

Lesson 14

Solomon Builds the Temple 1 Kings 6:11–38; 11:1–11

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

Long-Term Projects

It took seven years to build the temple. Help children add seven years to their age and talk about what they could be doing to serve the Lord in seven years. Have them draw pictures of themselves in seven years.



Church Snack

Lean two quarter pieces of graham crackers or two rectangular crackers together to make an A-frame roof. Use frosting or cream cheese to secure the pieces together at the top. Talk about how we call our church building a “church” instead of a “temple.” The church is God’s house, where we come to worship Him and receive His gifts to us.



Sourcing the Temple

Use the Bible and an atlas or online maps to research the source countries for the materials used to build the temple listed in the Bible. Older children could estimate how far the raw materials had to travel in order to reach Jerusalem.



Bible Verse Fun

Read from Psalm 95:6: **“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!”** For younger children, shorten the verse to **“Oh come, let us worship . . . the Lord.”** Then sing and do actions to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”:



If you love to worship Jesus, clap your hands.
If you love to worship Jesus, clap your hands.
If you love to worship Jesus, reach up high,
then touch your toes.
If you love to worship Jesus, clap your hands.