

1st - 5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: Jesus Cleansed the Temple

Bible Passage: Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19

Main Point: Jesus drove out the people who were misusing the temple.

Key Passage: Luke 4:18

Big Picture Question: Why do believers share the Lord's Supper? Believers share the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' life and death and to proclaim Him until He returns.

Christ Connection: *When Jesus cleared the dishonest people from the temple, He showed His commitment to honoring God. The temple was supposed to be a place where people could pray and worship God. Jesus was going to die on the cross to take away people's sins so anyone who trusted in Him could come to God.*



Worship Experience Activity

Materials – paper

Hand out a piece of paper to each person.

“Why do you think we worship God?” Emphasize that we worship God because of who He is. We show Him respect and focus on Him alone.

Invite everyone to draw pictures or write words that describe God. Give some examples: *good, loving, holy, just*, and so on. On the back side have them draw a picture of someone worshipping God. Maintain a worshipful environment by encouraging everyone to quietly focus on God.

In our Bible story, we learned that Jesus drove out the people who were misusing the temple. Jesus was dedicated to honoring God. The money changers and merchants in the temple made it difficult for people to focus on God and give Him the worship He deserves.

Correct or Incorrect?

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INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the pictures that show people using items correctly. Mark an X over those with items used incorrectly.



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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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BIBLE STORY:

JESUS CLEANSED THE TEMPLE

- Jesus saw people using the temple to buy and sell things.
- Jesus was angry because the temple was a place to worship.
- Jesus drove out the people who were misusing the temple.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Is it sinful to be angry?
- Why was Jesus' anger righteous?
- What else did Jesus drive out that prevents us from worshiping God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Plan a family outing to a farmer's or flea market in your area. Discuss with your kids why using the temple as a market angered Jesus.
- Encourage your kids to invite friends to church this week. Offer to pick up the kids and take them home after service.