

Music

Songs and Worship Activities for 1 Kings 8:

1. Song: "Building the Temple"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

- Verse 1: "King Solomon built the temple, with wood and stones so strong. A house for God to dwell in, where His people will belong."
- Chorus: "Come and worship, come and pray, in the house of God, we'll stay. With our hearts we'll sing and praise, all our lives and all our days."

Suggested Actions:

- Verse: Pretend to hammer nails and lay bricks.
- Chorus: Lift arms to the sky to "worship and pray," and make a heart shape with hands for "our hearts."

Connection:

This song introduces the concept of building a special place for God, reflecting how Solomon built the Temple.

2. Song: "Our Temple Prayer"

Paraphrased Lyrics:

- Verse 1: "Solomon stood and prayed to God, thanking Him for love. Asking for His blessing on the temple from above."
- Chorus: "Hear us, hear us, Lord we pray. Guide us in Your holy way. In this place, we'll seek Your face, now and always."

Suggested Actions:

- Verse: One hand up as if reciting a prayer.
- Chorus: Cup hands behind ears for "Hear us," point to eyes for "seek Your face."

Connection:

The song mirrors Solomon's prayer dedication in 1 Kings 8, teaching children the importance of prayer and dedication.

3. Activity: "Temple Building Blocks"

Description:

Children use building blocks to create their own mini-temple. After building, gather in a circle to share prayer intentions, much like Solomon dedicated the temple with prayers.

Connection:

This hands-on activity allows children to engage with the story by constructing their own temple, emphasizing teamwork and shared purpose.

4. Activity: "Prayer and Praise Circle"

Description:

Gather in a circle and take turns saying prayers of thanksgiving and requests, followed by a round of "amen" with claps and stomps.

Connection:

Encourages a sense of community and mimics the communal worship and prayers during the temple dedication.

Summary:

These songs and activities are designed to engage elementary students with the themes of 1 Kings 8, connecting them to concepts of worship, prayer, and dedicating a space to God. Through songs with actions and collaborative activities, students can better understand and appreciate the importance of the temple and the acts of worship associated with it.