

Bible Story 261
Jesus Cleanses the Temple Again
Luke 19:45-48 (Matt. 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18)

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Color on dry-erase boards or chalk boards
 - Bring in small dry-erase boards or chalk boards
 - Let the children color and erase
 - Use this to illustrate how our sins are erased when we ask forgiveness

WORSHIP

PRAYER

STORY

Luke 19:45-48 (Matt. 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18)

- Act out the story
 - Have a teacher/helper as Jesus
 - Have 1-3 children (depending on the size of your class) pretending to be each of the following groups of people:
 - Money changers
 - Sellers
 - Buyers
 - People cutting through the temple with products to sell
 - Blind
 - Lame
 - Priests
 - Scribes
 - Children praising Jesus as the Messiah
 - People listening to Jesus teach
 - Direct the children as you tell and explain the story

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 19:46

“My house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.”

- Practice verse by saying it in rhythm
 - Practice clapping and slapping thighs in rhythm
 - Add the verse, saying it in rhythm while you clap
 - After doing this a few times, add an action
 - At the word “prayer”, get down on one knee and put hands together. Then stand up and continue clapping...

ACTIVITIES

• Role-Play

- Our bodies are the temple of God now. What are you allowing into your temple?
- Role play situations where the children are faced with a choice to allow negative things into their temples or to put positive things into their temples
 - It's Wednesday night and there's a great special TV show on. Do you go to church or ask Mom and Dad to stay home to watch TV?
 - You are at the bookstore with your mom. Do you ask for a book that your friend told you about which is filled with sinful actions, or do you ask for a book that has kind words in it?
 - Your friend invites you to come over to watch a movie that has some bad words in it.
 - Your friend tells you about a great video game to ask for at Christmas, but it's really violent
 - A group of "cool" kids at recess are talking about things that you know are wrong. Do you stay with them and join in, or do you go play with some other kids who may not be as "cool"?
 - You haven't had a Bible story today. Do you ask Mom and Dad to read a Bible story or another book before bed?
 - Do you take time to pray before you go to school in the morning, or do you just run out the door?

• Color

- Color the picture with the memory verse on it

• Craft

- Give each child a construction paper cut-out of a girl or a boy
- Give each child a construction paper shirt that fits on the girl/boy
- Have the children color the girls and boys to look like themselves
- Glue or staple the shirt around the bottom and the sides, leaving the top open
- Give the children some small pictures of good things to put into their lives (ex. Bible, church, prayer, someone being kind, a smile...)
- Have the children color the pictures and slip them in the shirt
- Tell them to use this as a reminder that what they hear and see will go into their hearts and minds. They are the temple of God and want to fill their hearts and minds with things that will honor Him

MATERIALS

- Coloring paper with memory verse on it (Print the coloring page from <http://www.calvaryknoxville.org/NTTableOfContents.pdf>)
- Crayons
- Dry-erase boards and markers
- Chalk boards and chalk
- Erasers
- Coins
- Small table
- Chairs
- Toy birds or sheep
- Woven blankets or pottery
- Costumes
- Construction paper cut-outs of boys and girls (one for each child)
- Construction paper shirts to fit on the cut-outs (one for each child)
- Small clip-art pictures of good things to put into our lives (small enough to fit into the construction paper shirt)
- Stapler or glue