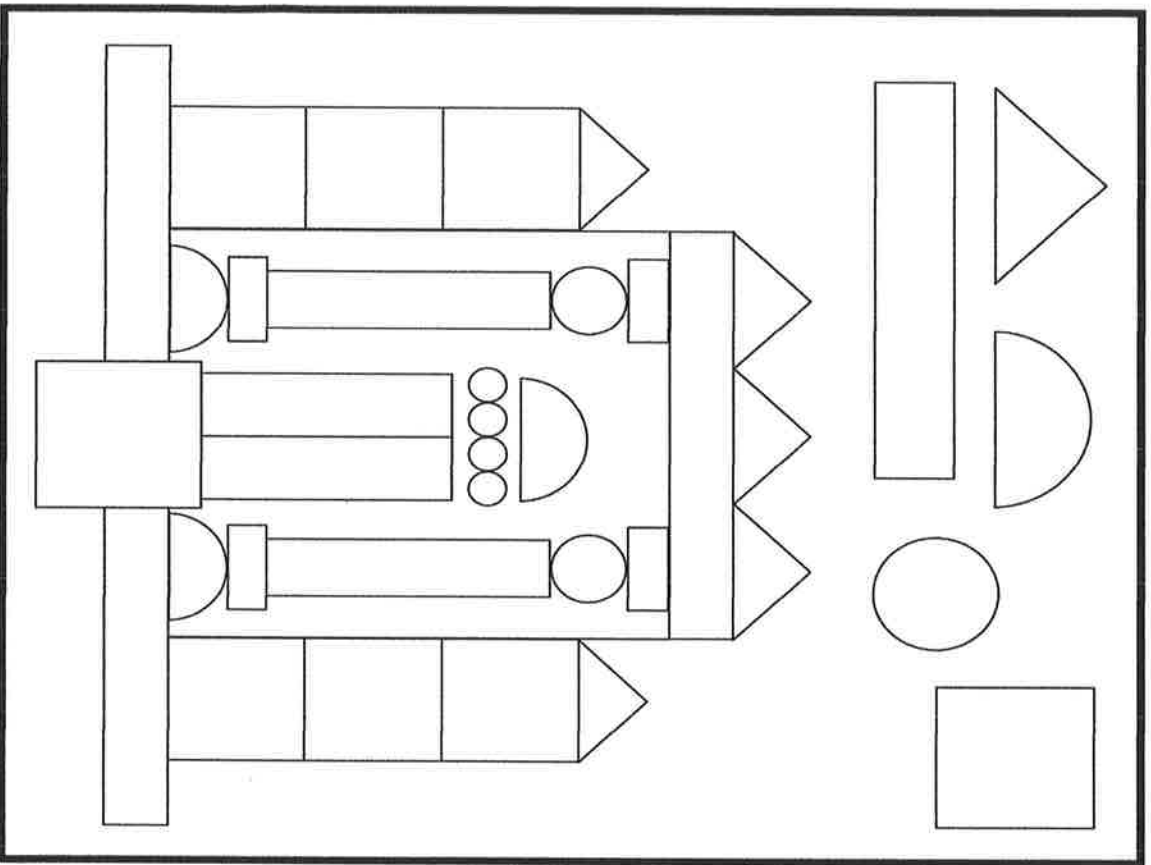
# Solomon Builds the Temple

1 Kings 6:1-38

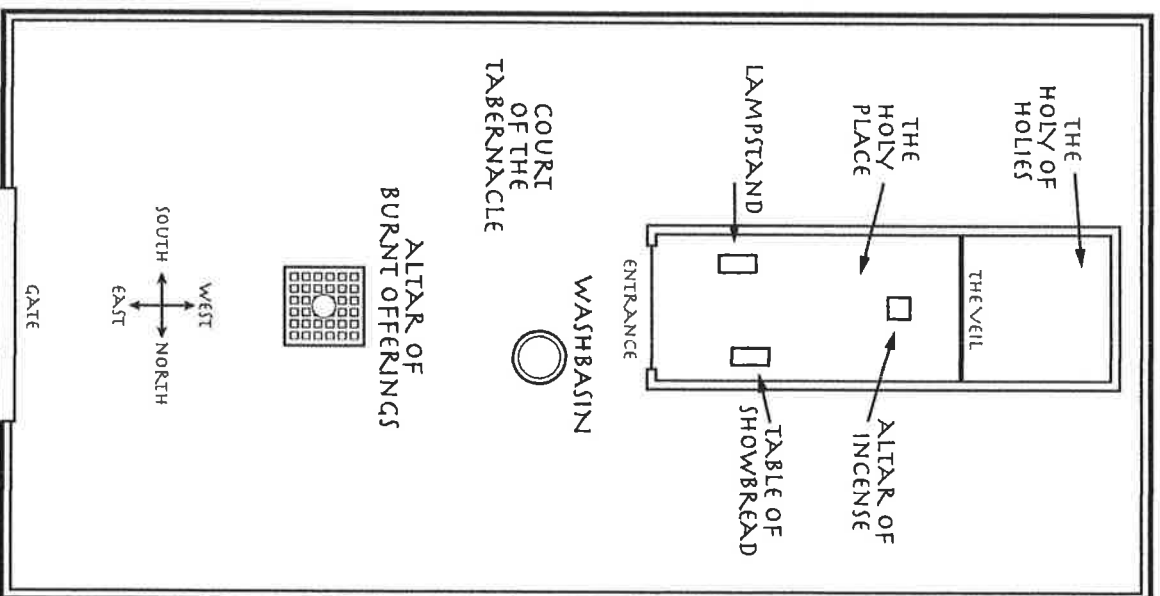
Solomon and the Israelites built a special place to worship God, called the Temple.



Can you find these five shapes in the Temple?  
Color each shape a different color.



The ark of the covenant goes behind the veil in the Holy of Holies. Can you draw it where it belongs?



**GOD'S HOUSE**

# Color by Shapes - Puzzle

King Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem . It was like the Tabernacle in many ways, but it was much larger. Use the color code to color the picture of the temple.

**Color by Shapes**

LIGHT GREEN    BROWN

PURPLE

BLUE

ORANGE

GREEN

RED

YELLOW

