

# Solomon Builds the Temple

1 Kings 6:1-38



**S**olomon wanted to do something to show the people that God was with them. So Solomon built the Temple, a special place where the people could come to worship God.

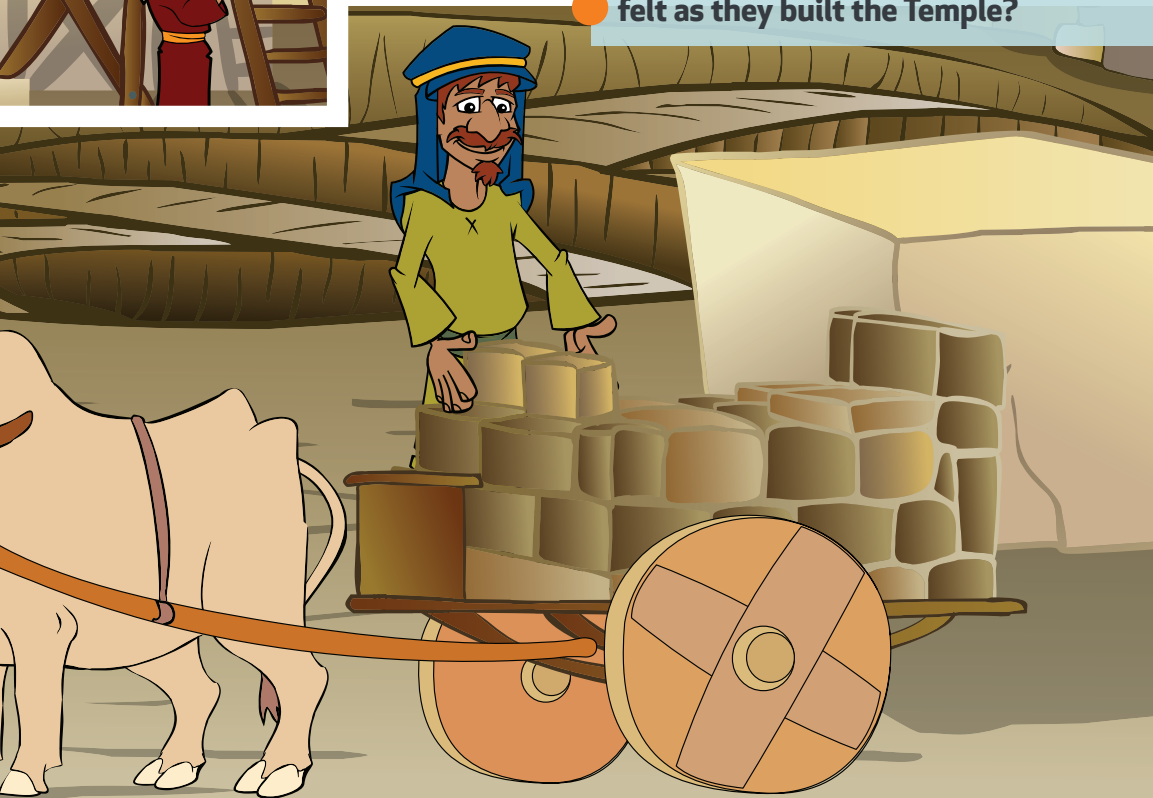




The people chipped away at huge stones and sawed wood to build the Temple. The people hammered gold and bronze to cover the Temple. The people worked for seven years to build the Temple. It was beautiful!



How do you think the people felt as they built the Temple?



After the Temple was finished, Solomon gathered all the people together. The priests moved the chest of God into the Temple.




Solomon stood in front of all the people.

“Remember all the wonderful things God has done for us,” said Solomon.

“Remember that God is with us all the days of our lives.”

Solomon knew the Temple would help the people remember that God was with them.

The Temple was finished. It was a special place for the people to gather together and worship God. 

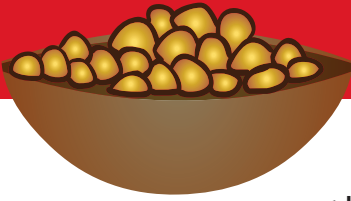
# Solomon Dedicates the Temple

*1 Kings 8:1-66*

**I**t was time to move the sacred chest to the new Temple in Jerusalem. So Solomon called all of the Israelite leaders together.


When the leaders arrived, the priests carried the sacred chest and all of the holy things into the inner holy place of the Temple. God's presence and glory filled the Temple.





Solomon knelt down at the altar to pray, saying, "I have built God a house to live in forever. Bless God! There is no god like you. God, you keep your promises. Please listen to your people when they pray in the Temple. Care for every person."



Solomon stood up and faced the leaders. He said, "May God be blessed! God has cared for us. We will live the way God wants us to." 



**How do you think Solomon felt as he prayed to God?**

