

Music

Song Suggestion: "Building God's Temple"

Lyrics Paraphrase:

1. Verse 1:

Solomon wanted a place for God to stay,
He built a temple where people could pray.
With wood and stone from far and wide,
God's house was built with love and pride.

Chorus:

We're building up, working together,
With hearts like Solomon's, forever!
Worship and sing, His name we praise,
God's love and wisdom guide our ways.

2. Verse 2:

With help from friends, with King Hiram's aid,
A beautiful place for God was made.
Each part had purpose in God's design,
We work together, shine His light divine.

3. Bridge:

As Solomon was wise, may we be too,
Building our lives on what is true.
Worship Him, in all we do,
Let's build His kingdom, me and you.

Suggested Actions:

- Verse 1: Mimic building actions (pretend to hammer or stack blocks).
- Chorus: Raise hands up high and then bring them down in a heart shape.
- Verse 2: Join hands to symbolize teamwork and cooperation.
- Bridge: Make a 'wise' gesture, tapping the side of your head, and open arms wide to 'build' the kingdom.

Connection to the Lesson:

- Cooperation and Unity: Emphasize how King Solomon and King Hiram worked together, teaching the value of teamwork and friendship.
- God's Presence: Highlight that the temple was a place for worship and God's presence, teaching that God is with us when we gather and work together.
- Wisdom and Purpose: Discuss how Solomon used wisdom in building the temple, encouraging students to seek God's wisdom in their actions.

Worship Activity: Building Together

1. Building Challenge:

- Give students building blocks or cardboard boxes. Split them into groups to build their own

'temple'. Encourage teamwork and creativity in design.

- Discuss the different roles everyone has in building something great, likening it to how Solomon used different materials and skills.

2. Prayer Circle:

- Form a circle and take turns praying for wisdom and guidance, like Solomon showed. Encourage each child to pray for ways they can work together, just like the builders of the temple.

These activities and songs help reinforce the message of unity, wisdom, and worship from 1 Kings 5, making the lesson engaging and memorable for elementary students.