

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#12 – King Solomon – Wisdom (understanding, insight, good judgement)

Dear Families: Wisdom is a difficult word to explain the young ones sometimes. Another definition could be: intelligence or knowledge and the capacity to make good use of it. This would be a great topic to talk about with your child/children. Making wise choices helps anyone to do better in life. We don't want to make them too weighed down with big issues, but pointing out when they do make good decisions is also an excellent way to teach wisdom. And of course modeling is probably how children learn the most. And again of course, since none of us are perfect, modeling fixing a mistake we made is a great life skill to teach also. God Bless!

Bible Text: (I Kings 2:1-4); I Kings 3:1-27; I Kings 5:1-6:1-38 Abridged

(King David, as he lay dying, told Solomon that he would be the next king, even though an older brother had already claimed the throne.) . . .

(Solomon married a daughter of the Pharaoh and took her to Bethlehem until he had finished building his home, the temple and a wall around Jerusalem). . . Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David. . . Solomon went to make sacrifices. . . At Gibeon the Lord appeared to him in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness and in uprightness of heart toward you; and You have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on the throne today. O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And Your servant is in the midst of the people whom You have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of you enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. . . I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life. . . If you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life. (Solomon awoke from his dream, went to make sacrifices, and provided a feast for all his servants.) Later, two women. . . came to the king and stood before him. (The two ladies lived in a house together. Both had each given birth to a son. One lady had placed her son in her bed. She had rolled over him in her sleep and laid on him, and the baby had died. That lady took her dead baby and switched it in the middle of the night with the live baby. The woman whose baby was still alive awoke she saw the baby was dead, but then looked more closely and realized that he was not her baby. The two women argued and then went to the king to settle the matter). . . The king said, "Bring me a sword. . . Divide the living boy in two and give half to each woman. (The lying woman said to go ahead and divide the baby, then neither of them would have a baby. The woman whose baby was alive cried out, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby; certainly do not kill him!" Solomon gave the living baby to the woman who cried out, she was his mother.)

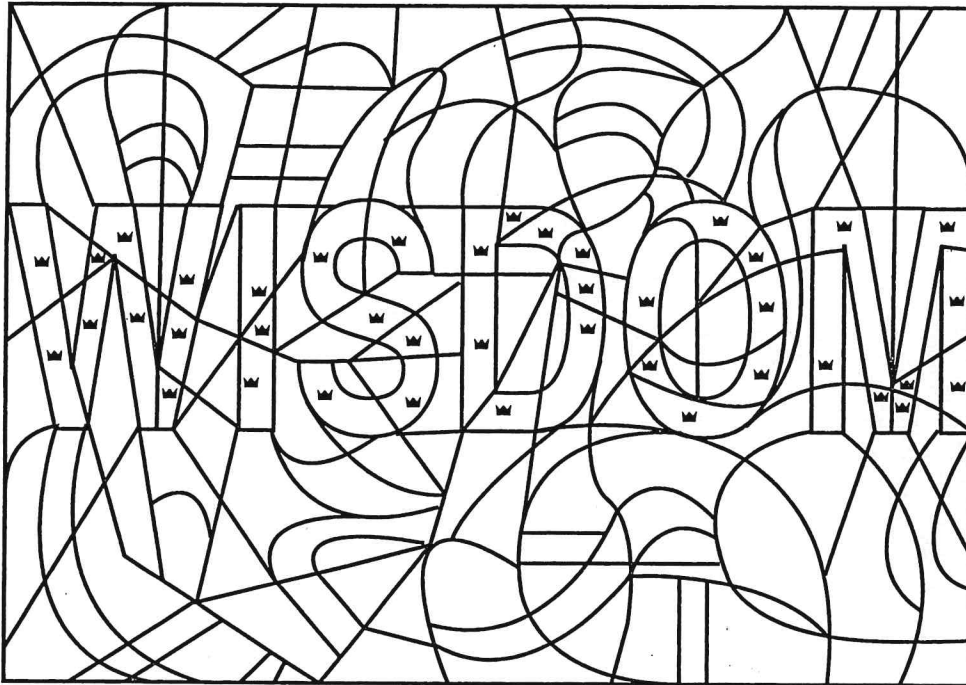
. . . Solomon said, "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him. . . But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side. . . So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God. . . (Solomon commanded that cedars and cypress from Lebanon be cut. . . Solomon gathered 30,000 men and 20,000 cors (bushels-60 lbs. each) of wheat to feed them. . . 10,000 would work a month, and rest 2 months at home while another group of 10,000 would work. . . He also had 70,000 laborers and 80,000 stone cutters. . . There were 3,300 supervisors. . . The house that King Solomon built for the Lord was

60 cubits (each cubit is roughly 18 inches) long, 20 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. . .It took 7 years to build the temple).

****King David wrote about 73 songs in the book of Psalms. King Solomon wrote all of the book of Proverbs.**

Bible Verse:

Wisdom is better than jewels. Proverbs 8:11a



Materials:

*Picture above for our Bible verse book. Color all the spaces with crowns in them one color and color all the other pages with different colors.

*5 music pages *1 coloring page, Solomon Makes a Wise Decision *1 Solomon's Temple page
*3 activity pages; Label the parts of the temple, Maze, Math-Code pages *Information on books of the Old or First Testament and its divisions-for older child or adult. Books of the Bible page could be used to sing our "These Are the Books of the Bible" song.

**Please, Puppy, Please* by Tonya and Spike Lee, ISBN 13:978-0-689-86804-7

Activities:

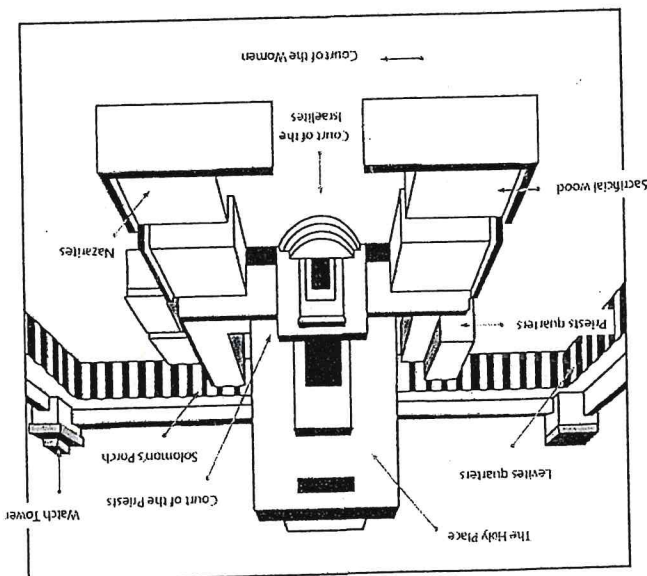
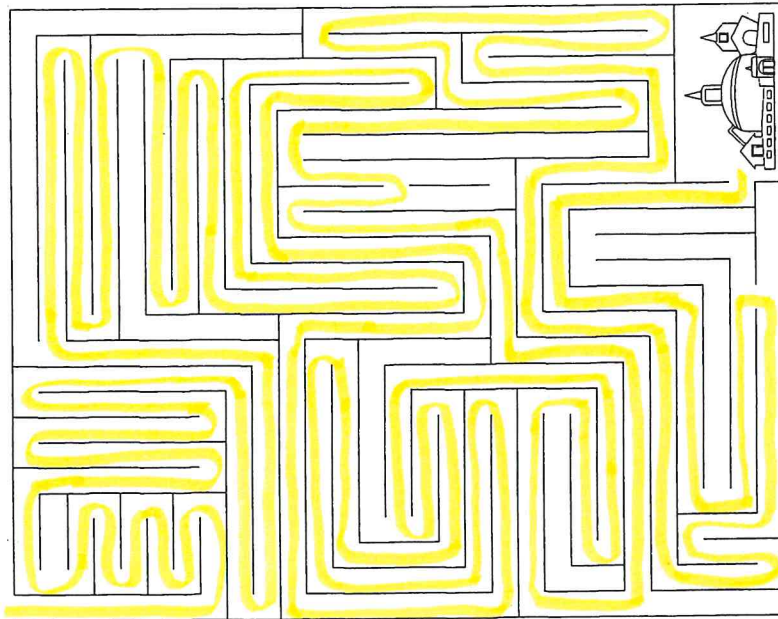
***Read Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him (Her), and She (He) will make straight your paths.**
Get a piece of paper, a crayon or pencil and a ruler. Try to draw a straight line *without a ruler* 3 times. Then use the ruler to draw one. Ask your child: How is God a ruler, making our paths straight?

Possible answer/s: As we learn Bible stories, God teaches us about kindness, humility, courage, faith, faithfulness, obedience, grace, love, etc. To walk "straight" is to walk in these ways, God's ways.

*You and your family can look at pictures that show what scholars think the temple looked like, and the significance of each part of the temple. It was destroyed and rebuilt. During Jewish Hanukkah this year it would be interesting to look up the holiday and see how it relates to the temple.

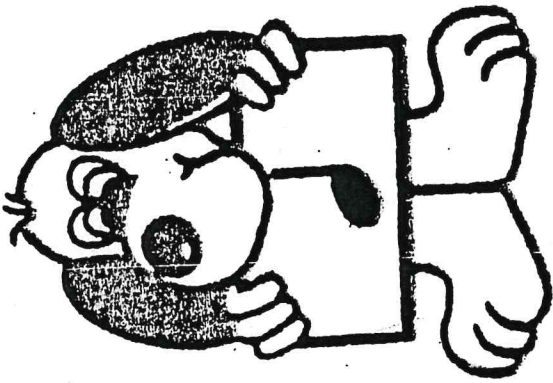
*After studying about the temple online, one could build a diorama or draw a picture of the temple.

Answers to puzzles:

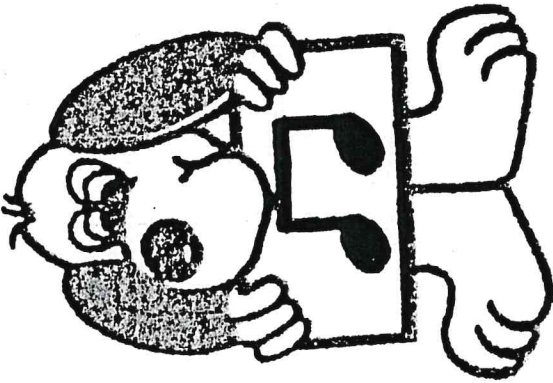


Math Pages: Both have the same answer,
but one uses only addition & subtraction.
The other uses all 4 operations & division.
KEEP MY STATUES
AND MY JUDGMENTS

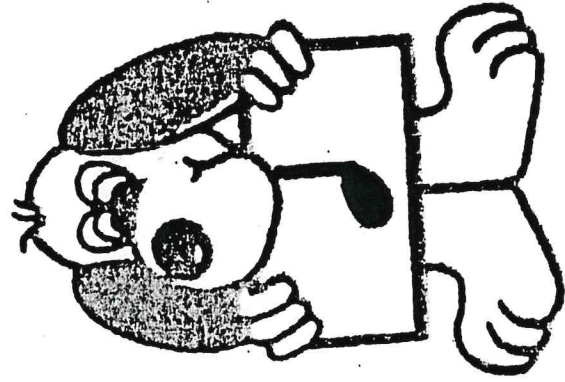
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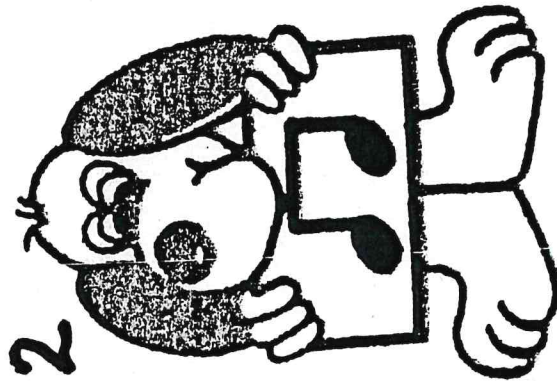
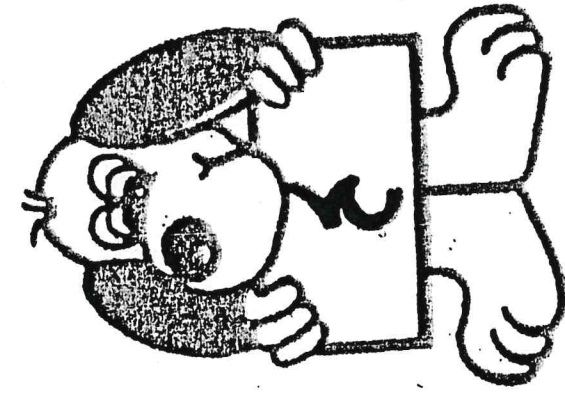
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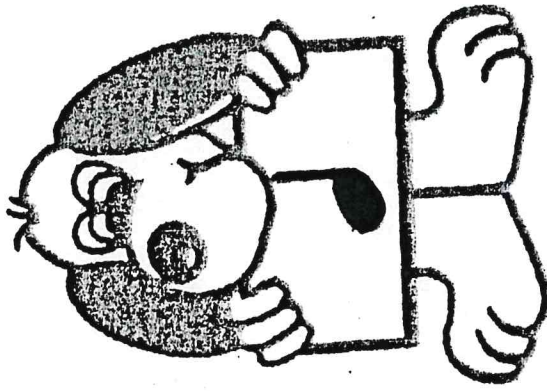
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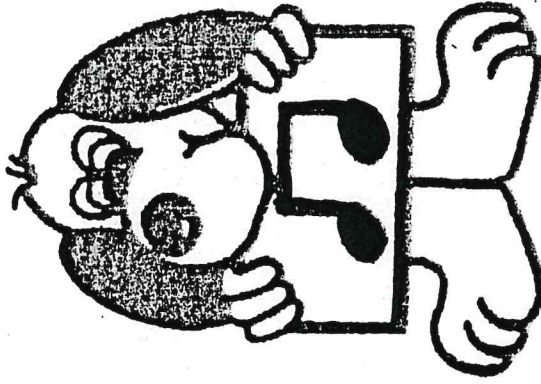
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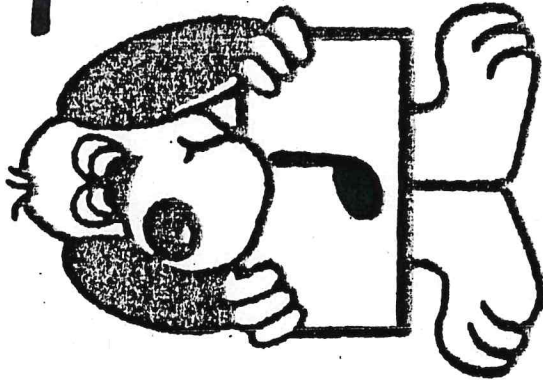
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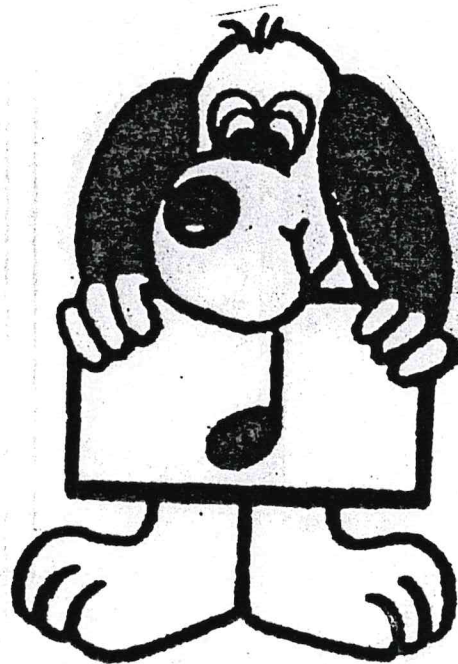
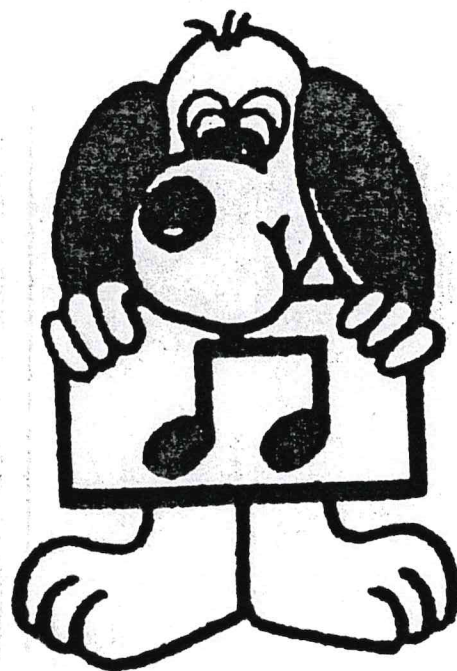
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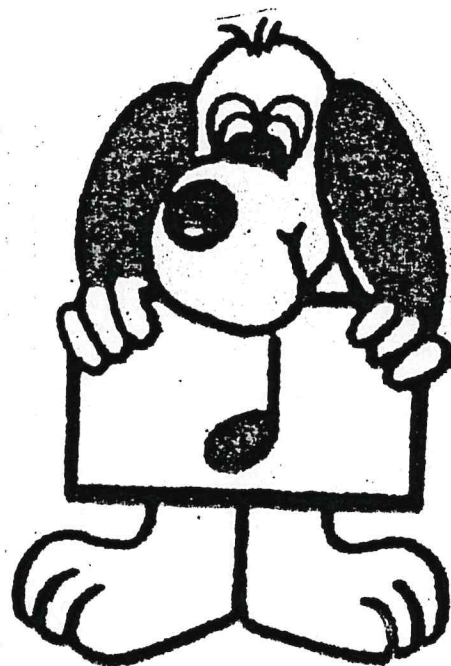
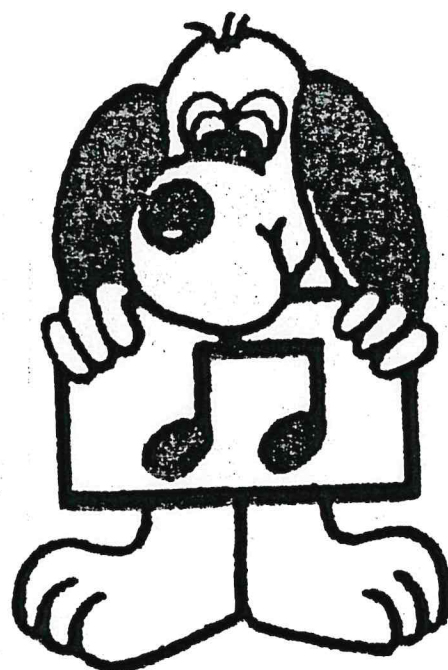
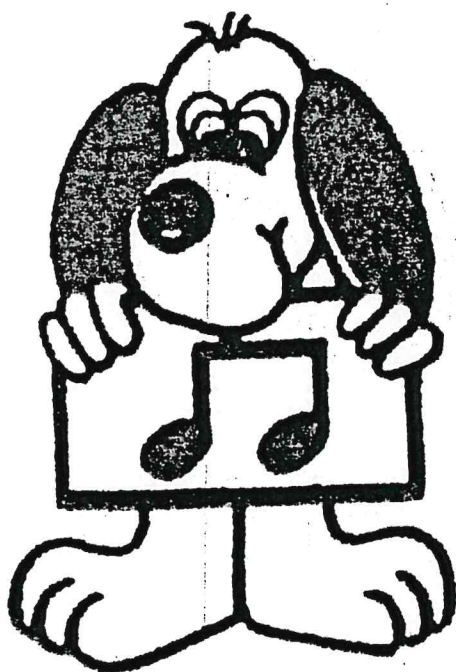


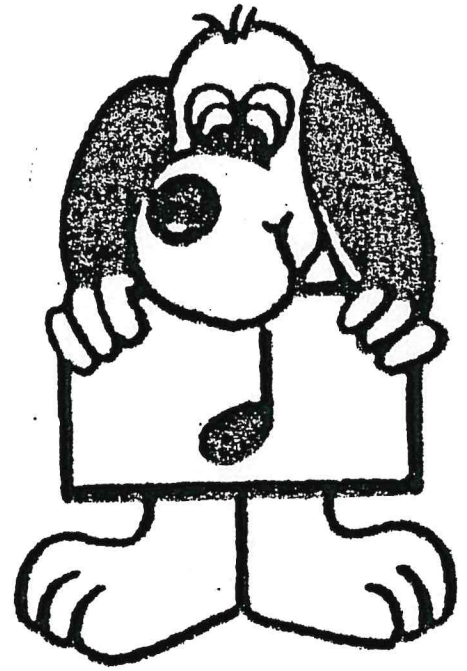
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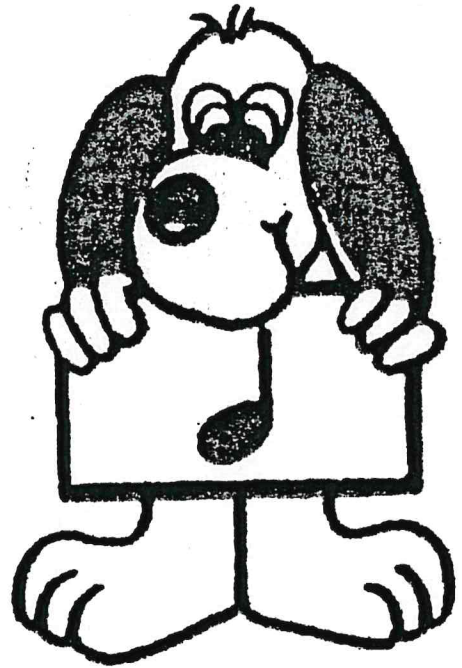


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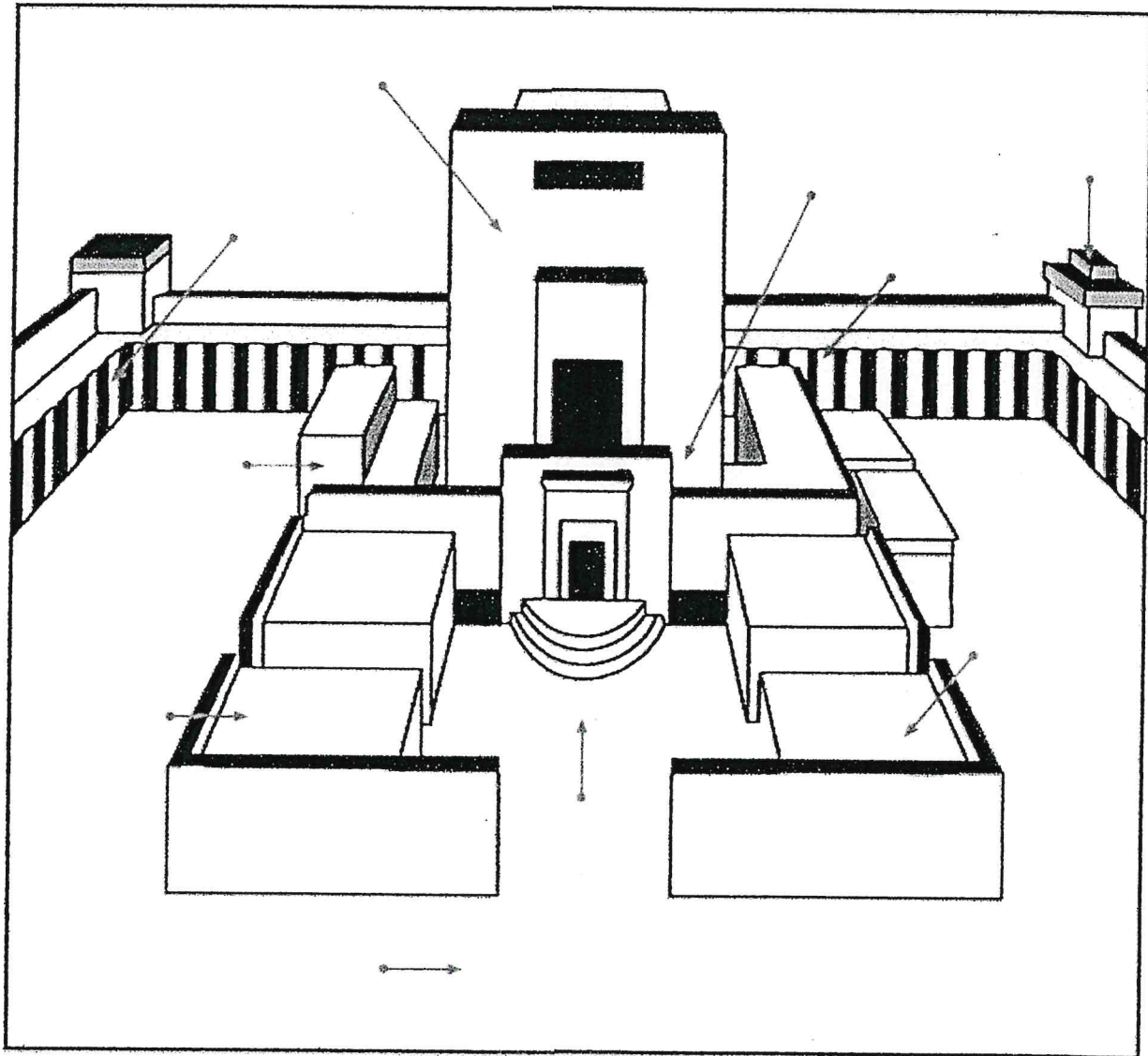
Solomon Makes a Wise Decision I Kings 3:27

Solomon's Temple

Read 1 Kings 6. While Solomon was king, he built a magnificent temple in Jerusalem.

Label the places in the temple from the list below.

You may need to do some research to find the answers.

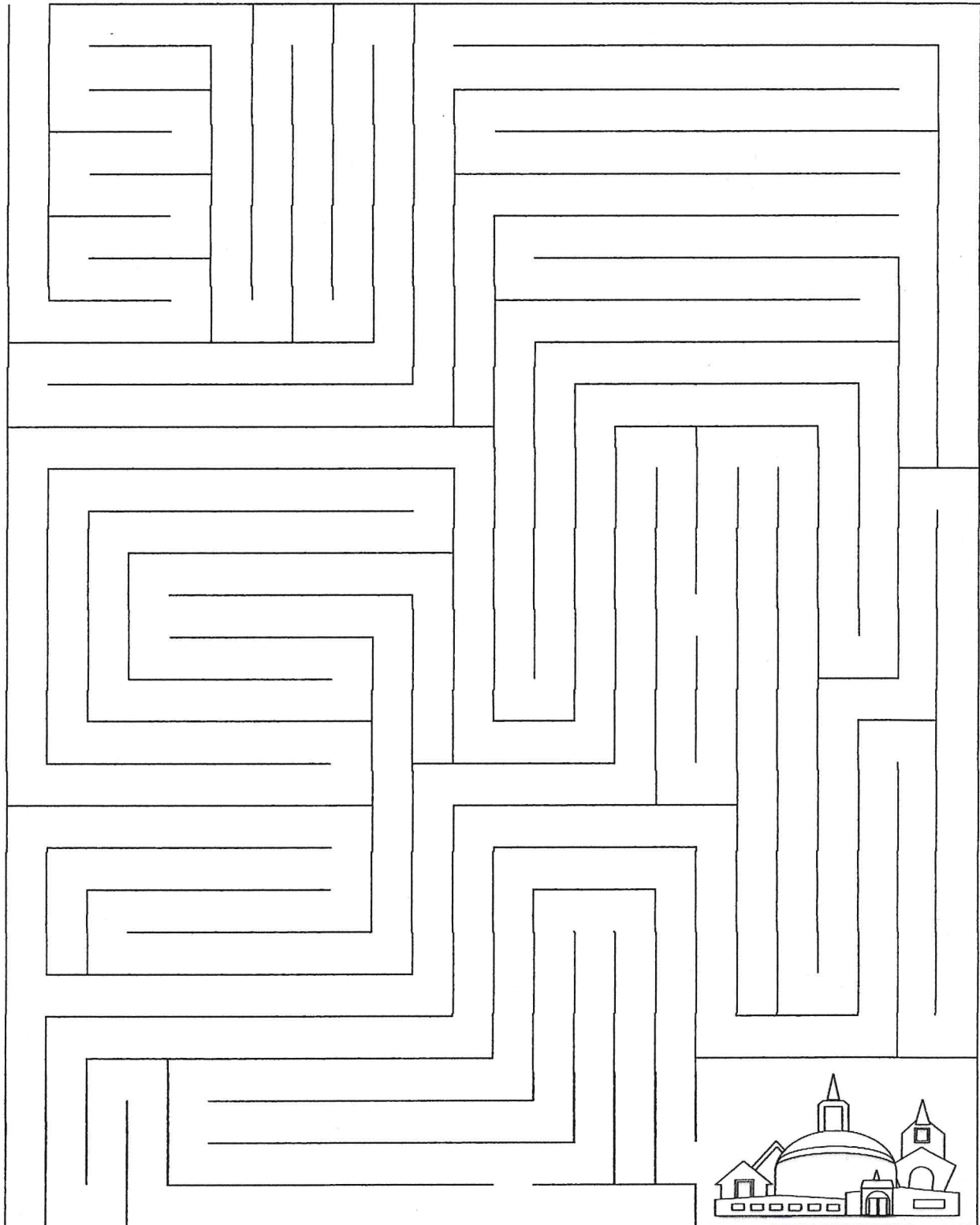


Levites quarters	Sacrificial wood	Court of the Women	Court of the Priests	Watch Tower
Priests quarters	Court of the Israelites	The Holy Place	Solomon's Porch	Nazarites

3. SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE

Go through the maze to the temple.

START



Do the math problems to learn what God reminded Solomon to do so there would be one of his children on the throne and it would stay in Solomon's family:

$7 + 6 =$	$12 - 2 =$	$5 + 5 =$	$8 + 8 =$	$7 + 7 =$	$15 + 5 =$
$10 + 7 =$	$10 + 8 =$	$4 + 4 =$	$9 + 9 =$	$20 - 1 =$	$20 - 2 =$
$4 + 6 =$	$12 + 5 =$	$11 - 3 =$	$8 + 7 =$	$13 - 4 =$	$12 + 2 =$
$16 + 4 =$	$6 + 6 =$	$13 + 6 =$	$6 + 3 =$	$5 + 6 =$	$11 + 3 =$
$14 - 4 =$	$17 - 2 =$	$11 + 7 =$	$11 + 6 =$		

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$20 - 7 =$	$2 \times 5 =$	$7 + 3 =$	$2 \times 8 =$	$2 \times 7 =$	$10 \times 2 =$
$22 - 5 =$	$23 - 5 =$	$2 \times 4 =$	$2 \times 9 =$	$14 + 5 =$	$3 \times 6 =$
$22 - 12 =$	$12 + 5 =$	$24 \div 3 =$	$3 \times 5 =$	$3 \times 3 =$	$28 \div 2 =$
$5 \times 4 =$	$3 \times 4 =$	$26 - 7 =$	$18 \div 2 =$	$22 \div 2 =$	$20 - 6 =$
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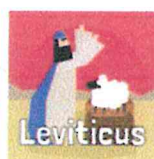
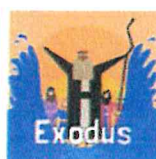
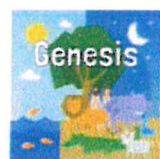
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Books of the Bible

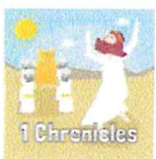


Old Testament

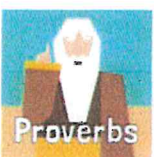
1. Law



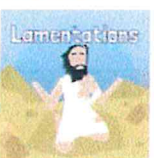
2. History



3. Poetry



4. Major Prophets



5. Minor Prophets

