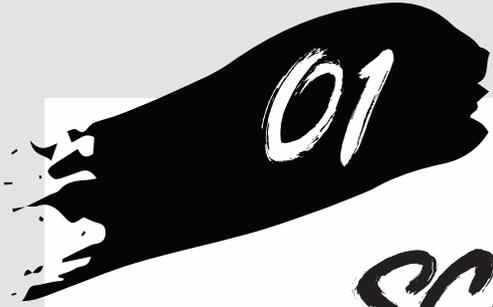


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LORD BUILDS ...

**SUPERCITY**



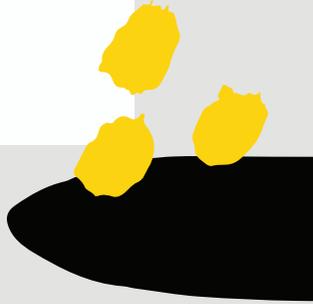
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# SCRIPTURES



When Solomon had finished building the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had achieved all he had desired to do, the LORD appeared to him a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. The LORD said to him: “I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. “As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father when I said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’”

1 Kings 9:1-5 NIV





Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.  
In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from him.  
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are children born in one's youth.  
Blessed is the man  
whose quiver is full of them.  
They will not be put to shame  
when they contend with their opponents in court.



Psalm 127:1-5 NIV

02

## STORY RE-CAP



Many people speak about how Solomon built the temple for God. But I think that Solomon came to realise that it was actually God building the temple all along...  
Solomon simply got to be part of the great work that God was doing!

These days, God builds his church using people! It's even better than a building because that means that God's church goes wherever his people go! In the same way that God built the temple in Solomon's day, God builds his people in our time.

Today's message isn't really about buildings... It's about every single area of our lives! We can put our trust in God no matter what we face.  
He is in control! He knows best!



03

## HOW THIS APPLIES

It's not easy to let go of things and trust God! It's very tempting to try and do things on our own. Some people try hard to impress God by living a good life and by being kind to others. They think that God will love them more if they behave well... But God knows that we are not perfect!

We don't need to try to serve him in our own strength! We need a saviour.

We can depend on what Jesus did for us on the cross.

He took our punishment so that if we believe in him, we can be God's children.

God will never abandon his children! If you do something wrong, the best thing to do is to run straight back to God! He can help you!

He is more powerful than sin! You don't need to try to fix things on your own.

**God made a way to save us!**

**He will definitely make a way to help us every step of the way.**





04

# MEMORY VERSE

**“If the Lord doesn’t build the house,  
the builders are working for nothing.”**

Psalm 127:1a

This verse talks about building. If God doesn’t build a house, then it’s pointless for builders to do anything because their work won’t last!

Let’s learn this verse so that it will always remind us  
that we can put our trust in God!



05

# MAIN POINTS

1. God is the Master Builder!
2. We can choose to trust in our own efforts,  
or we can choose to trust God.
4. We can put our trust in God no matter what we face.



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## DISCUSSION

1. Did you know that God is in control of absolutely everything all the time?
2. Do you worry about the future and how you will handle everything life sends your way Or, do you trust that God is in control?
3. Do you believe that God loves you and is working everything for your good?



07

## CHALLENGE

Find creative ways to learn the memory verse over the next week!  
Repetition makes it stick!



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# FAMILY FUN

## BUILD A TOWER

Find something (like toy blocks) to build a tower as a family. While you are building you can discuss how God is the Master Builder and that we can put our trust in Him!

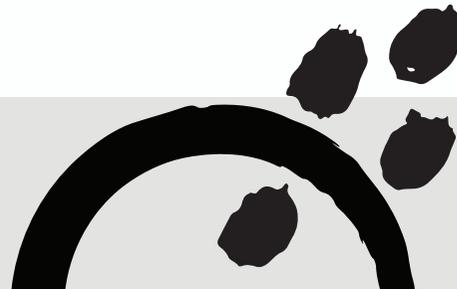


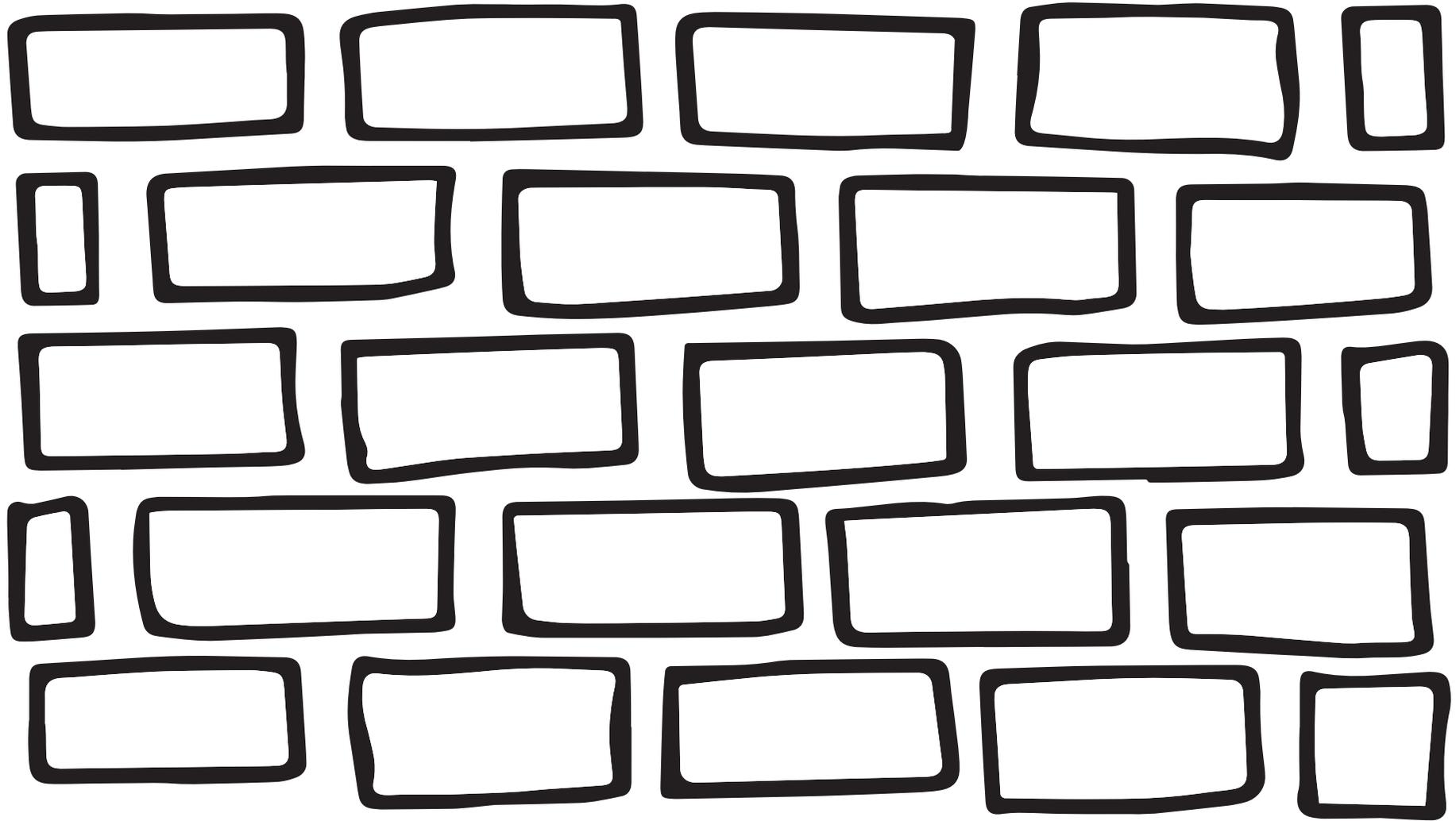
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# CRAFT

## God is the Master Builder:

1. *Print the next page or draw your own version*
2. *Decorate/ colour in or*
3. *If you have coloured paper you can cut out 'bricks' to stick on your page*
5. *When you are making your craft, remember that God is the Master Builder and that you can put your trust in him!*





# **GOD IS THE MASTER BUILDER**

**I can put my trust in Him no matter what I face!**

THE END

