

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Solomon Builds the Temple

from 1 Kings 6.

Holy places bring us into God's presence.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Solomon
- Temple
- Ark of the Covenant
- Ten Commandments

Solomon's temple was built around 960 B.C.E. The Ark of the Covenant was shorter than a person. The wings of two angels on the Ark touched the walls of the golden room.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 136-139

Spark Bible pages 371-372

Family Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for all the special places in our lives that encourage us to worship you. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1** What and where is the most beautiful church you have ever seen?
- 2** Where do you go to feel close to God?
- 3** What is your favorite part of your worship space?
- 4** What kinds of materials would you use to build a holy place for God?



Eye Spark

When you see a church, say, "God bless the builders of that holy place."



Ear Spark

Count how many different kinds of building sounds you hear this week.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Create a special holy place in your home where you can go to celebrate being in God's presence: an empty corner, a table, or a nightstand. Place a Bible, candle, and maybe a piece of sacred art there. Encourage each other to go there to pray.

For younger kids

Ask at church if there is something simple your family could do to help care for your church, inside or out.

For older kids

Use a software drawing program to design a temple you would enjoy building or worshipping in. What kind of materials will you use? How big will it be? What special features might it have?