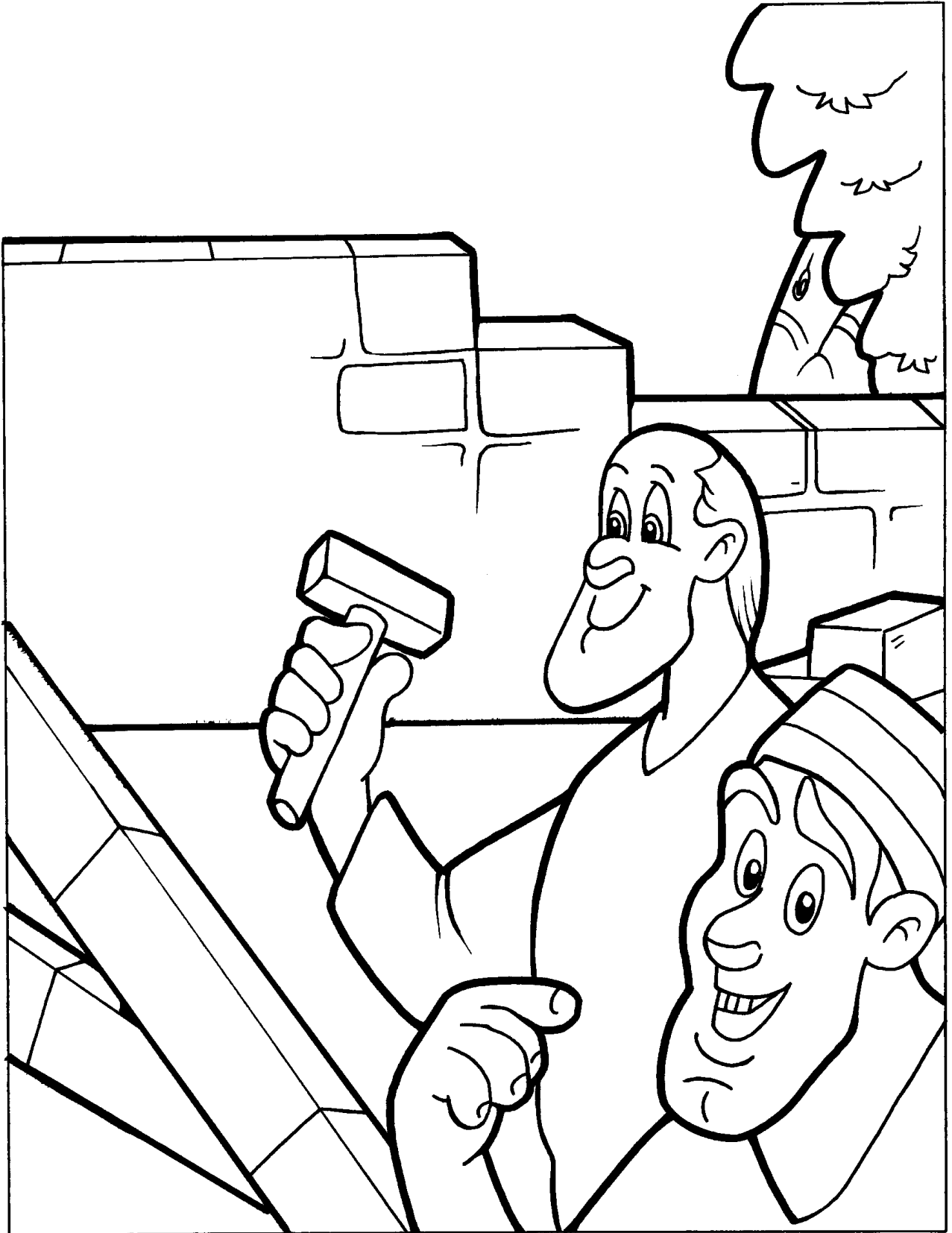


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 91: SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE
1 KINGS 6:1-38

Solomon's workers started building the temple during Ziv, the second month of the year. It had been four years since Solomon became king of Israel, and four hundred eighty years since the people of Israel came out of Egypt. The inside of the LORD's temple was ninety feet long, thirty feet wide, and forty-five feet high. A fifteen-foot porch went all the way across the front of the temple. The windows were narrow on the outside but wide on the inside. Along the sides and back of the temple, there were three levels of storage rooms. The rooms on the bottom level were seven and a half feet wide, the rooms on the middle level were nine feet wide, and those on the top level were ten and a half feet wide. There were ledges on the outside of the temple that supported the beams of the storage rooms, so that nothing was built into the temple walls. Solomon did not want the noise of hammers and axes to be heard at the place where the temple was being built. So he had the workers shape the blocks of stone at the quarry. The entrance to the bottom storage rooms was on the south side of the building, and stairs to the other rooms were also there. The roof of the temple was made out of beams and cedar boards. The workers finished building the outside of the temple. Storage rooms seven and a half feet high were all around the temple, and they were attached to the temple by cedar beams. The LORD told Solomon: If you obey my commands and do what I say, I will keep the promise I made to your father David. I will live among my people Israel in this temple you are building, and I will not desert them. So Solomon's workers finished building the temple. The floor of the temple was made out of pine, and the walls were lined with cedar from floor to ceiling. The most holy place was in the back of the temple, and it was thirty feet square. Cedar boards standing from floor to ceiling separated it from the rest of the temple. The temple's main room was sixty feet long, and it was in front of the most holy place. The inside walls were lined with cedar to hide the stones, and the cedar was decorated with carvings of gourds and flowers. The sacred chest was kept in the most holy place. This room was thirty feet long, thirty feet wide, and thirty feet high, and it was lined with pure gold. There were also gold chains across the front of the most holy place. The

inside of the temple, as well as the cedar altar in the most holy place, was covered with gold. Solomon had two statues of winged creatures made from olive wood to put in the most holy place. Each creature was fifteen feet tall and fifteen feet across. They had two wings, and the wings were seven and a half feet long. Solomon put them next to each other in the most holy place. Their wings were spread out and reached across the room. The creatures were also covered with gold. The walls of the two rooms were decorated with carvings of palm trees, flowers, and winged creatures. Even the floor was covered with gold. The two doors to the most holy place were made out of olive wood and were decorated with carvings of palm trees, flowers, and winged creatures. The doors and the carvings were covered with gold. The door frame came to a point at the top. The two doors to the main room of the temple were made out of pine, and each one had two sections so they could fold open. The door frame was shaped like a rectangle and was made out of olive wood. The doors were covered with gold and were decorated with carvings of palm trees, flowers, and winged creatures. The inner courtyard of the temple had walls made out of three layers of cut stones with one layer of cedar beams. Work began on the temple during Ziv, the second month of the year, four years after Solomon became king of Israel. Seven years later the workers finished building it during Bul, the eighth month of the year. It was built exactly as it had been planned.

91. SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE
(1 KINGS 6:1-38)



“And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month of the year, that he began to build the house of the LORD.” **1 KINGS 6:1**

91. SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

1 KINGS 6:1-38

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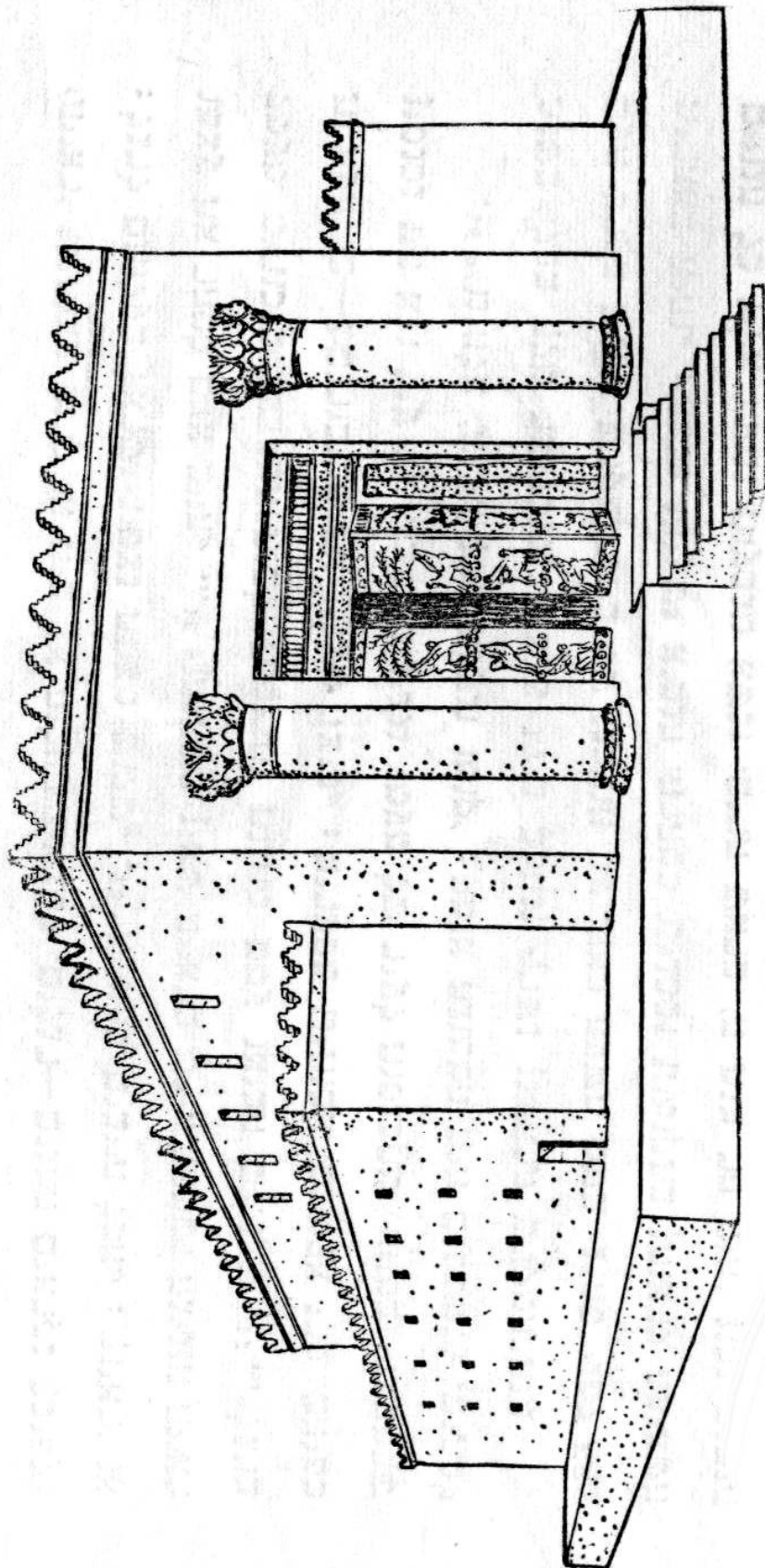
“And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.” 1 KINGS 6:13

TRUE OR FALSE

1. 480 years after the children of Israel came out of Egypt, in the 4th year that Solomon was king, he began to build the temple of the LORD.
TRUE or FALSE
2. Solomon wanted everyone to hear the noise of the hammers inside the temple so that they would know he was building it. TRUE or FALSE
3. Solomon covered the inside walls with beams of cedar to cover the stones.
TRUE or FALSE
4. He only covered the most Holy place with gold. TRUE or FALSE
5. Inside the Holy of Holies (the Most Holy place) he made two creatures each one 15 feet high. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What did king Solomon cover the whole inside of the temple and everything in it with? Was it gold?
2. Even the floor of the temple, both the inside part and the outside, was covered with something. What was it?
3. King Solomon didn't want people to hear the noise of hammers inside the temple, so what did he do when they were making the large blocks of stone? Did he have them carve them into square blocks right where they dug them out at the quarry?
4. Do you know how long it took Solomon to build the temple? Was it seven years?



Lesson 91 Optional Craft/Activity

Temple “Brick” Banner

The object of this activity is to make a large banner with bricks to represent each child in your class. Have someone in your class (or you can) look up Ephesians 2:19-22. Explain to the class that we will be learning about the time when Solomon built the temple and how that each one of us is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

To help us to see how that we are each a part of “God’s building,” we will make a banner with several bricks. You will need some blank butcher paper from upstairs, or a blank poster board would work perfectly. Using half-sheets (cut width-wise) of red

construction paper make enough bricks for each child in the class.

Have the children decorate each brick. Instruct the children to leave enough space for a name to be written on the “brick.”

Next, have the children pair up. Instruct the children to write down the name of their partner (the teacher and aide will need to assist the younger children). Instruct the children to find one good thing about their partner to write down on their brick. Then, glue the brick onto the banner. See if you have enough bricks to build a building or temple. Your class can also draw on the banner to beautify/enhance the picture. On the top of the banner, write: “**We are the temple of the Holy Spirit.**”

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to remember that they are the temple of the Holy Spirit (if they have received Jesus). May they live a life that glorifies the Lord. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.