



IDC KIDS

May 10, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

JESUS AT PASSOVER

JOHN 2

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus cleansed the temple. He also came to cleanse people from sin by dying on the cross and rising again on the third day. When people trust in Jesus, God cleanses them of their sins, and they will worship Him forever

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

1 John 3:5

STORY POINT:

Jesus cleaned out the temple.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY

This is money that people use in another country. Did you know that every country has its own money that they use to buy and sell things? If I took our local money to a different country, I would have to trade it in for foreign currency to buy anything there. In today's story, people were set up in God's temple to change money from one type of money to another. When Jesus saw this, He was upset. Let's find out more.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

TURN TO John 2

STORY SCRIPT

*It was almost time for the Jewish people to celebrate Passover, **so Jesus and His followers went to Jerusalem. When they went to the temple, Jesus found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves.** He also found people sitting at tables to exchange money.*

This made Jesus sad and angry.** The people were buying and selling things right outside the temple. **The temple was a place to pray and worship God. But the people were treating it like a store!

Jesus was angry. He wanted to show people that God did not like what they were doing. Jesus made a whip out of cords and made the people leave with their sheep and oxen. He dumped out the money changers' coins and turned over their tables.

Jesus told the people who were selling doves, "Get these things out of here!"

The Jewish people asked Him, "What right do you have to do this?"

Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will build it again in three days.

The Jews said, "It took 46 years to build this temple. You will raise it in three days?" But Jesus wasn't talking about the temple building. He was talking about His body.

Story Telling Tips

- **Add drama:** As you read the part where Jesus flips the tables and sends the animals away, have the kids act out a specific motion (like "shooing" sheep or "scooting" away). Suddenly call out "FREEZE!" * Ask them: "How do you think the sellers' faces looked when Jesus did that?" * Have them show you their "surprised" or "scared" faces before continuing. It helps them feel the weight of Jesus' authority.
- **Have them help:** Ask the kids to get involved by shouting Christ every time you say Jesus.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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READ 1 John 3:5

SING Take Away Sins our [memory verse song](#). Scan the qr code to find it.





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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
- What were some things in the Bible story that made Jesus happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
- What did Jesus do when he saw the people selling animals and changing money? *(He became angry and turned over the tables. He told them to leave the temple.)*
- Why was Jesus angry at the people in the temple? *(The people were not honoring God's temple.)*
- How can we honor God at church? *(Possible answers include singing worship songs, praying, and listening to God's Word being taught.)*
- Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.**

SAY	<i>When Jesus saw the merchants and money changers in the temple, He became angry. Jesus cleaned out the temple. He did not want them to treat God's temple like a store. Jesus came to honor God by dying on the cross for sin and rising again.</i>
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	<i>Some people who saw Jesus get angry may have thought He was sinning. But did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned. Jesus' anger was a righteous anger. God wants us to be angry at things that He is angry about. We should be angry at sin in our world and in our own hearts, turn away from it, and trust in Jesus.</i>
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **1 John 3:5**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

SAY	<i>Jesus took the money changers and merchants out of the temple. He also came to take sin out of our hearts. If we trust that Jesus died for us and rose again, we will be saved from our sin.</i>
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **Take Away Sins**



6. PRAY

SAY	<i>Jesus, You always do what is right. You were right to send the merchants and money changers out of the temple. And You were right to die and rise again for our sin. Lead each child to one day trust in You for forgiveness of their sin. Amen.</i>
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT ANIMAL

Ask all of the kids to move and sound like one of the animals mentioned in the story—oxen and sheep. Tell the kids that as they are moving around, you will tap one of them on the shoulder. That child should choose another animal to move or sound like, such as a dog, a cat, or a rooster. Invite kids to stop and point at the child acting differently once they find him. Continue to play, tapping a different child on the shoulder each round.

SAY	<i>It sounded like a zoo in here! It must have been loud inside the temple as well, with all those animals being sold. God's temple was supposed to be for worship only, not for buying and selling things. Jesus cleaned out the temple so the people could worship God. Jesus died and rose again so our hearts could be clean of sin and so we could worship God.</i>
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2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

Take Away Sins (1 John 3:5)

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