

Grades 3, 4, and 5
Session 13

Begin with any prayer from your child's prayer book that needs the most work. Or if they are doing great, let them choose for themselves!

Opening discussion

1. If you could ask God for anything in the whole world and you knew you would get it, what would you ask for?
2. In our last session, we learned about King David. He was only the 2nd king of Israel and the best king they would ever have. If you were going to be king and could ask God for anything in the entire world, would you still ask for that?
3. If your answer changed, why?
4. What kind of things do kings need to be good kings? What do kings do?

This session is about Solomon and the temple, however we can't really talk about Solomon without talking about his very special gift from God. Solomon was the son of King David and when he became king, he was between 12-20 years old. Very young to be in charge of a whole nation.

Please read 1Kings 3:4-15 (page 457)

Go over pages 458 and 459 with your child.

Discussion:

When Catholics receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (here it is in the 8th grade), we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and given gifts. These gifts are Understanding, Council, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord, Knowledge, and Wisdom. Which one of these gifts do you think you would like to receive the most? Why?

Please read 1Kings 5:1-6:14 (page 462)

Go over pages 464 and 465 with your child.

Why is building a Temple such a big deal and why is it so fancy?

Remember in the last session how happy King David was to have the Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem with him and he was dancing like crazy? That Ark was kept in a place called a Tabernacle and it was just a specially made tent structure that was portable. King David wanted to build a Temple, a permanent and glorious home for the Ark, but God told him that his son would do it instead. Now that King David's son, Solomon was on the throne, it was time to build. The Temple had to be amazing, the best Temple ever. This is because it is for God, who is even greater than any human king. If a king needs a castle, then God's house should be even better. The Jewish people knew that the greatest place on earth was the Temple. Later,

when Jesus came to Jerusalem, He said that something greater than the Temple was there. He was referring to Himself. (Matthew 12:6)

Here is a great YouTube video to watch
Solomon's Temple Animated Bible Story- 1 Kings 8
Sharefaith Kids

<https://youtu.be/2n0N6iE3n30>

Enjoy the coloring page for King Solomon

After King Solomon finished his work on the Temple, he gave thanks to God for his goodness. Even though we are grateful to God for our blessings, sometimes we forget to say thank you out loud and intentionally. Try to be more like Solomon in the way that you thank God and honor His name every time you pray.

For the closing prayer, use the one on page 645 in your child's Bible in the yellow box and add your own words to show your appreciation to God. Followed by the sign of the cross and a blessing of the parents by the children.