

JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

John 2:12-25

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¹²After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, **“Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a market!”**

¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸Then the Jews demanded of him, “What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹Jesus answered them, **“Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”**

²⁰The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. ²⁴But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. ²⁵He did not need man’s testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Jesus see as He went into the temple courts?
5		2.) What did Jesus do?
5		3.) What did Jesus tell the people? (Verse 16)
5		4.) Why do you think Jesus was so upset?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 145:8</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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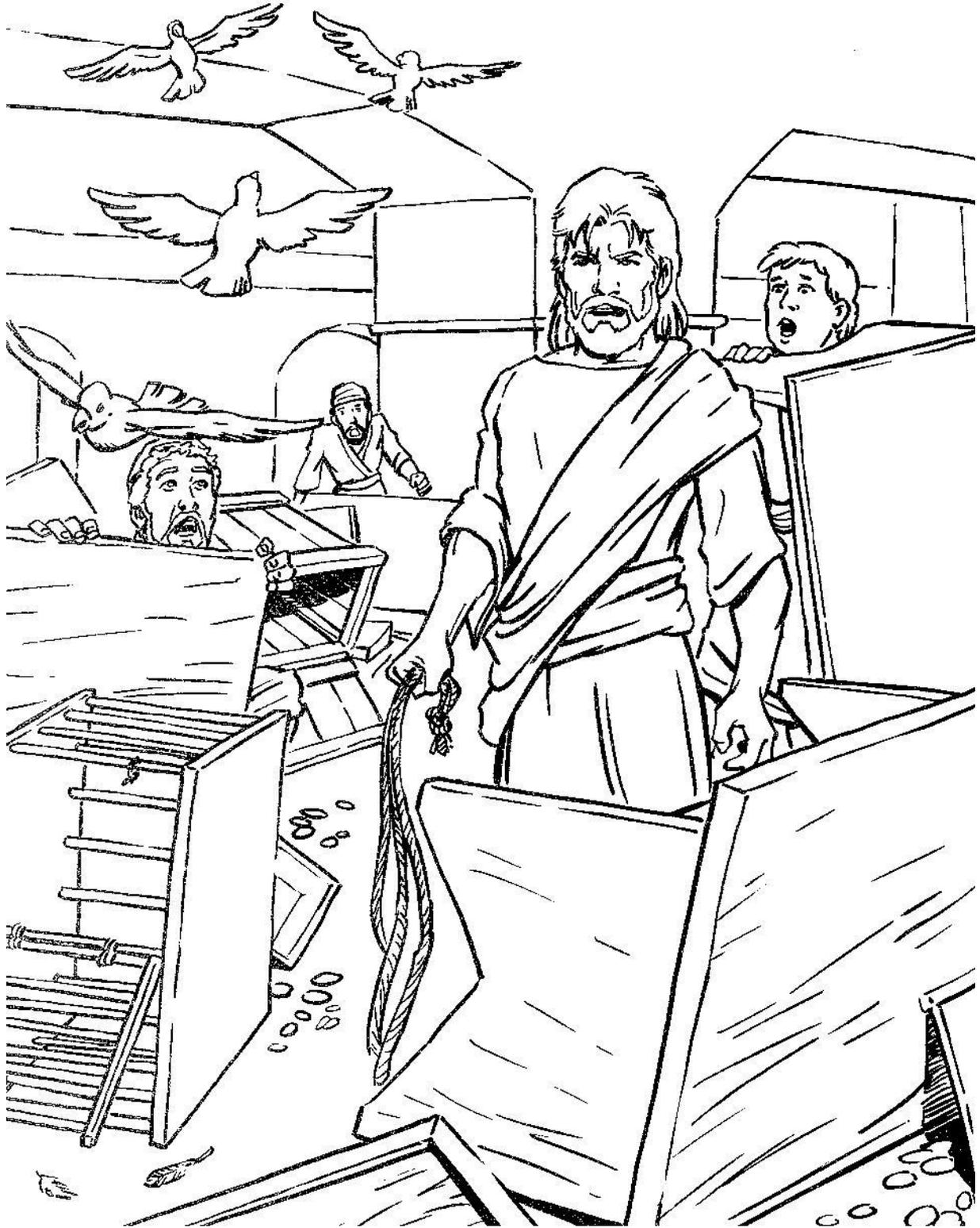
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Jesus sees people selling in the temple and clears it out

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WHIPS

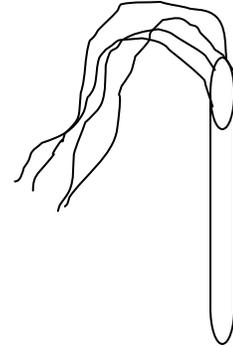
Students will make whips to remind them that Jesus cleared the temple when he saw men selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple courts. Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove them from the temple area.

MATERIALS

1. Drinking Straws
2. Curling Ribbon or Yarn
3. Scissors
4. Tape

DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out one drinking straw to each student.
2. Cut pieces of curling ribbon or yarn into 8 inch pieces
3. Tape four pieces of curling ribbon or yarn onto the end of each drinking straw.



FOR DISCUSSION

As students are constructing their whips, remind them that Jesus was upset to see the temple being used as a market place. Likewise, Jesus does not want us, as temples of the Holy Spirit, to defile ourselves through sinful behaviors. As our memory verse indicates, the Lord is slow to anger and rich in love. Jesus demonstrated his love by dying on the cross for our sins.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

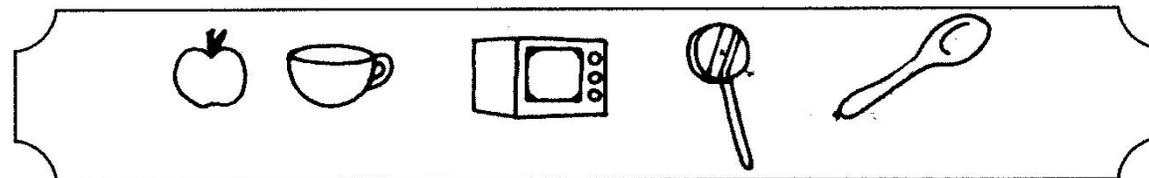
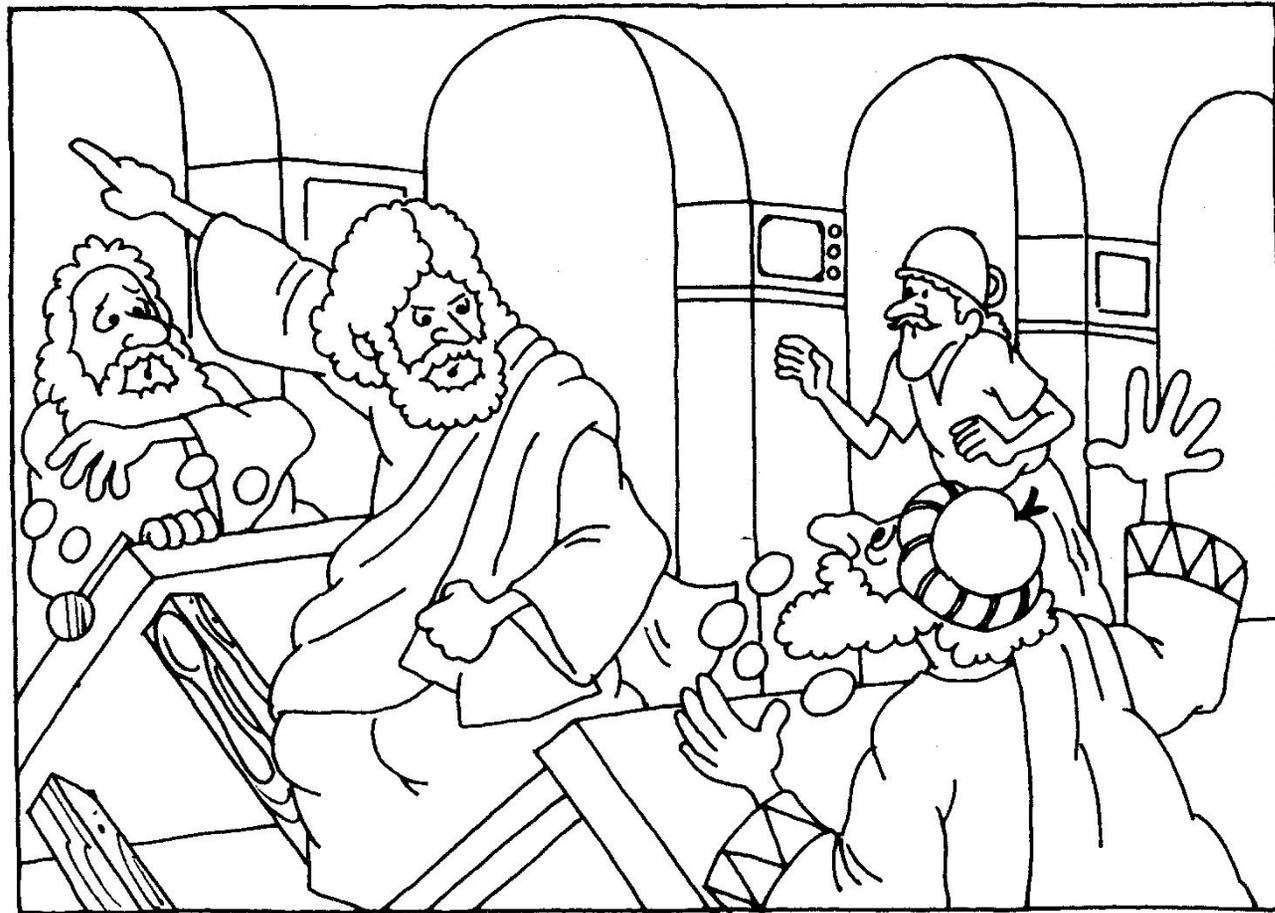
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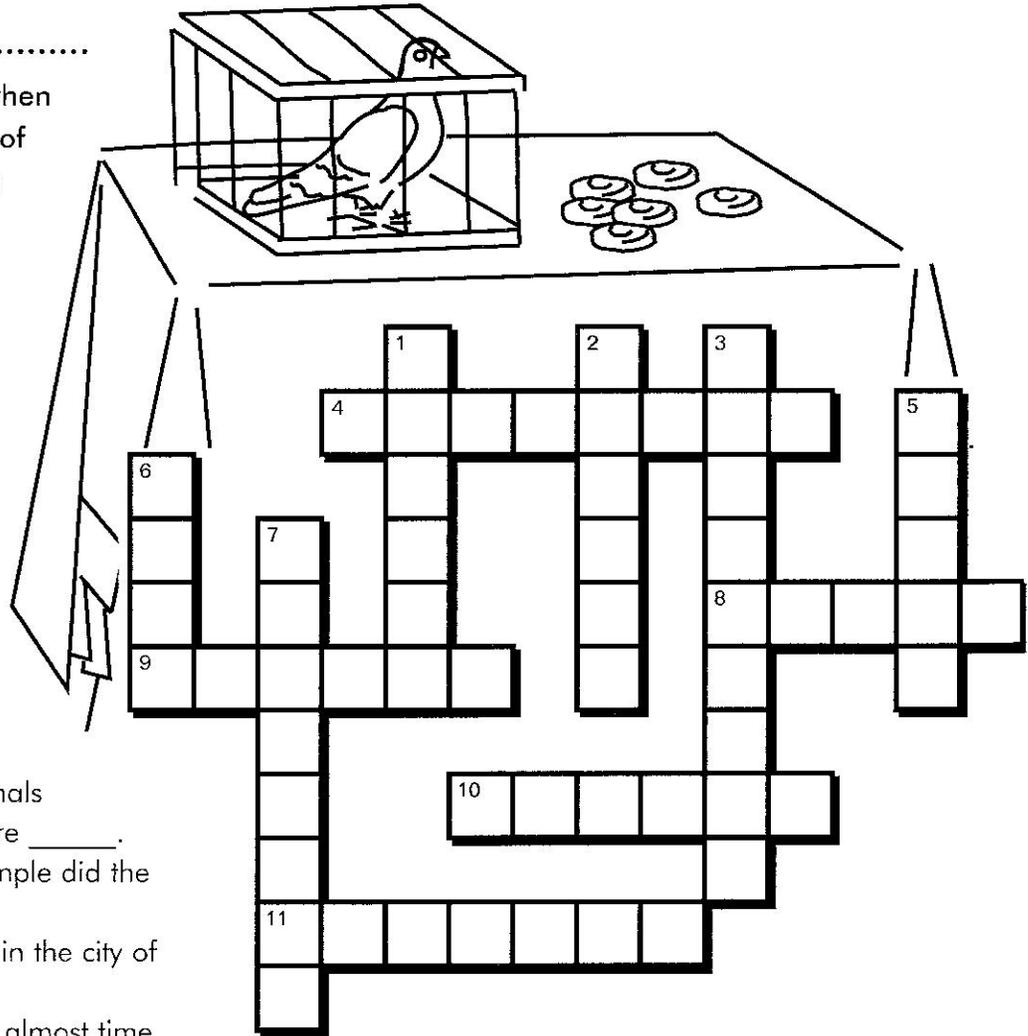
Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem to worship God. But he was upset when he saw men in the temple who were dishonest. They were selling things in the temple and were cheating people who had come to worship. Jesus chased all the bad men away. He reminded everyone that the temple was a place to pray.



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Jesus was angry when he saw the house of the Lord used as a market for buying and selling. Use details from both stories (Matthew 21:12, 13; John 2:13-16) to solve the crossword puzzle below.
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CLUES

1. The largest animals sold in the temple were _____.
2. Where in the temple did the selling take place?
3. The temple was in the city of _____.
4. In this story, it is almost time for the Jewish holiday of _____.
5. The smallest animals sold in the temple were _____.
6. In the story, what did Jesus make from cords?
7. In the temple, those who traded one type of money for another were called money _____.
8. Name another animal sold in the temple.
9. Jesus said the temple was to be a "house of _____."
10. What did Jesus tip over?
11. Jesus said that the temple was not supposed to be a "den of _____."

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Jesus stayed in Capernaum with his mother, brothers, and disciples for a few days.

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover. Jesus went up to the temple in Jerusalem and found men

selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple courts. Other people were sitting at tables exchanging money.

Jesus couldn't believe how the people were disrespecting the temple by turning it in a market. Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove the people and animals from the temple area. He scattered the money and overturned the tables.

Jesus said, "How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

The Jews asked Jesus, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

The Jews thought Jesus was talking about the temple that they were standing in. That temple took 46 years to build. But Jesus was talking about himself. The Jews would kill Him and He would rise from the dead three days later.

For more details, please read John 2:12 - 25 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus see as he went into the temple courts?
2. What did Jesus do?
3. What did Jesus tell the people?
4. Why do you think Jesus was so upset?

MEMORY VERSE

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UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

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