



The wood that comes from the olive tree is full of knots. It must be left to dry a long time before it is used. Only a very good carpenter tries to work with the wood of the olive tree.

Solomon built the first temple in Jerusalem. Wood from the great cedars of Lebanon was used in most of the temple. But he used olive wood in the most important place of all. The two cherubim that knelt about the ark were carved out of olive wood. The cherubim were large. They were as high as your classroom. (15 feet) They faced each other. Their wings touched in the middle. At their backs the wings also touched the wall of the Holy of Holies. (I Kings 6:23-28)

The doors of the Holy Place were also made of olive wood. These doors were decorated with cherubim and palm trees and flowers. (I Kings 6:31)