

TELL THE BIBLE STORY: SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

King David wanted to build a temple for God. God told David someone else would be the one to build this special place of worship. When David died, his son Solomon became king. God told Solomon he would build a temple for the Lord just as He had promised David.

It had been 480 years since the people of Israel had come out of slavery in Egypt. King Solomon's workers began to build the temple for the Lord. They built the temple with very specific instructions, just as God requested.

God promised if King Solomon would follow God's commands and obey Him, God would always live among the Israelites and never leave His people.

King Solomon built the temple to be a very special place. He used cedar, bronze, gold, and stone, giving special attention to every detail. The king wanted the Israelites to have a permanent place to worship God. It took thousands of workers seven years to build the temple.

When the temple was completed, King Solomon brought the ark of the covenant and placed it in the most holy place in the temple. After the priests had placed the ark of the covenant in the temple, and came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the temple. The glory of the Lord was with them. Solomon prayed, thanking God for His faithfulness and praising Him for all He had done for the people of Israel. **BASED ON 1 KINGS 6;8**

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- What did King David want to do for God? (*build a temple*)
- True or False: King David was allowed to build the temple. (*false*)
- Who did God allow to build the temple? (*King Solomon*)
- Why did King Solomon want to build a temple? (*so the people would have a place to worship*)
- Name the materials Solomon used to build the temple. (*cedar, bronze, gold, stone*)
- What item did the priests place in the most holy place? (*ark of the covenant*)
- True or False: God promised if the people followed His commands, He would never leave His people. (*true*)
- What did Solomon do after the temple was completed? (*He prayed, thanking God and praising Him.*)