



THE GOSPEL PROJECT TODDLER Solomon Builds the Temple

Date: Sunday May 17, 2026 **Teachers:** Ryan W (lead), Sarah S, Rob N

Props: from home: none **At centre:** Draw or cut out cloud and fire image on white/orange paper from PK bin.

Invite kids to sit in a circle, you can start with a snack.

Rules: Let's listen with our ears. We are going to sit in a circle before we play.

BIBLE STORY:

King Solomon began building a temple for God when he had been king for four years. God said to Solomon, "If you obey Me, I will keep My promise to live with My people." Solomon used many workers to build the temple, and they did a good job. It took seven years to build the temple, and it was beautiful. When it was time to bring the ark of God into the temple, the people praised God. Solomon said, "There is no one like You, God. When we pray to You and bring gifts to You here, please hear and forgive us." Solomon told the people, "Love God and obey Him with your whole heart."

SING A SONG: Sing to the tune of "The More We Get Together" :

"The Bible is God's words; it's God's words, it's God's words!

The Bible is God's words, and God's words are *true."

King Solomon asked God to make him wise. GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING. Jesus is wise because He is God's Son.

ACTIVITY: "Cloud & Fire" materials: (Draw or cut out cloud and fire image on white/orange paper)

Select a preschooler to hold the cloud image and walk around the room while the rest of the group follows him. Dim the lights and select another preschooler to hold the fire image and walk around the room while the rest of the group follows her.

For many years, God's people followed a cloud during the day and fire at night. This was God's presence leading His people. God's people always took the tabernacle with them. The tabernacle was a tent. When the cloud or fire stopped moving they set up the tabernacle and stayed there. Now, God was going to give His people a temple to worship Him. The temple would stay in the same place all the time.

ACTIVITY: "God hears us when we pray"

"God is listening, God is listening [Touch your ears.]

To every word we say. [Touch your mouth.]

He will hear us, He will hear us [Point to God.]

Every time we pray." [Fold hands in prayer.]

Solomon wanted to build a temple for God so that the people could go to a temple to pray and worship God.

ACTIVITY: materials: (use tent)

Kids can take turns coming in and out of the "tent" Before God told Solomon to build Him a temple, God met with His people in a tent called a tabernacle. It has always been God's goal to BE with His people like He was with humans in the garden, the tent is replaced by the temple and the temple is eventually replaced by Jesus!

FREE PLAY AND PLAY MUSIC FROM BLUETOOTH SPEAKER