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## Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 1

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### The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness 1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

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*(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)*

1. King David lived in a big, beautiful palace. But the Ark of the Covenant --the special, golden box where God met with His people-- was only in a tent. "I want to build a Temple, a fine, worship place for the LORD," David told Nathan, God's messenger.
2. "Not you, but your son, Solomon, will build the new worship place," the LORD told David. So, when Solomon became king, he chose Hiram, the best builder, to build the Temple.
3. Hiram used pure, white limestone on the outside of the Temple. It glistened in the sun. It reminded the people of the LORD's glory --the beautiful, shiny, brightness that shines out from His Spirit.
4. Inside, Hiram covered the floors and walls with gold, angels, trees, and sparkly jewels. A beautiful curtain hid a special room called the Holy of Holies. That's where the Ark of the Covenant would be. God would meet with His people there.
5. When everything was done, the people gathered with the king outside the Temple. They came with thousands of worship gifts, ready to worship the LORD.
6. As King Solomon and the people gave their gifts to the LORD, the priests and Levites put the Ark and other worship things inside the Temple.
7. Everyone praised the LORD; then, King Solomon prayed: "LORD, You are too great to live in this Temple. The whole world isn't even big enough to hold You. But please, make this a special place where all people can come worship You and meet with You," he asked.
8. Suddenly, there was a bright flash of light and a big wave of heat, as the LORD sent down a great fire from heaven. "Whoosh!" It burnt up the huge pile of worship gifts. This was the LORD's mighty "yes!" to King Solomon's prayer.
9. Then, the LORD did something even more amazing. He showed the people some of the beautiful, shiny glory that shines out from His Spirit. It came down from heaven like a great, sparkly cloud over the Temple.
10. And inside, the Temple was filled so full of God's glory that none of the priests or Levites could even go in!
11. Then, everyone bowed down and worshipped the LORD. "Praise the LORD, for He is good! His love goes on forever," they exclaimed. And they all stayed there, worshipping and celebrating for a whole week.