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I WORSHIP GOD AT CHURCH

2 CHRONICLES 6:1-11

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Music

Art

You'll need the *Play-n-Worship* DVD, a DVD player, a television, and paper wads or small balls. Play "Give Thanks to the Lord" and have kids follow the actions on-screen whenever a star appears.

Put a large sheet of newsprint or bulletin board paper on a low wall or table top. Set out gold, silver, and other bright-colored crayons for children to decorate the "walls" of the temple. Say: **It took a long time for Solomon's helpers to finish the Temple. I wonder how long it'll take us to finish decorating this paper. Let's all work together.** Encourage children to share the crayons and fill the whole paper. Play "God Is Our Help" from the *Play-n-Worship* CD as kids work.

When they finish, say: **You all worked together, just like Solomon's helpers. Now we have a beautiful place to worship God.**

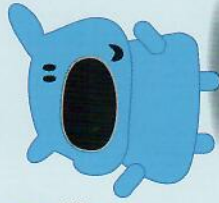
Dramatic Play

Set up a construction zone with blocks, toy tools, and child-sized hard hats, if available. Help children build "temple" structures. Younger children may need you to model how to build with blocks. Pretend to hammer and saw as you build. As you work, talk with children about how Solomon's helpers built the Temple. Did their blocks ever fall down while they were building? What did Solomon's helpers do when that happened? Say: **It was a big job to build the Temple, but Solomon's helpers didn't give up. They kept working until God's Temple was all done. Now the people can worship God. We can worship God at church, too.**

Toys

Pretend you're gathering supplies for the Temple. Set several baskets of toys or small balls on one side of the room. Across the room, set the same number of empty baskets. Say: **Solomon needed lots of helpers to bring all the supplies to build God's Temple. Who can help bring supplies to fill our baskets?** Give each child a small bag or basket to fill with toys. Help children work together to move all the toys across the room. When they've moved all the toys, say: **That was a lot of work! Let's stop and thank God for all our good helpers. Thank you, God, for [names of children]. We're glad they came to worship God at church.**

Action Prayer



Say: **When Solomon and his helpers finished building the Temple, they all knelt down and worshipped God. Let's get down on our knees like they did.**

Have children join you on their knees and repeat the words and actions after you.

I thank you, God. (Kneel down, face to the floor.)

God, I love you. (Sit upright; hug self.)

I come to church (Stand and walk in place.)

To worship you. (Raise hands over head.)

BIBLE STORY

Have children sit in a circle. Open your Bible to 2 Chronicles 6:1-11, and show kids the words. Then show children the entire storyboard.

Say: **This is Solomon. He was a king of God's people.** Have children hold their hands above their heads like crowns.

Say: **Solomon helped build a Temple—a special place for people to worship God. The Temple was kind of like our church.** Have kids look around at the inside of your church—their room.

Say: **The Temple Solomon built was very fancy and beautiful. It was made of wood, like our church building, but it also had gold and silver.** Show kids any jewelry you have on to show gold and silver. **Lots and lots of helpers worked on it, and it took a long time to build.** Have kids point to the four builders working on the Temple.

Say: **Let's pretend we're helpers working on God's Temple. Pound, pound, pound.** Have children pound the wall or the floor in front of them.

Say: **When the Temple was ready, everyone came to worship God. Can you find the door where they would've gotten into the Temple?** Allow kids to point to the door.

Say: **They prayed. They said, "God is good."** Have children repeat, "God is good." **They sang songs, just as we do when we come to church.** Let's sing and worship God now! Lead children in singing "Jesus Loves Me."

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