WAYMARK 31

Solomon & the Temple

The cloud fills the temple

The cloud fills the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 8:6–11

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

For younger readers: What happened when the priests came out after placing the ark?

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Solomon & the Temple

1 Kings 1-8
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. 1 Kings 1
2. 1 Kings 2
3. 1 Kings 3-4
4. 1 Kings 5
5. 1 Kings 6
6. 1 Kings 7-8

MAIN POINTS

- David ordered Solomon to be anointed king (1 Kings 1:32-40).
- Solomon asked God for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5-9).
- Solomon built the house of the LORD (1 Kings 6:1, 14).
- The cloud filled the temple when the ark entered (1 Kings 8:6-11).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Checkpoint: What did Solomon ask the LORD to give him at Gibeon?
1 Kings 3:5-12

2. Checkpoint: What happened when the priests came out after placing the ark?
1 Kings 8:6-11

3. Solomon asked God for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:9). What wise choice do you need help making?
1 Kings 3:9

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 3:9

Solomon asked the LORD for an understanding heart to judge the people and discern between good and bad (1 Kings 3:5-12).

WEB

Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

KJV

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

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1 Kings 1-8
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 31 / Younger children

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER

ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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1 Kings 1-8
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1. 1 Kings 1
2. 1 Kings 2
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MAIN POINTS

- The succession account contrasts Adonijah's self-exaltation with Solomon's anointing at David's command (1 Kings 1:5, 32-40).
- Solomon requested understanding for judgment rather than long life, riches, or his enemies' lives (1 Kings 3:5-13).
- The temple account records materials, labor, design, furnishings, and dedicated objects (1 Kings 5-7).
- The cloud filled the house, yet Solomon said even heaven could not contain God (1 Kings 8:10-11, 27).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What did Solomon ask the LORD to give him at Gibeon?
1 Kings 3:5-12

2. What happened when the priests came out after placing the ark?
1 Kings 8:6-11

3. Solomon asked for discernment between good and bad (1 Kings 3:9). What decision needs careful judgment from you?
1 Kings 3:9

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 8:27

During the dedication prayer Solomon said that heaven and the heaven of heavens could not contain God (1 Kings 8:22-30).

WEB

But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

KJV

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

Solomon & the Temple

1 Kings 1-8
Name _____ Date _____

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Waymark 31 / Preteen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

Solomon & the Temple

1 Kings 1-8
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. 1 Kings 1
2. 1 Kings 2
3. 1 Kings 3-4
4. 1 Kings 5
5. 1 Kings 6
6. 1 Kings 7-8

MAIN POINTS

- Adonijah exalted himself, while Solomon was publicly anointed under David's order (1 Kings 1:5, 32-40).
- The LORD commended Solomon's request for discernment in judgment (1 Kings 3:5-13).
- The narrative records both the temple's splendor and the extensive labor behind it (1 Kings 5-7).
- Solomon's prayer asks the LORD to hear Israel, captives, and strangers from heaven (1 Kings 8:22-53).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How do Adonijah's and Solomon's paths to kingship differ?
1 Kings 1:5-10

2. Why did Solomon's request please the Lord?
1 Kings 3:5-12

3. Solomon asked for an understanding heart to discern good and bad (1 Kings 3:9). Where do you need wisdom that serves other people rather than yourself?
1 Kings 3:9

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 8:41-43

Solomon asked the LORD to hear the stranger who came from a far country because of God's name (1 Kings 8:41-43).

WEB

"Moreover, concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he comes out of a far country for your name's sake (for they shall hear of your great name and of your mighty hand and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.

KJV

Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

Solomon & the Temple

1 Kings 1-8
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 31 / Teen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

Solomon & the Temple

1 Kings 1-8
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. 1 Kings 1
2. 1 Kings 2
3. 1 Kings 3-4
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6. 1 Kings 7-8

MAIN POINTS

- The succession narrative joins David's oath, prophetic intervention, public anointing, and the establishment of Solomon's rule (1 Kings 1-2).
- Solomon's request is explicitly for an understanding heart to judge and discern good and bad (1 Kings 3:5-12).
- Chapters 5-7 give sustained attention to labor, materials, design, skilled work, vessels, and dedicated treasures.
- The dedication prayer holds together the temple, God's uncontainability, covenant, forgiveness, exile, and the nations (1 Kings 8:22-53).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How do Adonijah's and Solomon's paths to kingship differ?
1 Kings 1:5-10

2. Why did Solomon's request please the Lord?
1 Kings 3:5-12

3. Solomon asked for an understanding heart to judge the LORD's people (1 Kings 3:9). Where do you most need discernment between good and bad?
1 Kings 3:9

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 8:56-58

Solomon blessed the LORD for fulfilled promises and asked that God incline the people's hearts to walk in His ways (1 Kings 8:54-58).

WEB

"Blessed be Yahweh, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. There has not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant. May Yahweh our God be with us as he was with our fathers. Let him not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our fathers.

KJV

Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

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1 Kings 1-8
Name _____ Date _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER