

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Who were the people at the Feast looking for? _____
2. Some said, "He is a _____ man." Others said, "No, he _____ the people."
3. What did Jesus do about halfway through the Feast? _____
4. According to Jesus, where did he learn to preach so well? (7:16) _____
5. Some of the people said, "Isn't this the man _____?" (25)
6. Jesus told them he came from _____
7. Verse 30 says, "After this they tried to _____ him."
8. When the Pharisees and chief priests sent the temple guards to arrest Jesus, did they bring him back? _____
9. What reason did they give for coming back without him? (7:46) _____
10. Why do you think the people wanted to kill Jesus? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Learn the names of the last 13 New Testament books. Very small children may need another week or two on this project. Set the pace for your own children.

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

In 7:6, 8, and 30, you will hear Jesus saying, "The right time for me has not yet come." Can you find other places in John's Gospel where this same idea is expressed? List those verses and tell what you think the statement means.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

The biblical record of this story is longer and more involved than most. Woven into Jesus' running verbal battle with the wicked temple rulers is a story charged with suspense, danger, and courage. Reading the story several times, possibly in different Bible versions, may help us to get the movement of the story firmly in mind before we try to tell it. Everything that happens here must be understood against the backdrop of the danger Jesus faces and his open daring despite his knowledge that the rulers were looking for his head.

We do our most beneficial teaching when we can get our kids to participate in our studies at home. Not only should they answer simple questions, but we should encourage them to think originally about the ideas in the stories. Take, for example, the question: Why would any person hate Jesus and want to kill him? We may be surprised to see how much thought this question will stir up in our young ones. Our job is to stimulate their thought, not to stifle it. No doubt, they will ask us more questions, and they will undoubtedly get all mixed up some times. But in the process Christ will become more real to them.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Jn 7:7; 15:18, 23-25; 1 Cor 16:22; Heb 6:6; Jn 3:14-15.