

THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

1 Chronicles 17; 1 Kings 6:11-14; 37-38; 8:54-61

I WONDER:

- I wonder why David and Solomon wanted to build a temple for God?
- I wonder how much it cost to build the temple in today's money? (Fun fact: Some estimates are around \$3 billion based on modern wages!)
- I wonder what God thought about the temple?

DIGGING DEEPER:

- Does God need a house? Why did Solomon build one for him?
- What was the temple used for? (*sacrifices, center of prayer and worship*)
How did the temple point to Jesus? (Read John 2:19-21 - Jesus referred to his body as the temple where God dwelt)
- Read 1 Kings 6:38-7:1. How long did Solomon take to build the temple? How long did he take to build his own house? What might this tell us about his priorities?
- Is there a temple today? (No) How does God dwell with his people now? (Leaders, this is a good chance to talk about the indwelling Holy Spirit)