

## Monday: Jesus in the Temple



Introductory Question: **Tell us about something you saw that was out of place or didn't belong.**



*In our story yesterday, we read that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds shouted "Hosanna," spreading palm branches and their cloaks on the road. Today, we will continue the story in Matthew 21:12-17. The first place Jesus went after entering Jerusalem was the temple, which is a place where the Jews worshipped God. He saw some things going on there that didn't belong – like (incorporate your family's or group's answers to the Introductory Question – for example) when Jacob saw his toys on the floor and when Maggie found a snake in her house. In the temple, Jesus saw money changers and people buying and selling doves and other animals.*

Continue to tell the story from **Matthew 21:12-17**, including main points such as:

- Jesus drove out all who were buying and selling things in the temple. "'It is written,' he said to them, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers'" (Matt. 21:13). Jesus was quoting from **Isaiah 56:7**, which says, "...my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations," and **Jeremiah 7:11**, which says, "Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord."
- After Jesus drove out the moneychangers, the lame and blind came to Jesus at the temple, and He healed them.
- Children saw the wonderful things Jesus did and praised Him, saying "Hosanna (save us!) to the Son of David!" but the chief priests and the teachers of the law (the religious leaders) were indignant. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked Him. "Yes," He said. "Haven't you read, 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?'" Jesus quoted **Psalms 8:2**, which says, "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."



Invite your family to spend a few minutes in Listening Prayer and Journaling: *As we've listened to these words from the Bible, God has been speaking to us through them. What is God telling you about: Himself, yourself, others, and what to do? You can talk to God about anything.*



When everyone begins to finish Journaling, give each person an opportunity to share what God has been speaking to them. After each person shares, pray for them.

**KEY VERSE:** Isaiah 56:7

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