

Games

Game 1: Solomon Says

Objective: Learn the key points of Solomon's dedication of the temple.

Number of Players: 5-10

Materials Needed: None

Setup:

- Designate one player as "Solomon" who will lead the game.
- Gather the players in an open space where they can spread out safely.

Instructions:

1. The player who is "Solomon" will give commands.
2. Commands begin with "Solomon Says" and players must follow those commands. If the command does not start with "Solomon Says," players should not follow it.
3. Example Commands:
 - "Solomon says pray like Solomon." (Players should mimic praying hands)
 - "Solomon says build a temple." (Players pretend to build something)
 - "Bow like Romans." (A trick command – if they move, they sit out)
4. Players who move without "Solomon Says" must sit out.
5. The last player standing becomes the next "Solomon."

Lesson Reinforced: This game teaches listening, obedience, and the importance of Solomon's role in the dedication of the temple.

Game 2: Temple Treasure Hunt

Objective: Memorize and understand the significance of key elements in the temple.

Number of Players: 5-10

Materials Needed: Index cards with temple-related items written on them (e.g., "Ark of the Covenant," "Golden Altar")

Setup:

- Hide index cards around the classroom or play area.
- Divide players into pairs or small teams.

Instructions:

1. Explain that the temple's dedication is full of important items, each hidden around the room.
2. Teams must search for and find as many index cards as they can within the time limit (5 minutes).
3. Once found, they bring the cards back to base and match them with their significance on a provided list.
4. Example Pairing: "Ark of the Covenant" – "Held the Ten Commandments"

5. Discuss each item found, awarding points for correct matches.

Lesson Reinforced: Familiarizes students with the sacred items in Solomon's temple, promoting teamwork and reinforcing understanding of each item's importance in the dedication ceremony.

Game 3: Solomon's Wisdom Relay

Objective: Understand the lesson of fulfilling God's promises and blessings through Solomon.

Number of Players: 6-12

Materials Needed: Two sets of relay cards with actions from 1 Kings 8, cones for marking start/finish lines

Setup:

- Create a course with a start and finish line.
- Split players into two teams.

Instructions:

1. Line teams behind the start line, each player takes turns.
2. Each player runs to a midpoint, picks up a card, and performs the action written on it.
3. Example Actions:
 - "Verse Victory" – Recite a verse from 1 Kings 8.
 - "Blessing Balance" – Balance a Bible on their head for 5 seconds.
4. After performing the action, the player returns to their team.
5. Next player repeats until all actions are completed.
6. First team to finish wins.

Lesson Reinforced: Highlights Solomon's wisdom in performing God's will and the teamwork required in completing God's tasks, just as Solomon and the Israelites did in building and dedicating the temple.