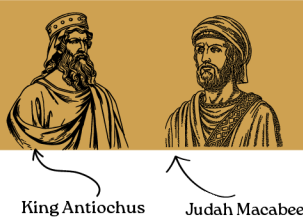


What was the Maccabean Revolt?

2 Macabees 10:1 6a, 7b-8



Between the years 175 - 164 BC, the land of Israel was ruled by the wicked Greek King Antiochus Epiphanes. King Antiochus worshipped the Greek gods and wanted to force his religion on all the people of his kingdom. King Antiochus put a ban on all other religions. King Antiochus took control of the holy Temple of Jerusalem where the Jewish people worshiped the one true Lord God. The Temple was desecrated, meaning it was treated shamefully and with disrespect. King Antiochus replaced the holy things of the Temple with idols to his false gods. All people who refused to obey the King and worship his gods were punished.

One man was brave enough to stand up to King Antiochus. His name was Judah Maccabee. Judah and his brothers formed an army to fight the army of King Antiochus in order to reclaim their holy Temple. Judah's army was very small compared to King Antiochus, but Judah told his people "victory in war does not depend upon the size of the army, but on strength that come from Heaven." The Maccabee's and their small army put their trust in the Lord. They quickly defeated King Antiochus and reclaimed the Temple of Jerusalem.

Because King Antiochus and his people did bad things in the Temple, the Jewish people now had to purify it and make it clean once again. Maccabees and his companions destroyed all the idols and made a new altar for the Temple. They offered sacrifices to the Lord, burned incense and lit their oil lamps. For eight days the Jewish people celebrated joyfully as they were able once again to worship the Lord God in their holy Temple.

Ancient oil lamp



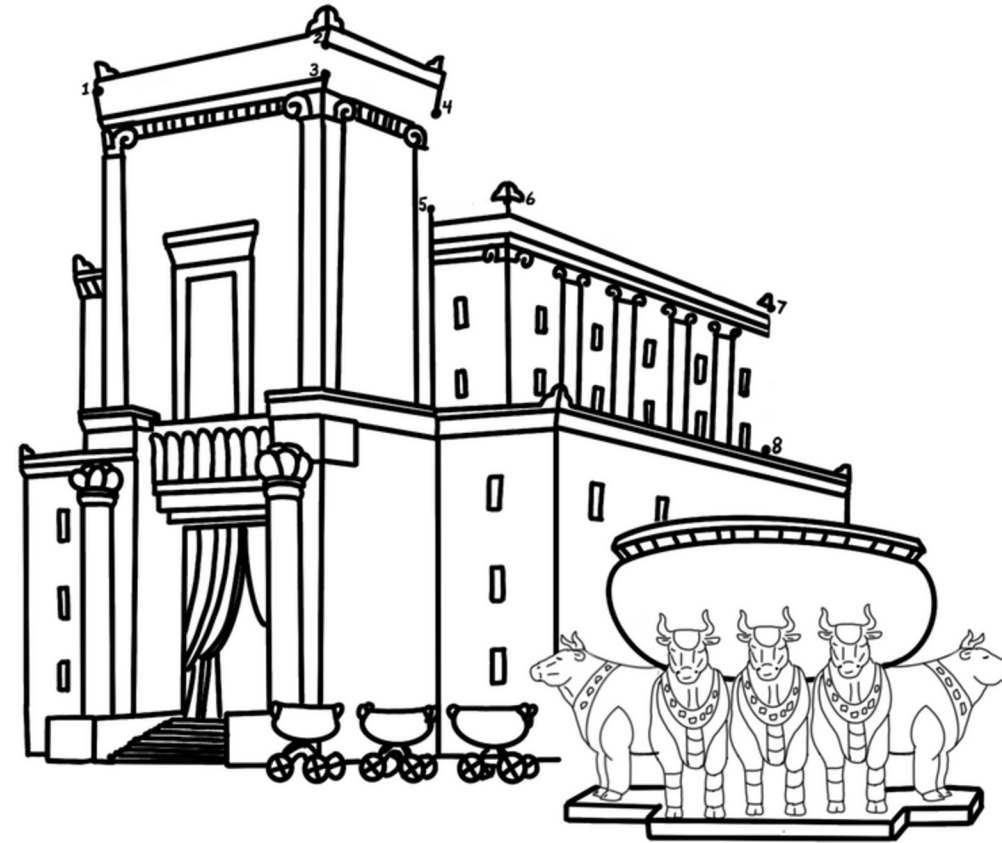
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Use the numbers to help finish building Solomon's temple and then color it!



In Jerusalem was built
Solomon's great temple there,
where you showed your face on earth,
merciful and loving One.

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Gospel Corner

John
10:22-42

In today's Gospel reading, much like last week's, people were still wondering who Jesus was. The Jews wanted to know, "Is he the Christ?"

Jesus replied to them, "I've told you, but you don't believe... my sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." The Jews could not accept his answers or believe his miraculous signs, even though many other people believed and knew who Jesus was.

Jesus described himself as a shepherd and he described his followers as sheep. Why do you think He did this?

Here are some facts about sheep and shepherds for you to consider as you think about how Jesus is our Good Shepherd:

1. Shepherds sacrificially take care of their sheep and protect them from many predators.
2. If one sheep is missing, shepherds leave their flock to go find the missing one and bring it back to safety.
3. Sheep need their shepherd for everything - food, water, shelter, safety.



Did you know?

Our Church has SIX seasons!

1. **Glorious Birth of Our Lord**
The announcements leading up to Jesus' birth on Christmas Day
2. **Glorious Epiphany of the Lord**
The manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world at his baptism
3. **Great Lent & Passion Week**
A time of prayer and fasting in preparation for the Resurrection
4. **Glorious Resurrection**
A celebration of Jesus' victory over death for the salvation of the world
5. **Glorious Pentecost**
The Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples and thus begins the spread of the Church around the world
6. **Glorious Cross**
A time to focus on the four last things: death, judgement, heaven, and hell

Match the picture to the season.

Birth of Our Lord	A.	
Epiphany	B.	
Lent	C.	
Resurrection	D.	
Pentecost	E.	
Glorious Cross	F.	

Help the sheep choose the right path to the Good Shepherd.

