

Children's Worship Bulletin

Good morning, Kids' Word!

Do your grownups ask you to help around the house? I ask my kids to help with cleaning - there's 4 of us plus a hairy dog, and our house isn't very big, so we all need to pitch in to keep it from becoming messy. Usually I ask them to vacuum, clear the table after dinner and clean their rooms (which ALWAYS seem to be a mess!!)

A couple of years ago we were selling our house, and every time someone wanted to come and look at the house, we would leap into action: dusting, vacuuming all the dog hair, tidying up books and papers, spraying nice scents in every room. It was a lot of work - it seemed like someone wanted to come almost every day! But we wanted to make sure the house was neat and clean and ready for our visitors.

In today's story, Jesus does a different kind of cleaning.

It was time for the Passover celebration. Jesus went to the temple to pray, and when he got there he couldn't believe his eyes: there were people selling cattle, sheep and doves, merchants selling goods, money changers....it looked more like a marketplace than a place to worship God!

How would you feel if someone came to your house and messed it all up? How do you think Jesus felt to see God's temple like that?

You got it - Jesus became angry: "How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" He flipped over the money changers' tables and forced all the animals, sellers and money changers out of the temple. It was like he was cleaning up the temple - God's house - and getting rid of the things that didn't belong there.

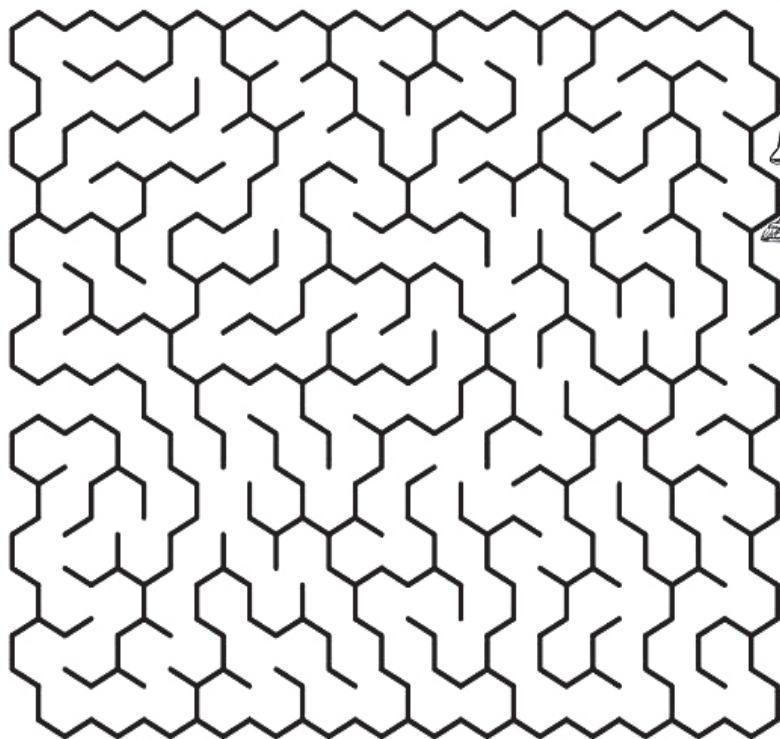
This story is a good reminder that we need to do some cleaning, too, as we prepare for Easter. The bible tells us that we are each God's temple and His spirit lives within us. So during Lent, it's a good time for us to 'clean' our hearts and minds, getting rid of the things that don't belong there so we can make space and be ready for Jesus.

Have a great week! - Kristin and the Kids' Word Team

Help Jesus cleanse the temple



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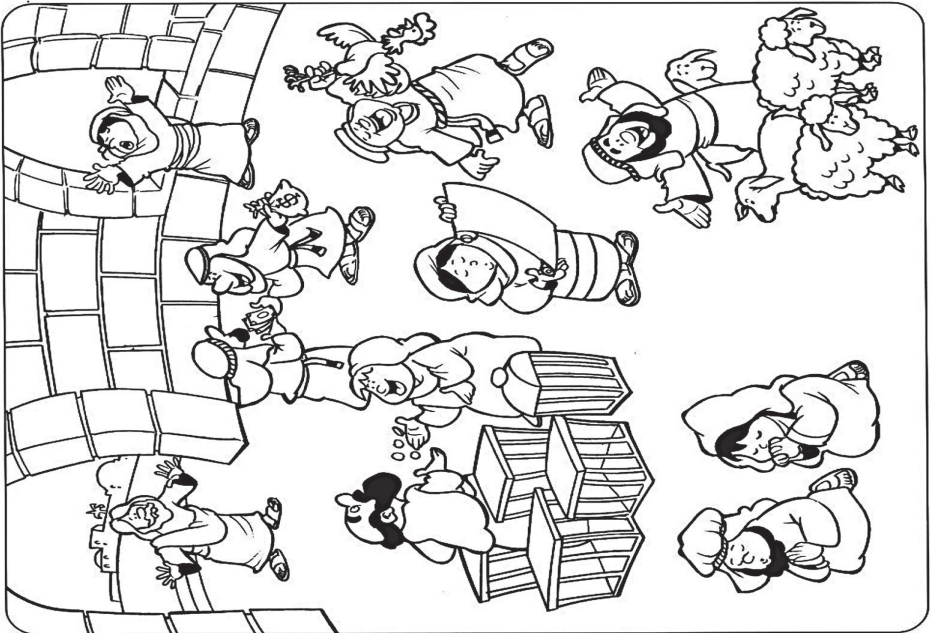
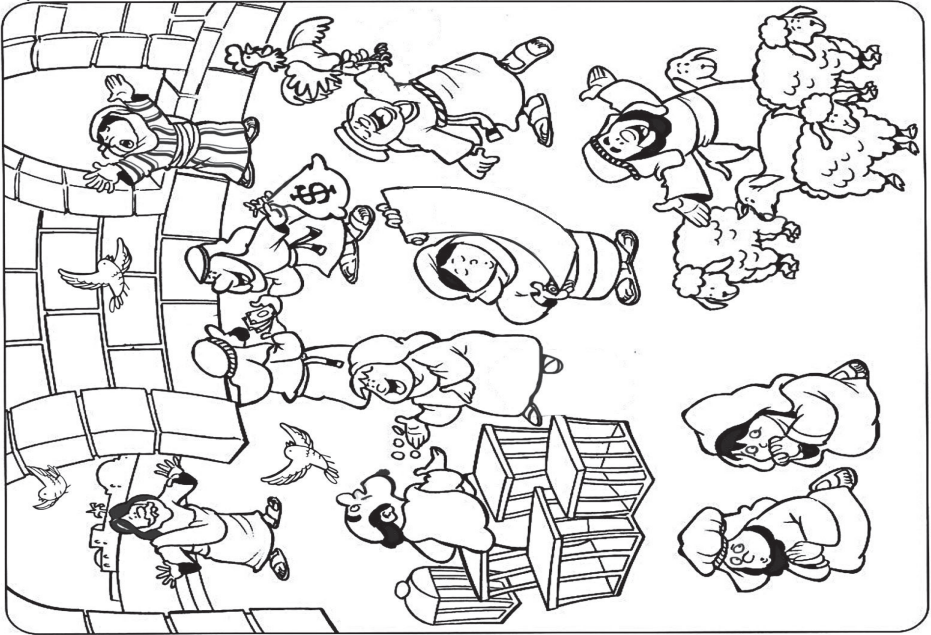


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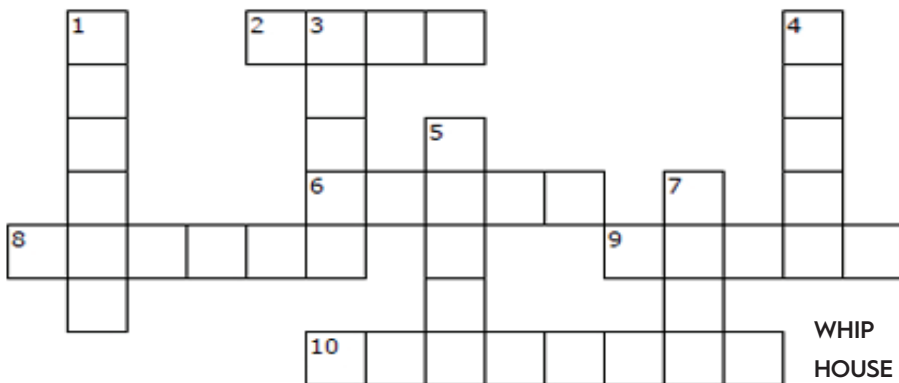
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- TEMPLE
- TIME
- SELLING
- COURTS
- MARKET
- HOUSE
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- TABLES
- WHIP
- JERUSALEM
- CHANGERS
- SCATTERED
- PASSOVER
- SHEEP
- JEWISH
- SITTING
- CATTLE
- MONEY
- CORDS

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Crossword



ACROSS

2. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
6. An animal raised for its wool
8. A building dedicated to the worship of God
9. Coins or bills used to pay for things
10. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt

DOWN

1. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
3. A building where a family lives
4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and 4 legs
5. The Son of God
7. A small, wild pigeon

- WHIP
- HOUSE
- MARKET
- TABLE
- PASSOVER
- MONEY
- SHEEP
- JESUS
- TEMPLE
- DOVE