

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON
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GIVING THANKS TO GOD

In this week's lesson we are going to look at the dedication of the Temple and the thanks that Solomon gave for all that God had done. Here are some pictures of things that represent things we may have in our daily lives. Can you think of some other things that God has provided for you?



Clothing



Food



Bible



Church



Family



house



Friends



Computer



Television



Tree



Flowers

These pictures represent some things that God may have provided for us. Do any of these items remind you about something God has done for you?

How do things that God has provided make your life better?

How would your life change if you didn't have these blessings?

We can all think of something God has given us or done for us. Some of these things we can't live without, others make our lives more enjoyable and some we need to be followers of Jesus. But no matter what the blessing is, we give thanks to God for everything He does for us. In our Bible story this week we are going to learn how Solomon and the Israelites showed thankfulness for something God had done for them.

Solomon had spent seven years building the temple in Jerusalem. Following the temple's completion, Solomon held a magnificent dedication ceremony during the Feast of the Tabernacles. People from all over Israel came to give thanks to God for all that he had done.

Solomon had the priests bring the Ark of the Covenant to the inner sanctuary of the new temple.

Read 2 Chronicles 5:1-6 and 11-14.

Name the ways the people gave thanks to God. What happened after the people finished praising and thanking God?

Read 2 Chronicles 6:1-3 and 7-11.

How did Solomon respond to God's promise being fulfilled?

Read 1 Kings 8:54-61.

What do you think Solomon wanted the people to remember with his blessing?

Read 2 Chronicles 6:3-4, verse 21 and verses 26 and 27.

What did Solomon say God had done?

Solomon went on in his prayer. He talked about how God had given him the job of building the temple. Once again he told how the Lord had kept His promise.

Read 2 Chronicles 6:14-15.

How many things in these verses can you find to be thankful about?

Solomon continued in his prayer. He asked God to keep his promise that He had made to Solomon's father, David.

Read 2 Chronicles 7:9-22.

What did God tell Solomon was the condition for God keeping his promise to David?

Read 2 Kings 25:8-13.

How do these verses relate to what God told Solomon?

Solomon knew God was bigger than even His magnificent temple. But he asked God to keep His eyes on the temple, to hear the people's prayers, and to forgive the people's sins.

Solomon brought his people together to thank God for all that He had done for Israel and to ask Him to be with His people.

What has God done for you? How can you thank Him for all He has done?

What do you think Solomon was the most thankful for?

In our Bible lesson, Solomon was thankful for the temple. Read these statements from four individuals. Which one sounds the most like something you might be thanking God for?

HUNTER: I'm thankful that God sent his son, Jesus, to die for me. My life was a mess, but Jesus turned my life around and made it so much better. Thank you, God.

JUDY: I'm thankful for my family and for my Sunday School. Kids! They are the best! Thanks God.

LEE: I'm thankful for my mom and dad and my brother. I'm thankful for our new house. God has given us so much! Thanks, God.

BETH: My dad lost his job last year and things were really tough, but God took care of us and now my dad has a new job! Thanks, God.

What are you thankful for?

We've talked a lot so far about giving thanks to God! Solomon held a wonderful celebration to dedicate the temple and say thanks to God. But we don't need to wait for a special occasion to express our thanks to God. We can give thanks to God at any time and keep in mind the wonderful things He has done.

We are going to write our own "patchwork of thanks". I want write your own thank-you note to God by finishing the following statements.

Thank you, God, for

taking care of	the ability you have given me to	Giving me loving people to like	
	Your Word, which helps me	With love and thankfulness	

Let's close with prayer. Dear God, we have so much to be grateful for. You have done so much for us. You have given us many things. We are thankful for our family and friends, for good health and for keeping us safe. Thank you God for all these things. In Jesus name. Amen.