

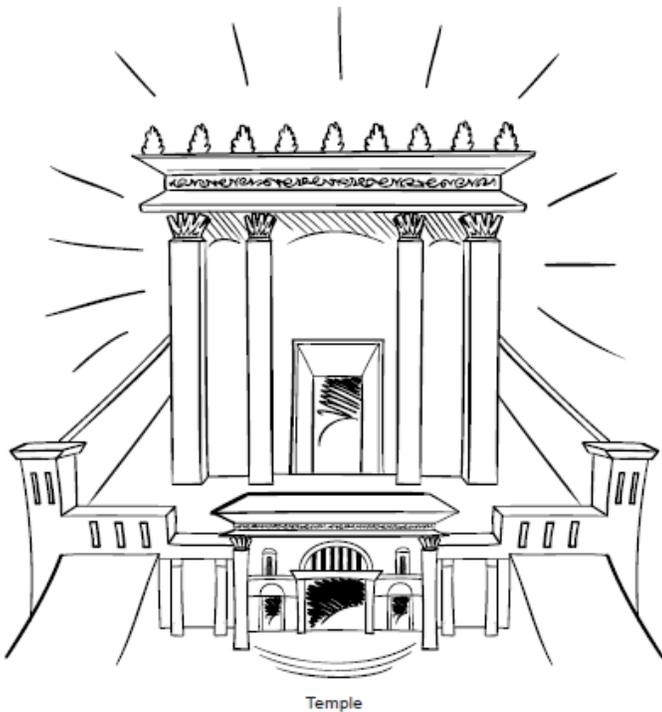
Benjas (0-5 years)

Date: _____ Name: _____

Lesson: SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Reference: 1Kings 8:1-21

Point: We can come to God by faith in Jesus,
the new temple



Memory verse: Proverbs 9:10

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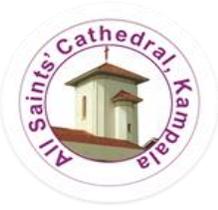


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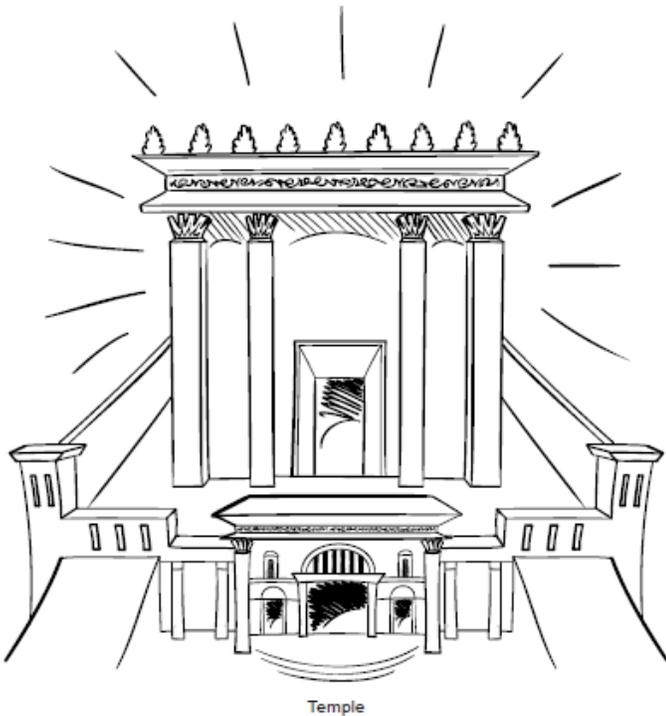
Judges (6-7 years)

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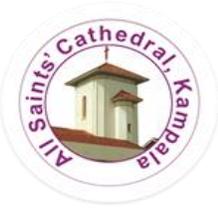


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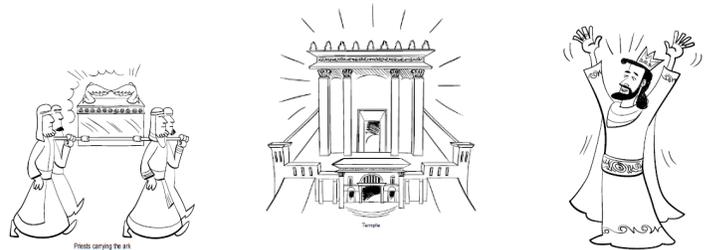
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Think: *Have you believed in Jesus? Do you go to God often? How?*



What promises to David had God kept that day?
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What did Solomon build to replace the tabernacle? (8:13) _____
What was it for? (8:12-13) Circle the correct words.
For God to **judge** / **live with** his people **today** / **forever** .
What did the priests place inside the temple? (8:6) Tick the correct answer.
 A great cloud The cherubim The ark of the covenant
What filled the temple after the priests left? (8:10-11) _____

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Priests carrying the ark



Temple



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What did the cloud represent?

How is Jesus better than Solomon's temple?

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