



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 5

Jesus Clears the Temple

Lesson Aim: To know God's house is a house of prayer; special and holy to God.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite thing about church?

GAME: Clean up God's House

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO IS WITH US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 103:8-12.

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: **Last time, we learned Jesus called the disciples to follow Him. What did they do when Jesus called them?** (They left everything and followed Him.)

Today, we'll see that Jesus wants us to treat God's house as a very special place. The story takes place in Jerusalem. If a map is available, have a child point to Jerusalem.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Mark 11:15-17. Find It First.
Highlight Key Verse: Mark 11:17. Pray.

When Jesus went into the temple area, He saw the sellers there doing wrong in God's eyes. Let's read in the Bible to check out the whole story and see what Jesus did! Read Mark 11:15-17.

THE WAY A HOUSE OF PRAYER

What did Jesus see when He came into the temple courts? (Men buying and selling doves at unfair prices.) **How did Jesus stop them?**

(He turned over their sales tables and would not let them walk through the temple to sell doves or animals.) **What did He say the buyers and sellers had made God's house to be?** (A den of robbers.) **Selling unfairly is like robbing the buyer. That's why Jesus said it was a place for robbers.**

What did Jesus say His house will be called? (A house of prayer for the nations.) **What does this story tell you about Jesus' love for God's house?** (Children respond.) **What do you think God wants us to do in His house?** (Pray, sing praises, give offerings, learn about Him, be kind to each other, etc.) **Today, in God's house, we will pray for boys and girls in every nation who go to God's house in their own land.** Each child draws a Kingdom Prayer card. Children take turns leading responsive prayer with the name on his or her card.

Child: **May the Lord bless** name on card **in** name of nation.

All reply together: **"Hear our prayer, O Lord!"**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Let's find out what God said to Solomon about the temple 900 years before Jesus cleared the temple. Reveal 2 Chronicles 7:15-16. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Consecrated means to set something apart as holy and special to God. Where does God promise His eyes and heart will always be? (In His house.) **God is watching and listening carefully to us in His house. What are some ways we please Him in what we say and do in His house?** (Give offerings, worship God, love one another, learn about Him, be patient, kind and respectful to others.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Kingdom Prayer card
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus turning over the tables in the temple
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Prayer and Snack

GAME: Clearing Our Temples

CRAFT: House of Prayer Window

DISCUSSION: God's House

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Find the Verse Race

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW