



THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 14/25

The Temple:
God's Presence
With His People

Today's Chapter...

When King David died, his son, Solomon, reigned in Israel. The Lord blessed Solomon, and allowed him to build the Lord a massive temple where God would come and dwell amongst His people...



Today's Scripture:

1 Kings 8:10-13

And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."



The Story: The Temple

- God is the creator of heaven and earth, so there is no building on Earth that can contain Him.**
- However, He agreed to live amongst the Israelites for a time in the temple, as long as they would remain true to worshipping Him!**
- God accepted sacrifices and worship at that temple all the way to the death of Christ. Then, God changed where He chose to live.**
- Now, God lives in every believer – we have become God's living temple!**

Why it Matters in the Big Story

- God, despite being so big, always wanted to be close to us.**
- We tried building God big temples to worship Him in, but they always caused us to love the temple, not God.**
- God calls out to each person to become a living temple!**



GOD IS...

God is omnipresent. That's a BIG word that means that God is always with us. Even when we feel like He is far away, He is always close enough to hear us, heal us, and hold us!

Reflection Questions

1. What is the name of God's house the Israelites built?
The temple.
2. Where does God live now?
Inside every believer!
3. What does it mean that God is omnipresent?
It means that God is always near us!

Challenge Question: How will you draw near to God this week?