

Celebrating Holy Week at Home - Monday, April 6

Read Mark 11:15-19

Jesus went into the temple and threw out all of the people who were buying and selling. He overturned the tables where the money changers were sitting, and He knocked over the chairs of the people who were selling doves. This is what he said to them, "It is written, my house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves!"

Discuss these questions with your family.

Jesus saw something in the temple that upset Him greatly.

- * What did He see?
- * What did He do?
- * Why do you think He did these things?
- * What are some things that you think upset Jesus today?

What happened in the temple teaches us a very important lesson. Jesus had made a way for people to come to Him through the sacrificing of animals to forgive sin, however the priests were making lots of money by charging people too much for their sacrifices. They took the blessing and made it into something evil and actually kept people from coming to know Jesus.

Jesus was the one who came in and took out what shouldn't belong. The people didn't do it on their own; they needed Jesus to come and take out what shouldn't be there. This actual temple that we read about is like our own hearts. We need Jesus to keep us from using His blessing in a way that doesn't honor Him. We cannot do that on our own.

Prayer: Ask Jesus to show you anything in your life that does not please Him and ask Him to come remove those things from your heart.

Activity: Using the heart, write things inside the heart that you need Jesus to come and take out.

