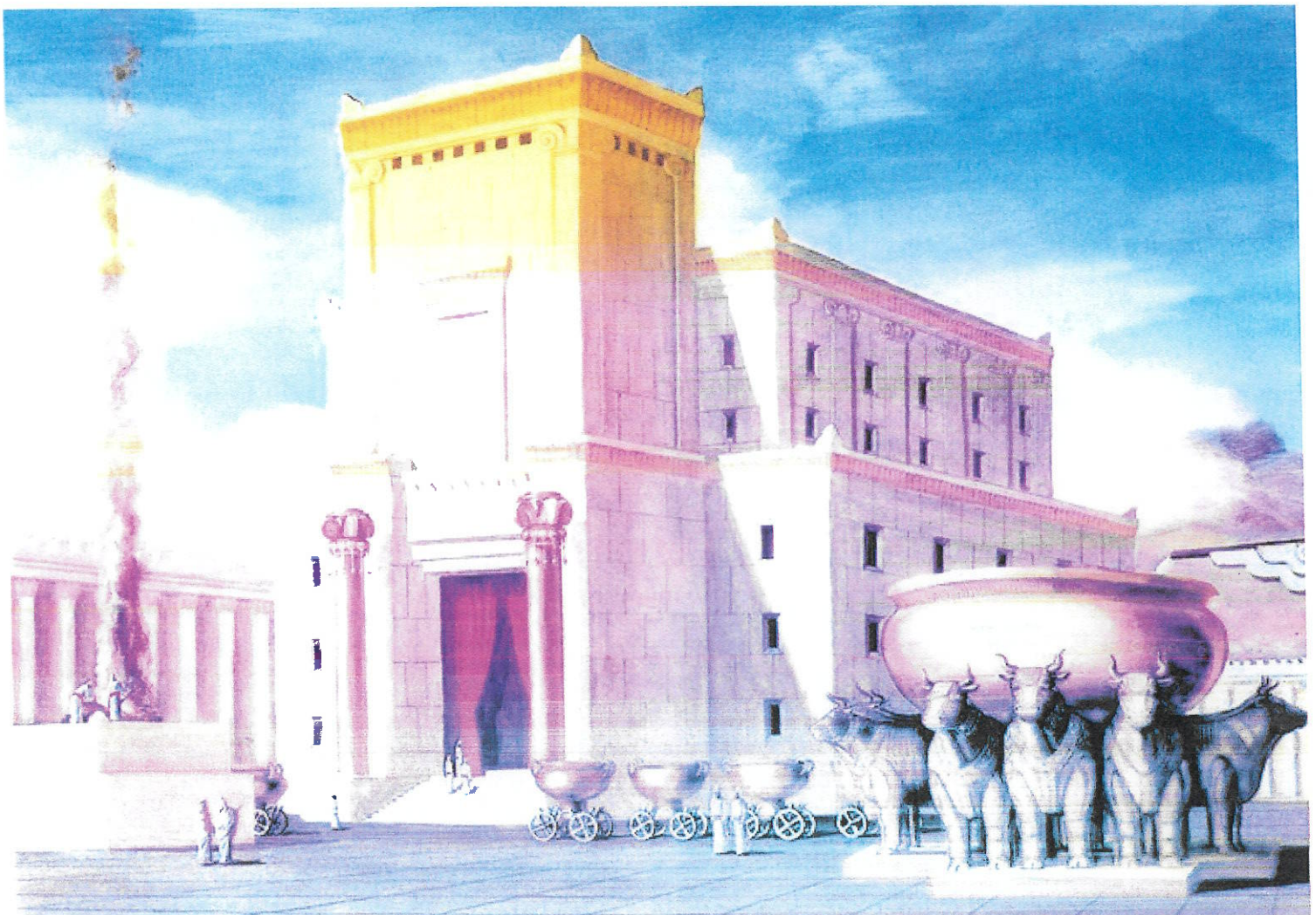


This week

Westworth Kids

Will be learning about
Solomon Builds the Temple
1 Kings 6



READ IT

This week's Bible story is
**Solomon Builds
the Temple**
from 1 Kings 6.

Holy places bring us into God's presence.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Solomon
- Temple
- Ark of the Covenant
- Ten Commandments

Solomon's temple was built around 960 B.C.E. The Ark of the Covenant was shorter than a person. The wings of two angels on the Ark touched the walls of the golden room.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 136-139

Spark Bible pages 371-372

Family Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for all the special places in our lives that encourage us to worship you. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What and where is the most beautiful church you have ever seen?
- 2 Where do you go to feel close to God?
- 3 What is your favorite part of your worship space?
- 4 What kinds of materials would you use to build a holy place for God?



Eye Spark

When you see a church, say, "God bless the builders of that holy place."



Ear Spark

Count how many different kinds of building sounds you hear this week.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Create a special holy place in your home where you can go to celebrate being in God's presence: an empty corner, a table, or a nightstand. Place a Bible, candle, and maybe a piece of sacred art there. Encourage each other to go there to pray.

For younger kids

Ask at church if there is something simple your family could do to help care for your church, inside or out.

For older kids

Use a software drawing program to design a temple you would enjoy building or worshipping in. What kind of materials will you use? How big will it be? What special features might it have?

Solomon Builds the Temple



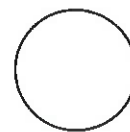
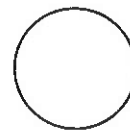
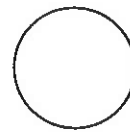
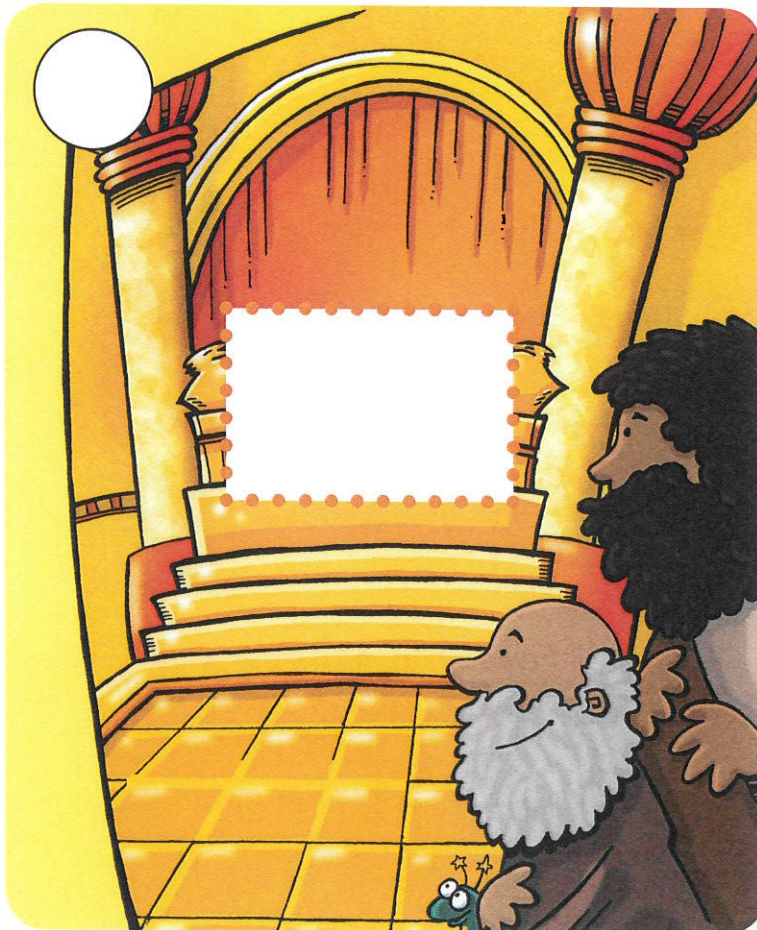
1 Kings 6

Name _____

God is with us in holy places.

Solomon's Building Blocks

Solomon used beautiful and expensive materials to build a temple for God.



Today's Bible story, **Solomon Builds the Temple**, is from the book of **1 Kings**.

First Kings is in the **Old** Testament. There are two books called Kings.

They come after the two books of Samuel.

My God Room

Solomon made a dazzling and amazing room especially for God.



My room for God would look like:

TRY IT!

50 Block Temple



Solomon built a temple of stone blocks to honor God. This builder needs a plan for a temple using only 50 blocks. Here's what her temple could look like:

**Faith
on the Go!**

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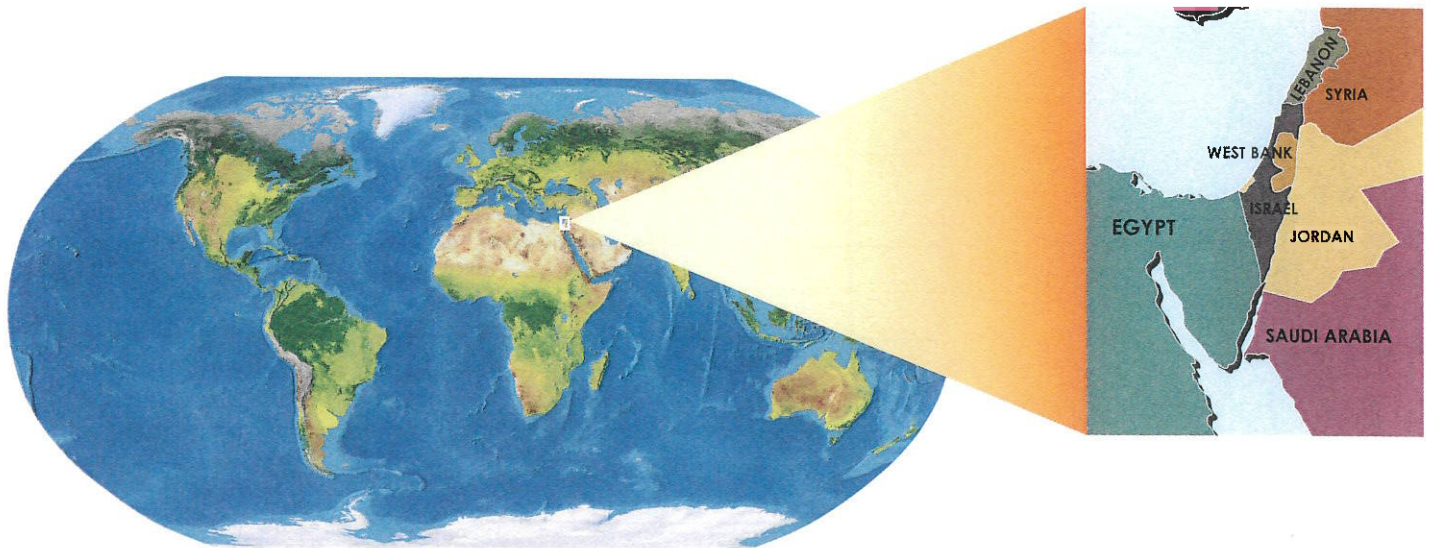
Solomon's Special Cedar



The cedar trees that were used to build Solomon's temple are from a country called Lebanon. Cedar of Lebanon trees are like pine trees in North America because they are green, even in winter.

Cedar of Lebanon trees still exist today, but there are not a lot of them left. They are even becoming extinct in some places. Some countries, like Lebanon and Turkey, are trying to plant and grow more cedars.

Cedar of Lebanon trees were so valuable and popular that they've been planted all over the world. There are even a few in the United States and Canada!



God is with us in holy places.

To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

___ Tell you about Solomon's temple

___ Draw you a picture of a cedar tree

___ Smell good by taking a bath

___ Build a block building with you

___ Invite you to Sunday school

___ Decorate an amazing space with you

___ Invite you to church

___ Give you a big hug

___ Say "I'm sorry"

___ Pray for you

___ My own idea: _____

What Does Solomon Do?

Solomon wanted to make a special place for God.
 A letter of the alphabet is missing from each of the blocks below.
 Write each of the missing letters in the blank next to each block, then
 unscramble the letters to answer the question, what does Solomon do?

AQHWKNRI
 CETYUPOSD
 FJGKLMZV

VRISKHWN
 GAXBMPOLQ
 FJZCETUY

RAIXHWN
 GKZBMPODS
 FJQCVETUY

RIMKHWN
 GKPBDOLX
 FJAZCETUY

PIVEKHWN
 GKXBMROLD
 FJZCQTAYS

HUQKAVFJZ
 XECBMOPLN
 RWDGKTYS



What does Solomon do?

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# What Does Solomon Do? Solution

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 CETYUPOSD     B  
 FJGKLMZV

D
 VRISKHWN     RAIXKHWN  
 GAXBMPOLQ     GKZBMPODS     L  
 FJZCETYU     FJQCVETYU

S
U
I

RIMKHWN     PIVEKHWN     HUQKAVFJZ  
 GKPBQDOLX     GKXBMROLD     XECBMOPLN  
 FJAZCETYU     FJZCQTAYS     RWDGKTYS

What does Solomon do?

B
U
I
L
D
S



# Solomon Builds the Temple



Solomon told his workers to dig large stones out of the ground.

# Solomon Builds the Temple



They went to the temple every day to worship God.



# Solomon Builds the Temple



1 Kings 6

God promises to be **with us.**

## I wonder...

- How Solomon knew what kind of temple to build.
- How the builders felt to build such a holy place.
- How the temple is like my church.



## A Favorite Place

Jake and Lucas dropped into the top row of the bleachers. They had a few minutes to kill before their friend Luis's game started.

"You want to come to my church this Sunday, Lucas?"

"What? Man, why do you like your church so much? Mine is boring." Lucas put his hands behind his back and leaned against the fence, closing his eyes.

"You should check it out. Pastor Wendy is cool. Last week she showed a video she made using her kids' toys. She had an action figure as Jesus feeding a bunch of building block sheep. It was crazy."

"We just do regular church stuff. Hymns and long sermons." He stretched out the word "long" and pretended to yawn.

"Ours is pretty fun. Pastor Wendy says it's a place to get closer to God," Jake said.

"Can't you do that anywhere?"

"What?"

"Get closer to God. Why do you have to go to church to do that?" Lucas sat up to look at Jake.

"Well, I guess you don't. But you can't help thinking about it when you're there. You should come." Jake slugged Lucas on the shoulder.

Lucas slugged him back and turned to the field.

"Yeah. Maybe. I'll ask my mom. Hey, they're finally starting. Let's see if Luis's team can finally win a game."

# Building the Temple



**Directions:**

What were Solomon's instructions for building the temple? Unscramble the following key words to help tell what Solomon was to do. Then write down the verse number where you can read about each word.

|                 | Verse |
|-----------------|-------|
| TUBSIC _____    | _____ |
| CREAD _____     | _____ |
| ODLG _____      | _____ |
| CHARMSBE _____  | _____ |
| RECSPY _____    | _____ |
| EBAMS _____     | _____ |
| RSCANIGV _____  | _____ |
| AALTR _____     | _____ |
| ELFROWS _____   | _____ |
| ARUSTYCAN _____ | _____ |
| OROM _____      | _____ |
| CRUMBHEI _____  | _____ |
| DOVEOILWO _____ | _____ |
| STAPLEREM _____ | _____ |
| PODSROOTS _____ | _____ |



## Look It Up!

Read about the dedication of the new Temple in **1 Kings 8:1-13.**



## Memory Verse

I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. **1 Kings 6:13**



## Fun Facts

**Cherubim** were angels shown in the Temple in statues and carvings.

**Cedar wood** grows in the Mediterranean and western Himalayan regions.

It took over **180,000 laborers** to build the Temple.

**The Temple** was finished about 950 B.C.

**The cedar, cypress,** and blocks of stone were from the place that is now Lebanon.

**The Temple's entrance** was on the east side, with an uncovered porch in front.

## God with Us

Cut out the rectangle below. Fold in half on large dotted line to make a four-page book. Cut strips by cutting on the small solid lines on the top page. Open the book. On the right side of the paper write three places you feel close to God. Fold left side over again. On the flaps, write a matching clue for each place. Share with a friend. Can they guess the answers?

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**Faith  
on the Go!**

**Investigate** cypress, cedar, and olive woods online. Why do you think they were used to build the temple?

**Ask** your pastor or worship leader if you could create a piece of art to place in the sanctuary.

**Build** a small structure from toothpicks or other small pieces of wood. Place it in your room to remind you that God is with you no matter where you are.

If your church has worship bags for young kids, **offer to sort** through them and organize the supplies inside.

**Go** to places where you feel God's presence. **Sit** quietly for a few moments. **Talk** with Jesus there.

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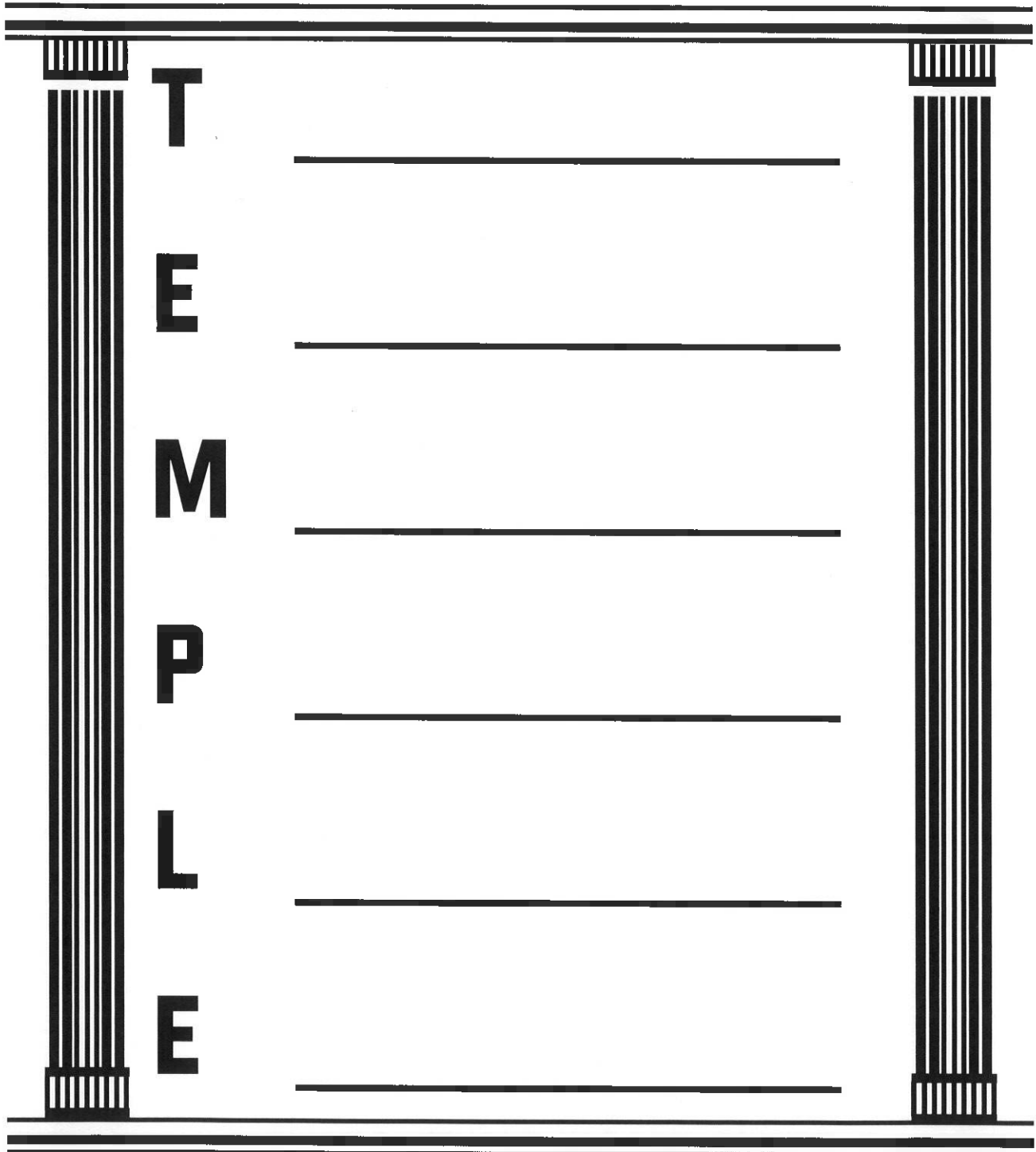
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# Telling about the Temple

Think of what it is like to be in a worship space and to worship God. Look at the word *temple* written below. Using the first letter, write a word that starts with that letter that describes a worship space or worshipping God. Do the same for each letter.



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E \_\_\_\_\_

M \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_

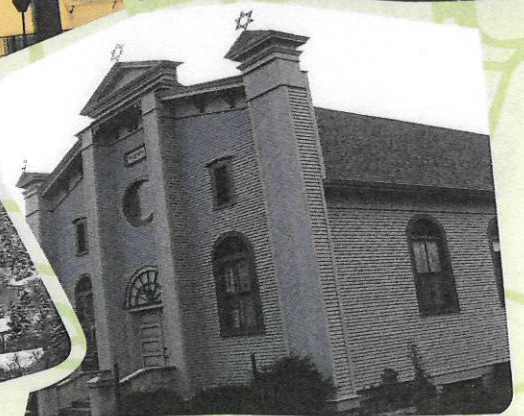
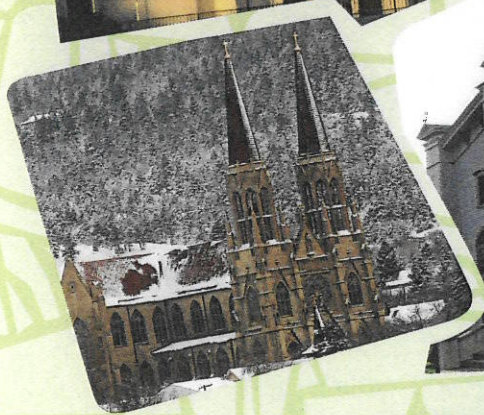
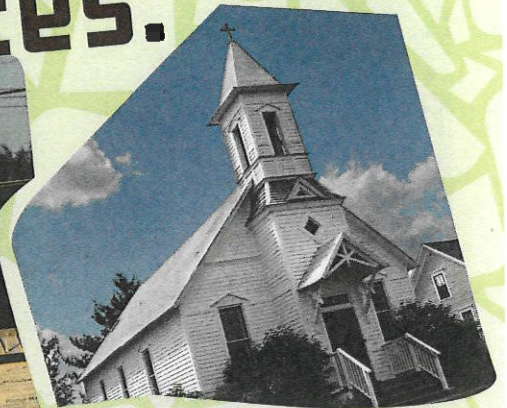
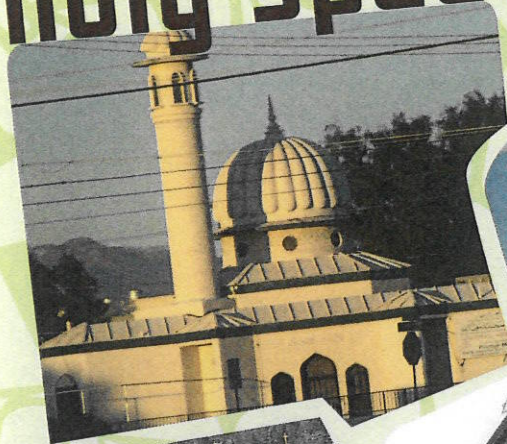
L \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

# Solomon Builds the Temple

1 Kings 6

We **worship** God in  
**holy spaces.**



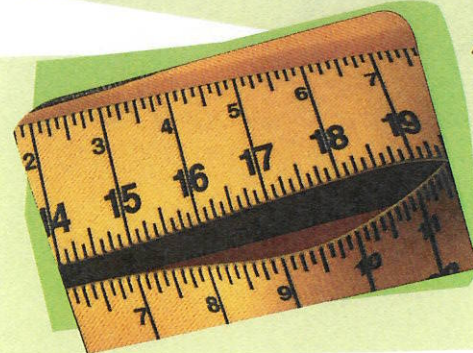
What do **you** like most about  
your **church building?**



# Sanctuary Survey

Sanctuaries are different in every church. Here are some things you might find in the worship spaces of a few religious groups.

|                                         | PROTESTANT                                       | CATHOLIC                                             | JEWISH                             | ISLAM                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| SYMBOL                                  | Empty cross                                      | Cross with crucified Jesus                           | Star of David                      | None                                    |
| ITEMS IN THE FRONT OF THE WORSHIP SPACE | Pulpit, altar, stained glass art, baptismal font | Pulpit, altar, stained glass art, pictures of saints | Ark, Torah, Pulpit, Menorah        | Koran, tile mosaics                     |
| SEATING                                 | Benches, pews, or chairs                         | Benches or pews with kneelers                        | Benches with a ledge for songbooks | Open floor space with mats for kneeling |
| MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS                     | Pipe organ, piano                                | Pipe organ, piano                                    | Stringed instruments, rarely used  | Rarely used; occasionally drums         |
| NAME OF WORSHIP SPACE                   | Sanctuary                                        | Sanctuary                                            | Synagogue, temple                  | Mosque, Prayer hall, or Musalla         |
|                                         |                                                  |                                                      |                                    |                                         |



## Did You Know?

A cubit is about 18 inches (45 cm). To learn more about cubits and the temple, check out the bottom of page 372 in your Spark Bible.



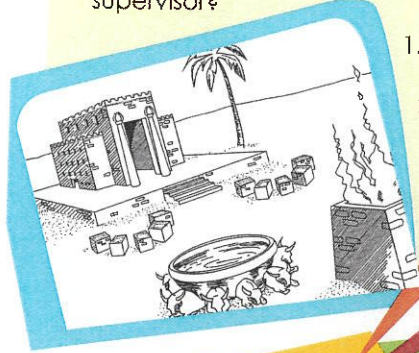


## Look it Up!

Read 2 Kings 25:9-17 to find out what happened to the temple when the Babylonians showed up in 586 B.C.

## Extreme Temple Makeover

1 Kings 6 gives an extensive description of the temple of Solomon. What three things would you add to the temple if you were Solomon's building supervisor?



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Interior Decorating

All the scrambled words are found in 1 Kings 6:23-38. Write the unscrambled word next to the jumbled one.

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VADCAR GIVERSNAGN \_\_\_\_\_

LPAM EETSR \_\_\_\_\_

NITELL \_\_\_\_\_

DOGL \_\_\_\_\_

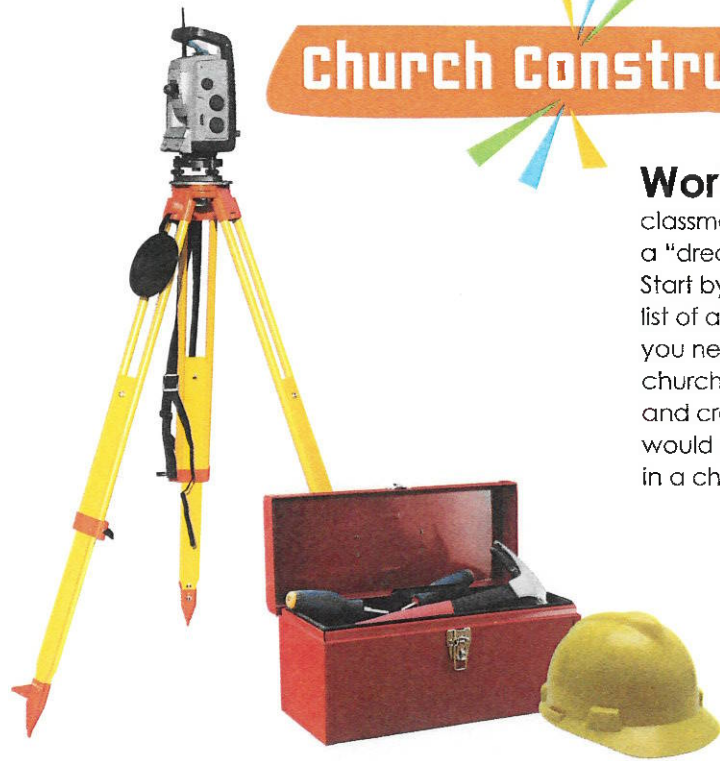
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# Church Construction

**Work** with your classmates to create a "dream church." Start by making a list of all the things you need in your church. Be practical and creative. What would you like to see in a church?



## Faith on the Go!

The Temple took a long time to build, but it also took a lot of work to keep it in prime condition. Take time each day this week to do a project around your home that helps keep it functioning. Consider asking other members of your family if there is anything you can do to help them around the home as well.



## Memory Verse

"I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." 1 Kings 6:13



# Temple Architects

Use the grid to draw the Temple as it is described in 1 Kings 6.  
Each square represents 2 square cubits.

1 SQUARE =  
2 SQUARE CUBITS