

## 1.4 KS1 - Salvation - Lesson 6 - Jesus in the Temple - Option 2

**CONTEXT:** To understand the story of Jesus cleansing of the Temple and why it matters to Christians today.

**Essential Core:**

Recall stories from the Bible associated with the last eight days of Jesus' life, including (a) his entry into Jerusalem, (b) the Last Supper, (c) his arrest, (d) crucifixion and (e) resurrection.

Recognise **the order of the key events** in the Biblical narrative.

Identify these stories with the religion of Christianity, who are collectively called Christians and know that they are from the Bible.

Understand that Christians believe that because Jesus died, they can be forgiven by God.

Understand that Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead, giving hope of a new life.

Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to their enquiry into the Easter story.

**Resources:**

**Vocabulary:** Bible, faith, important, belief, Christians, book, pages, verses, chapter

### INTRODUCTION / GROUP DISCUSSION

Enter the room, and cause a big scene by knocking over the table with a loud crash. If the table is too large to overturn, use the tablecloth and cause a scene by yanking it off the table. Ask: Did that get your attention? Say: Jesus did something similar in the big temple in Jerusalem. Do you think people noticed? Of course they did! Before we talk about what Jesus did, let's talk about why He did it. Hold up a brand-new backpack or purse. Talk about how much you love your special backpack and all the cool stuff you're going to put into it. Then show something gross like a rotten, mashed up banana. Ask the children if they think you would like this to be placed into your very special backpack. Say: Think of something that is special to you. How would you feel if someone broke it or filled it with rubbish? Well, the temple was a very special place to Jesus. It was the special building in Jerusalem where God's people came to worship Him. In this building, people made animal sacrifices, so God would forgive their sins. It was a very special place for God to meet with His people. Jesus called the temple His Father's House. Jesus was brought to the temple as a baby. Mary and Joseph brought Him to the temple to worship each year. In fact, when He was 12 years old, he was accidentally left at the temple! Jesus was very familiar with the temple, and it was a special place to Him. Now that Jesus was grown, He was going to enter the temple again, and He would become very angry at what He saw.

The temple was VERY crowded! Not only were there a lot of people, there were also many animals. Animals in the temple? Why would that be? Since most people travelled a long way to the temple, it was difficult to bring animals so there were lambs and doves for sale at the temple. Years before, these animals were sold further away from the Temple. And in years past, these animals were sold as a convenience at a fair price to tired travellers. But now, when people brought their own animal from home, the religious leaders would tell them that their lamb or dove wasn't good enough. The people were forced to buy another animal - and the animal sellers charged a very high price. The temple looked like a market place. Not only were animals being sold, but also money was being exchanged. The religious leaders said that the Roman coins made God unhappy because they had a picture of Caesar on them, and Caesar claimed to be god. So, they told the people that they had to buy special "temple coins" to put in the offering. The leaders over-charged people on purpose so that they could become rich. Ask: Does this sound right to you?

When Jesus entered the temple area, he began chasing out those who were buying and selling there. He turned over the tables of the people who were exchanging money. He also turned over the benches of those who were selling doves. He would not allow anyone to carry items for sale through the temple courtyards. Then He taught them. He told them, "It is written that the Lord said, "My house will be called a house where people from all nations can pray.' But you have made it a 'den for robbers. The Pharisees saw what Jesus did and it made them really angry. They wanted to know who in the world He thought He was. They wanted to know why Jesus thought He had the right, or the authority, to clear out the Temple.

Then the Jews asked Him, "What miraculous sign can you show us? Can you prove Your authority to do all of this? Jesus gave them a very strange answer. He told them: Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again. - The Jewish leaders said to Him, "This temple has been under construction for 46 years, and you are going to raise it up in 3 days?" But Jesus was not talking about the Temple they were standing in. He was talking about the temple of His own body. Jesus declared that the temple would be destroyed and that He would rebuild it in three days. The Jews were thinking of the temple of stone, but Jesus was referring to His body. The Pharisees demanded a "sign." Jesus did not show them a sign right then and there. Instead, He spoke to them about the ULTIMATE SIGN that was about to come. In less than a week, God would raise Him from the dead; that would certainly prove that He had God's authority. But the Pharisees did not understand what Jesus was talking about. After Jesus had completely cleaned out the Temple, He began to teach the many people who listened to Him. He healed illnesses, and children praised His name. The chief priests and the Pharisees became more and more angry. They were afraid and jealous of Jesus, because many people were amazed by His teaching. People were following Jesus instead of following the Pharisees.

**ACTIVITY:**

Children think about what makes them angry. Using the template of a dove children write down all that makes them angry. The doves can then be used as a display or attached in their books.

**PLENARY:**

To complete and assess understanding complete worksheet in resources file.

**ASSESSMENT:**

LG: Can I show an understanding of what makes me and my friends angry?

LG: Can I understand and explain why Jesus got angry?

LG: Can I write down what makes me angry?