

# JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

Matthew 21:12-16



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Message	We want to keep our hearts holy.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Jesus was angry that the merchants and traders were conducting business in the temple.</li><li>■ We want to keep God's house, holy.</li></ul>
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## Jesus Cleanses the Temple



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, many people wondered who He was.

The people who knew Him said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Jesus went into the temple. When He saw what everyone was doing, He chased everyone who was buying or selling things out of the temple.

Jesus also pushed over the tables of the people who were changing money and the seats of the people who were selling doves.

Jesus reminded them, "My house should be a place where people can pray. You have made it a den for thieves."

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### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like a little table, a whip, sale items...

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What does Jesus see when He enters the temple?
  - At this time, the temple - God's house - is used as a market.
  - People change money, buy sacrificial animals, do trade.
- How does Jesus react?
  - Jesus does not like them to do business to earn money in the temple.
  - He takes a whip and drives them out of the temple.

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus was angry that the traders did business in the temple.
- We want to keep God's house holy.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- The traders did not respect the temple of God.
- How do we behave in and around the house of God? (Pray, sanctify ourselves, listen, ...)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Repeat the Message</b> <b>We want to keep our hearts holy.</b></p>
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