

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Why did Christ go to Jerusalem? _____
2. What did he find in the temple? _____
3. What did he do to the animals? _____
4. What did he do to the money? _____
5. He told the merchants in the temple: _____

6. The rulers of the temple asked him what right he had to do this. What did they want him to do to prove his right? _____
7. Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in _____."
8. Which temple did the Jews think he was talking about? _____
9. What was Jesus really talking about? _____
10. Did Christ have the right to run people out of the temple? _____ Why? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—John 2:16, "How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

Older ones—John 2:19-21

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Two questions this time. Answer both briefly but thoroughly on the back of this sheet. 1) Why were the money changers and animals in the temple? 2) When are the words of Christ about the temple heard again in his ministry and what do they mean?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

This story contains an excellent example of varied teaching levels within a single story. For the very small child, the main interest always centers on the animals, the money, and the physical actions of Jesus. For the story to be interesting to them, these items must be fully described. The older our children are, however, the more they can grasp the meanings of the event. An 8-to-10-year-old can see the basic clash between Christ and the wicked Jewish leaders. But a teenager can comprehend the larger truths in the prophetic passages—both those of the Old Testament and the one spoken by our Lord.

In every story or lesson, these "levels" of teaching exist. Our efforts to teach our children will be successful only when we recognize their levels and meet them there with the truth. Trying to teach on a level either too high or too low is a sure way to frustrate our kids and to fail in our task as teachers.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Gen 28:16-17; Ps 11:4; 23:6; 26:8; 27:4; 84:4; 122:1; Hag 2:7; Isa 37:1; 56:7; Acts 17:24; Lev 19:30; Ecc 5:1; 1 Chron 29:3; Mic 4:2.