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*Lesson 16:*

*Jesus and the Temple*

## Today's Story:

Today, our Bible story takes us to the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was the most important place for the Israelites to worship God. It was supposed to be a holy place where animal blood sacrifices were offered for the forgiveness of sins. It was a place of worship and prayer. At the Temple there was a special place for Gentiles to come and worship God too. Gentiles are people who are not Israelites; they are people from other nations. It had always been God's plan that the Israelites would bless the people from other nations by telling them about the one true God and his love for everyone. But the Israelites had forgotten God's plan and purpose for them.

One day Jesus visited the Temple and saw that the Temple courtyard was filled with shopping stalls and animals and greedy money changers who were cheating the people of their money! There were many Gentiles and Jewish people there who wanted to pray and offer a sacrifice to God, but God's house had become a marketplace instead of a house of prayer. Jesus tipped over the tables of the money changers and drove out the animals to make room for the true worshippers of God. After he had done this, the lame and blind people who were there came to Jesus to be healed. Even the children in the crowd came to Jesus and sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" But the Jewish leaders and the sellers were very angry that Jesus cleared away their greedy trade.

After Jesus cleared the Temple, he told the people that soon the Temple made of stone would not be God's place to live anymore. Instead **Jesus** would be the Temple and **his** blood would pay for the sins of all people. Jesus would have to suffer and die to do this. If we want to meet with God we must go, not to a building, but to Jesus.

### Bible Memory Verse:

*"My house will be called a house where people from all nations can pray." Isaiah 56:7b NIRV*

## My Art Response:

