

The Story at Home

Timeless Truth: God made Solomon a wise leader. God can make me wise, too.

Bible Verse: "Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the Lord." Prov 3:7

Key Passages: 1 Kings 3:1-15; 4:29-34; 2 Chron 9:1-9

Resources: *The Story for Children* Ch. 13: "The King Who Had it All."



Grade 1

Kindergarten

When Solomon prayed for the temple, God's presence came down. 2 Chron 7:2 says, "the priests couldn't enter the temple of the Lord. His glory filled it." Can you imagine God's tangible presence filling a building? It was so powerful that people who witnessed it dropped to their knees and worshiped God. After discussing God's powerful presence at his temple, get a plastic zipper bag to demonstrate that God's glory can't be contained.

Put 2 tblsp of baking soda in a paper towel and fold it up. Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of vinegar and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water into the plastic bag. Drop in the paper towel and quickly zip the bag closed. Give a quick shake to start the reaction, then put the plastic bag on the ground and step away. The bag should puff up and pop with a loud bang.

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered to give him anything he asked for. If God gave you the same offer, what would you ask for? Solomon asked for wisdom, so he could be a good king. Do you think that was a good request?

Money wasn't an issue for Solomon. God blessed him with such vast riches that the Bible says silver had little value in Solomon's kingdom and that the king drank out of a gold goblet. So when Solomon built God's temple, he spared no expense.

Even though Solomon had 180,000 workers and 4,000 supervisors on the project, the temple took 7 years to complete. It was one of the most majestic structures of the day. Nearly 500 years after the Israelites left Egypt, God's temple was complete.

Take a digital video tour of the temple by going to YouTube. Read 1 Kings 6 as you watch:

Did anything stand out to you in the video?

Is there any part of the description of the temple that seems especially majestic?

How does the temple compare to your church?

Does God's presence still fill buildings today? (Matt 18:20)

Read the Proverb that mirrors today's date. (So if it's the 10th, read Proverbs 10.) After you're finished, discuss everyone's favorite verse from what was just read. Encourage each person to memorize one verse from Proverbs. Try this for one day or do it all week!

God liked Solomon's answer so much that he gave him wisdom, fame, and money. What's the best reward you've received for a good answer? If you could ask your parents to give you one thing, what would it be?



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