

Draw & Color

Draw a picture of Jesus driving the animals and people out of the temple with a whip.

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John 2:13-22

Cleansing the Temple

Jesus and his friends went to the temple in Jerusalem.

"Look!" said Nathanael. "They're selling animals to be sacrificed."

"See there?" said Philip, "Those people are trading money from far away places into money people can use here."

As he watched this, Jesus got angry. "It looks like a market place in here. Doesn't anyone remember that God doesn't just want sacrifices? God wants us to treat everyone equally, and care for those who are poor and sick."

Without thinking, Jesus picked up a whip and drove all the animals out of the temple. And all the people, too! He shouted, "Stop making God's house a business!"

The people were shocked. Some were very angry. Others began to believe that Jesus was God's promised messiah—he was talking about God in a different way.



REMEMBER THIS

JESUS GOT ANGRY

Jesus was God, but Jesus was also human. People get angry sometimes. So did Jesus.

Answers: 4, 6, 1, 7, 5, 3

🌸 ORDER IN THE TEMPLE!

Number the sentences below in the order they happened in the story.
(Answer on back)

_____ JESUS PICKED UP A WHIP.

_____ SOME PEOPLE WERE ANGRY AT WHAT JESUS HAD DONE.

_____ JESUS AND HIS FRIENDS WENT TO THE TEMPLE.

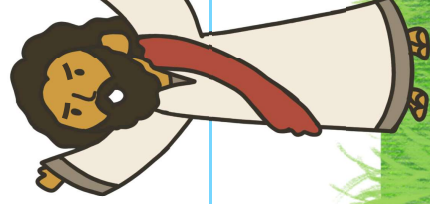
_____ OTHER PEOPLE BELIEVED JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH.

_____ JESUS DROVE THE ANIMALS AND PEOPLE OUT OF THE TEMPLE SHOUTING,

“STOP MAKING GOD’S HOUSE A BUSINESS!”

_____ JESUS GOT ANGRY.

_____ THEY SAW PEOPLE SELLING ANIMALS AND CHANGING MONEY.



Did You Know?

In Jesus’ time, people bought animals at the temple to have them “sacrificed” or killed as a kind of prayer. Today we “sacrifice” in a different way—giving our time, talent, and treasure for the work of God in the world.



TRY IT AT HOME!

Talk with a grown-up about how it feels to be angry. Ask what they do to deal with anger in a healthy way.