

Jesus Defends God's Honor

Key Theme

- Jesus wanted the people to treat His Father right.

Key Passage

- John 2:13-16



What You HEARD in the Word

- Jesus cleared all the sellers and their animals and the money changers out of the Temple. They were not showing respect for God.

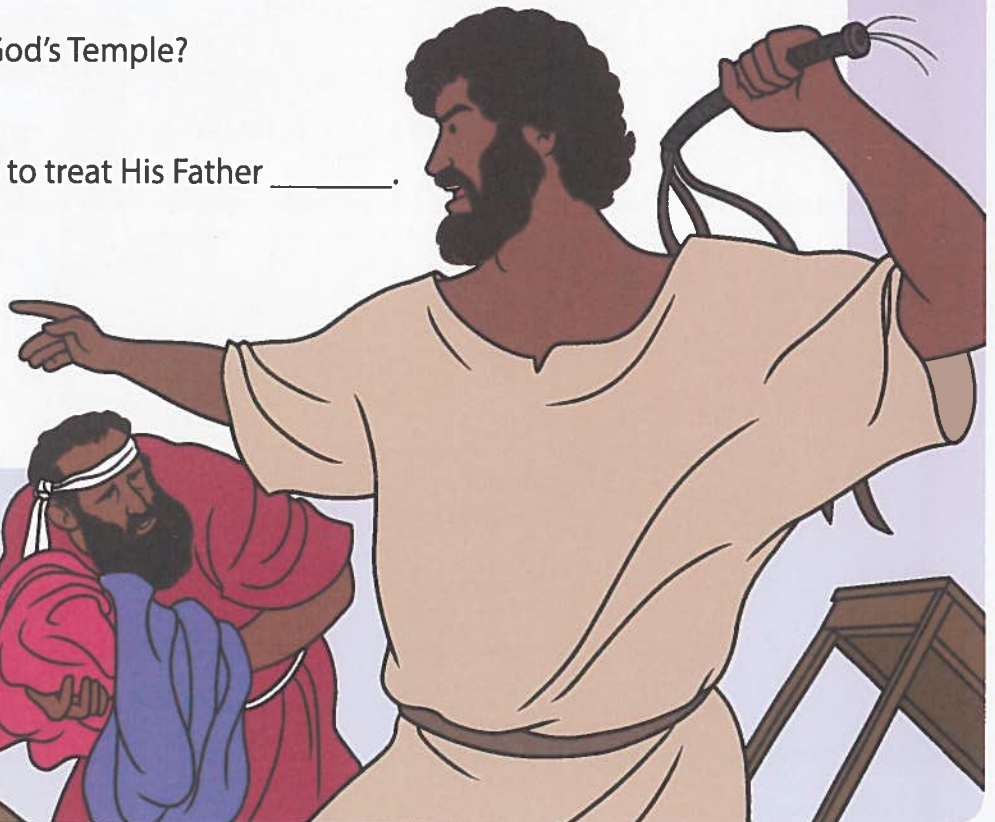


Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Passover was a time to _____ God.
- 2 What was being sold in God's Temple?
- 3 Jesus wanted the people to treat His Father _____.



1) Worship, 2) Animals, 3) Right.





Read the Word with Mom & Dad

Monday (John 2:13)

What city is mentioned in this verse?

Tuesday (John 2:14)

What was happening in God's Temple?

Wednesday (John 2:20)

How long did it take to build the Temple?

Thursday (John 2:15)

What did Jesus do to the animal sellers and money changers?

Friday (John 2:16)

What had the sellers turned the Father's house into?

Saturday (John 14:6)

Who alone can bring us to the Father?

Learn the Word!

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6

Jesus Cleared the Temple

Jesus did not want people to misuse the Temple and dishonor God.
Follow the path through the Temple.



Honor God

It is important to honor God! Color the pictures below.



Read the Bible.



Pay attention during prayer.



Help others cheerfully.

LIVE the Word

with Maria and Her Dad



HomeWord

For Parents

Jesus defended the honor of His Father and showed God's anger against the sin of distorting and maligning God's Word when He encountered corruption among the religious leaders. They had set aside God's Law, invented their own rules, and oppressed the people in the name of God. Jesus addressed these leaders in the name of His Father.

One such rebuke came in the Temple during a Passover celebration (John 2:13–25). Jesus entered the Temple where He encountered money changers and merchants selling animals (John 2:14). The merchants were providing animals for sacrifice during Feast time. The money changers were also there for a service. When Jews came to Jerusalem to pay their Temple tax, they had to use special money. The money changers exchanged people's coins in the Temple.

When Jesus entered the Temple, He was enraged. God's Temple should have been a house of prayer and worship, not a house of merchandise. So, Jesus made a whip and chased them out of the Temple, overturned their tables, and rebuked them for the way they were dishonoring God and His Temple (John 2:15–16).

Jesus spoke with authority and defended His Father. He confronted the scribes and Pharisees for their religious hypocrisy when He called them blind guides, fools, sons of hell, hypocrites, and white-washed tombs full of dead men's bones! These religious leaders appeared righteous on the outside but inside were full of hypocrisy and lawlessness (Matthew 23:13–36). Jesus defended His Father's name and His house of worship.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord

For Family Discussion

What if your friend says she is sure she is OK with God because she obeys most of the time and everyone thinks she is a good person? **What could you say?**

You are a very good friend, for sure. But we have to be careful when we start thinking about ourselves and our own goodness. You need to ask yourself, "Why am I being good?" Is it because I don't want to get in trouble? Or because I want to be rewarded? Or because I want people to like me? That isn't what God wants! He wants us to be obedient and good because we know that Jesus is God, that He died on the Cross so we could be forgiven! God wants us to be obedient because we realize we are new creations in Christ. God wants our obedience to come from a grateful heart—thankful for His love and forgiveness.

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For Family Study

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). You desire for your children to truly love God's Law. They must know it well and meditate on it often. Help them begin a lifetime of learning and memorizing God's Word!

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.

