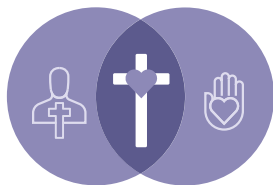


## A TEMPLE CLEANSING

LESSON 6

John 2:13–22

GOD WANTS US TO KEEP HIS WORD SACRED.



### CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

#### IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God shows me the importance of worship in His house.

#### CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can worship God for giving me life and salvation.

### GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

#### ADULT

I can consider how Jesus' cleansing of the temple relates to how we should regard His Word as God's people today.

#### YOUTH

I can describe the importance of worship and honoring God's Word.

#### ELEMENTARY

I understand that God wants me to keep my worship of Him holy.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God's house is a special place to hear God's Word and worship Him.

### BIBLE VERSE

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3:16

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Merchants and money-changers fill the outer courts of the temple in preparation for the Passover. Jesus overturns the tables and drives out the animals in His zeal to restore the temple to its proper purpose. When the Jews question His authority, Jesus tells them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Only after His resurrection do the disciples realize that Jesus was referring to His body as the new temple.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ **On the Go**—What activities in the temple were upsetting Jesus? What activities should have been taking place in the temple?
- ▶ **At Mealtime**—Some people think Christians should never be angry. What things should upset Christians? What are some responses that might be appropriate when you see sinful activities?
- ▶ **Something to Do**—Try stacking twelve plastic cups as quickly as you can. It's more challenging than you might think. On five of the cups, write the letters J-E-S-U-S. As you practice stacking the cups and taking them down, think of what Jesus said. Even though His body, the temple, would be destroyed (taken down), it would be raised (built up) again in three days.
- ▶ **Before Bed**—Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. Paul says we are God's temple. What do we need to ask Jesus to throw out of our lives to clean up His house? What are some ways we can honor God and take good care of our bodies?

