

A Reflection of **JESUS**

Lesson 7 **The Temple**

**“I live in a high and holy place, but also
with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit”**
(Isaiah 57:15).

As the children of Israel traveled through the wilderness, the Tabernacle was the place for them to worship God. When they settled in the promised land, a permanent structure for worship was needed. King David wanted to build a temple for the Living God, but God did not allow David to build the Temple because of the blood David had shed through many wars (1 Chronicles 22:7,8).

The job of building the Temple for God seemed overwhelming to Solomon but King David told his son, “Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD” (1 Chronicles 28:20).

When the reign of Solomon began, he showed his devotion and commitment to God by offering a thousand burnt offerings (1 Samuel 6).

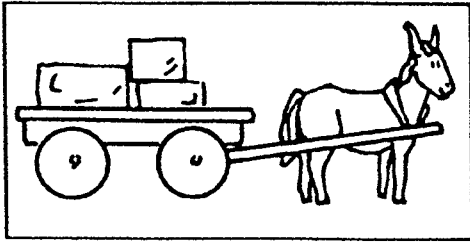
Because of Solomon’s act of worship, God came to him in a dream and told him to ask for anything he wanted. Instead of asking for things to make him more powerful or for self-gratification, Solomon asked for the wisdom and knowledge to guide his people. This unselfish character so impressed God that He gave him wealth, riches, and honor, unlike any other king.

Workers for God

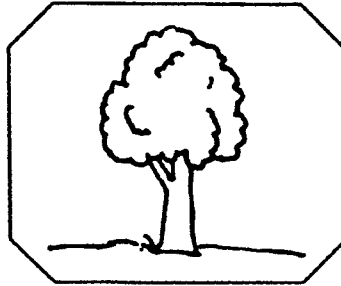
The Temple was patterned after the Tabernacle, but was much more complex and ornate. The Temple was noted for its lavish beauty of detail rather than for great size. Many people helped to build it. It was accessible only to the priests. The lay Israelites came to it, but never entered it. Many workers helped to build the Temple.

Match the shapes.

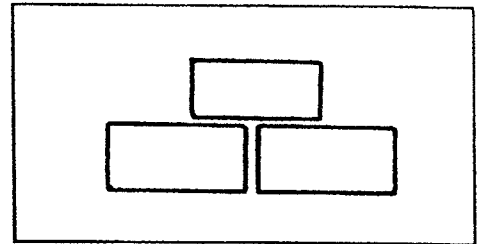
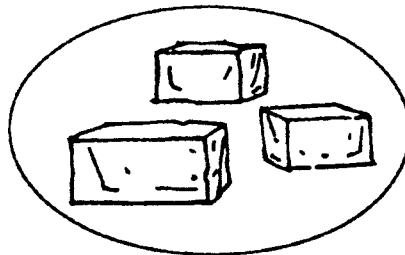
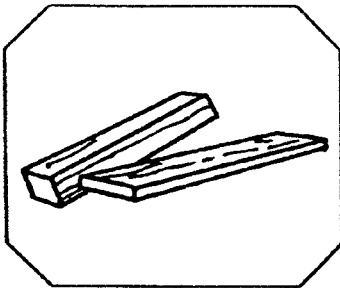
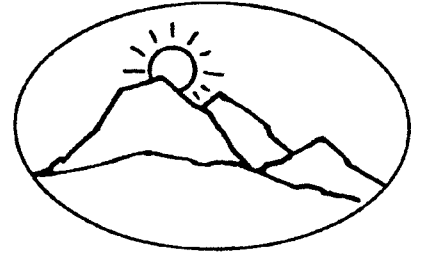
Some carried the building parts to Mount Moriah to put the temple together.



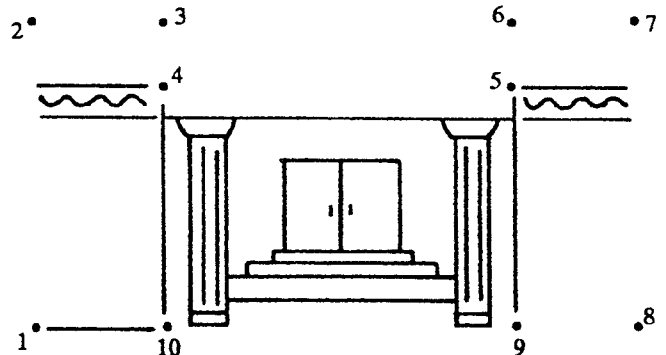
Some brought wood.



Some cut stones.



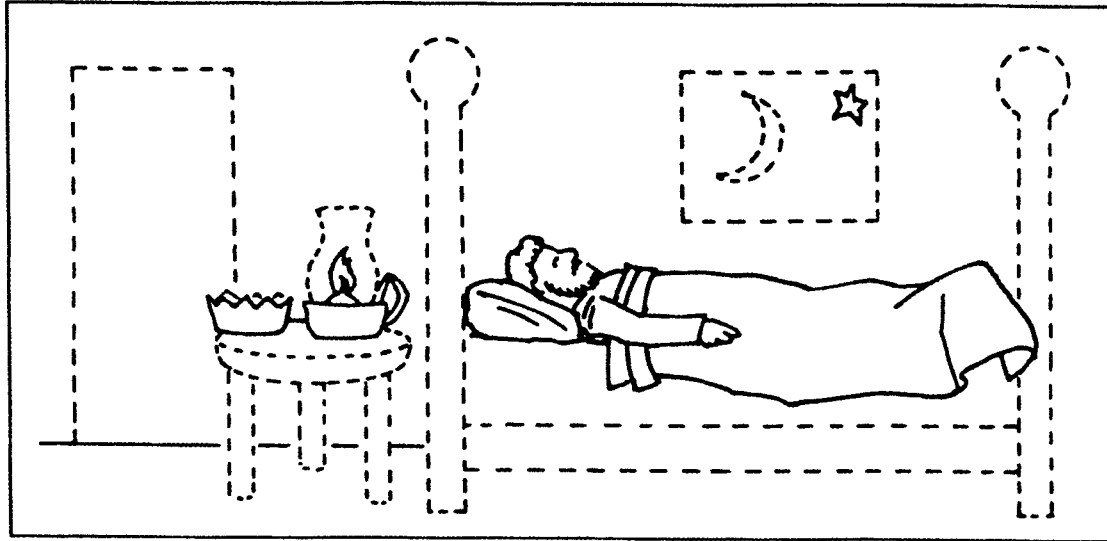
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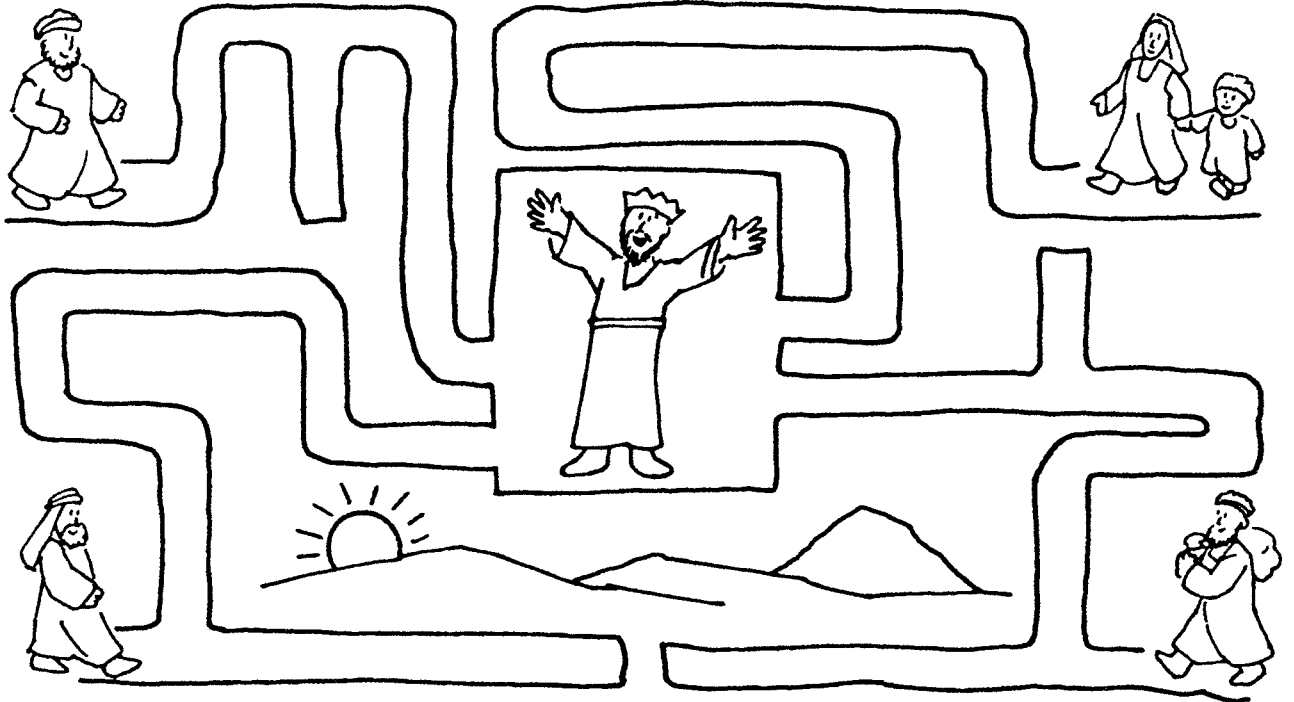
The Dream

God appeared to Solomon in a dream.
Solomon asked God for wisdom.

Finish the picture of Solomon.



People came from near and far to hear King Solomon speak.
Help these people go to the king.



The Dedication

When the Temple was finished the people rejoiced.
They were "glad in heart."

Find these things in the picture below. Circle them.

