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Jesus Cleans the  
Temple

Find the story in your bible -  
John 2:13-22



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## Cleansing The Temple

How do you know it's time to clean your bedroom? Here are some signs that will let you know.

It's time to clean your bedroom when your mother can't find you when she comes to wake you up in the morning for school.

It's time to clean your bedroom when your friends can use their fingers to write "wash me" in the dirt on your bedroom window.

It's time to clean your bedroom when there are more dirty clothes on your bedroom floor than there are clean clothes hanging in your wardrobe.

I think you get the idea! Today you will hear about a time Jesus did some house cleaning. It was time for the annual Passover celebration, so Jesus travelled to Jerusalem. When He went to the temple, He couldn't believe what He saw. People were selling cattle, sheep, and doves to be used as sacrifices in the temple. Some men were even charging people to change their money so they could pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a flea market than a place to worship God.

Jesus was so angry that He made a whip from rope, and drove the cattle, sheep, and those who were selling them out of the temple. He also turned over the money changers' tables. To the ones who were selling the doves, He said, "Get out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" Jesus did some serious house cleaning that day!

As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we can also be reminded that there is some other cleaning that needs to be done. The Bible tells us that we are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in us (1 Corinthians 3:16). This season of Lent is a good time for us to think about how our hearts might need cleansing.

**God, help us to remember that we are Your temple and that Your Spirit lives in us. Help us to keep our lives clean and useful for service to You. In Jesus' name, amen.**

