

Solomon builds a temple for the Lord

1 Kings 6 and 7:13-51

David's son Solomon became king after him. When God asked him what he most wanted in life, Solomon said that he wanted wisdom, rather than a long life or great wealth. He was a very wise king who made great rulings for which he became famous and wrote some very wise and beautiful words. Did you know that King Solomon is said to have written three books of the Bible? Can you find out which ones? He also built a royal palace and a wonderful temple as the centre of worship to God. You can read how beautifully and carefully decorated it was in 1 Kings 6-8 and 2 Chronicles 2-5.

As a result of all this Solomon did become very rich and famous and he lived until the age of 80. This became his downfall and he began to live in ways that did not please God. You can read about his life in 1 Kings 2-11.

You can watch the story of Solomon building the temple here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T27x1r1R5qA>

1. Our thirteenth decoration for the Jesse Tree

We're going to make a mini temple to hang on our Jesse Tree. Now rather than me giving exact instructions for you to follow, I've given you 2 pictures to look at on the other page. The first is a model that someone else has made of what they think Solomons Temple looked like and the second a plan. (There are only ruins left now of the original temple that Solomon built, so people can only guess what it really looked like.)

So can you have a go at building a model too? It might be too big to hang on your tree but that doesn't matter. Here are some examples I found online of models people had made:

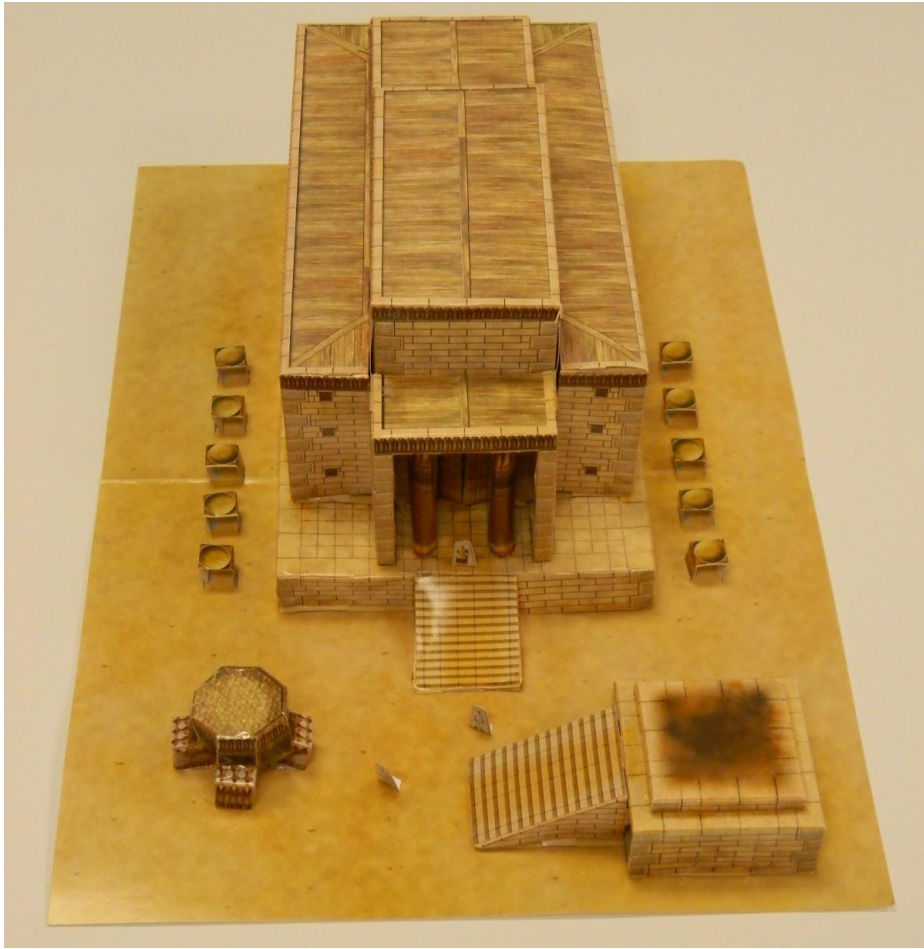


I'm going to try using lolly stick and matchsticks, but you can use anything – Lego, wooden blocks, card, old boxes, stuff from your recycling, beads, paper, plastic, whatever! The picture above shows an edible model made from biscuits and icing – mmm yummy! If you make a cakey model take a picture and post it on the WhatsApp group before you eat it!!

2. Our own worship space

Solomon built the temple as a place where God could be worshipped. It was built of the best quality materials and one of the best craftspeople in the country, Hiram, was employed to decorate it.

Why don't you find a space where you can worship God without being disturbed much? Decorate it with beautiful things that remind you of how good he is, find a place for your Bible, play some great Christian music. Spend some time each day, maybe at the start, or just before bed. Talk to Father God, be grateful and worship (tell him what he's worth), share your life with him, listen to him.



Are you inspired by these pictures?

