



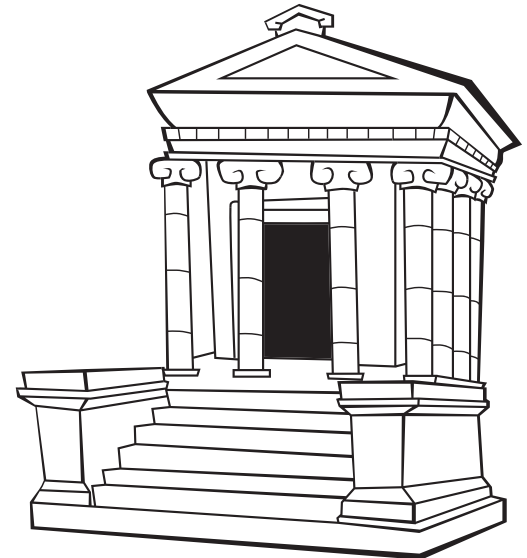
FACT SHEET TEMPLE

Mark 15:38

Read It:
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Talk It:
Do we treat God like a genie who gives us wishes?

Know it:
When the Jews were brought out of slavery and freed from the Egyptians, God wanted them to follow Him. He told them how to build a specific box called the Ark of the Covenant. The box was never to be touched by human hands. It was to be a box where God's Spirit rested and led the people. There was a cloud of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night. After many years, King Solomon built a temple for God. In the center of the temple was a room called the Holy of Holies. This is where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. A huge curtain separated this room from the other rooms. Once a year, one of the high priests was chosen to enter the Holy of Holies and make a sacrifice for the Jews for the atonement of their sins. Jews could pray and go to the temple, but the only way to God was through the high priest.



When Jesus died on the cross for our sins and became the ultimate sacrifice, the curtain in the temple tore in half from the top to the bottom. A high priest was no longer necessary to get to God! God made a direct path for us through His son Jesus; Jesus became the new High Priest of all time. We can talk to God directly now through Jesus!

Go Do It:
Imagine that your phone rings, and your mom tells you that the President of the United States of America wants to meet with you. You would put everything on hold. You might buy a new outfit and get a haircut. The President would get your best attention because you know he is important. Guess what? The God of the universe wants to spend time with you. He's a lot more important than even the President of your country. He wants to hang out with you more than you could ever imagine. He knows how many hairs you have on your head. (Luke 12:7) Have you spent time with Him today? Take time to spend time with your Creator today!