

WEEK 3

LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God is worthy of our worship.

BIBLE

Solomon Builds the Temple:
2 Chronicles 5:1–14

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Whether it's a building, a monument, or something else, the things construction crews build can leave us in awe. This week, we'll hear the story of when Solomon built the temple and people began to worship and give thanks to God. This story reminds us that while we can build awe-inspiring buildings, God is so much bigger than them, and **God is worthy of our worship.**

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Construction Hunt

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the printable provided. Put these treasures around the room for the kids to discover. Have the kids take turns bringing the treasure, one piece at a time, to a table in the middle of the room. You can even make two teams and have them race to find all of the treasure.
- You get to go on a treasure hunt to find some of the things in our Bible story today. Solomon used these kinds of things to build the temple. Let's help build the temple!
- In our Bible story today, we will hear about how King Solomon brought all of the things he needed, like gold and silver treasure, into the temple.

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | 2 Chronicles 5:1–14 (Solomon Builds the Temple)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below! As you tell the Bible story, there will be fun directions for the kids to follow. Hold your Bible in your lap as you tell the Bible story.
- **Does anyone remember what amazing gift God gave to Solomon?** Yes, God made Solomon very wise. Solomon wanted to show his love for God. One way he did this was by building a temple where everyone could come and worship God.
- Solomon began to build the temple for God. He had lots of people help him! And only the best things were used to build the temple. God is worthy of our best!
 - They cut cedar logs and stone blocks. **Pretend to saw back and forth with me. Do we have enough wood?**
 - Then the inside was covered in gold! **Pretend to hammer the gold onto the walls with me. Did we make it so fancy?**

- Then they needed fancy gold and silver bowls, spoons, and candle holders. They even added jewels everywhere. **Everyone say, "So fancy!" with me in your fanciest voice.**
- How long do you think all of this construction took?** It took seven years! Count to seven with me on your fingers. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven! Wow!
- Then they brought the ark of God! The ark was a special box that helped people know God was with them. Inside the ark, there were special things that helped the people remember what God had done. They put the ark in a very special place in the temple.
 - Everyone put your hands together and say, "Thank you, God!"**
 - Finally, the temple was all done, the people decided to celebrate with songs and instruments like trumpets and cymbals.
 - Pretend to blow your horn with me. Doot, doo-doo!**
- King Solomon had all the people help build such a big, important temple for God. It was the first time there was a real building where people could worship God.
- Solomon knew that God should have the very best. God is worthy of the very best!

BIG IDEA | God is worthy of our worship.

- INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce the Big Idea using the following hand motions:*
- Our Big Idea today is **God is worthy of our worship.**
 - God** (point both hands to the sky)
 - is worthy** (pretend to give someone a gift with both hands)
 - of our worship.** (wave your hands high in the air side to side slowly)

VIDEO | Under Construction, Episode 3

- INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](https://vimeo.com/935664626/58a9594759?share=copy). (<https://vimeo.com/935664626/58a9594759?share=copy>)

PRAYER

- God, you are worthy of our worship! Help us to give you our very best worship. We love you and want to worship you forever! Amen.

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- INSTRUCTIONS:** *Prior to the session, use printables from the Construction Hunt activity to make a matching game. Sit in a circle together. Give each kid one of the pictures. Hold up a picture and ask who has the match. Ask the person with the match to answer a Bible story question.*
- Can you name one thing that was used to build God's temple?** *Wood, stones, treasure.*
- Did King Solomon use the best things to build the temple?** *Yes.*
- What was that special box called that they carried in on poles?** *The ark of God or ark of the covenant.*
- What did they do when the temple was all done being built?** *They sang songs and had a celebration.*
- Who is worthy of our worship?** *God.*

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5 (NIV)

- INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help kids learn this month's memory verse by setting the words to the tune of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." You can also have kids repeat the verse after you in small chunks, say them using silly voices, or create simple hand motions for keywords.*
- "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."**

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.*