God's Story Our Story™ Family Take-home Devotions

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of justice, Jesus was angry when he saw how people treated the temple, your house. Remind us that how we treat your house, your mission, and your people matters. Amen.

Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

[14] In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. [15] Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **(John 2:14-15)**

Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus was angry when he saw what was going on in the temple. Sometimes anger is the right thing.

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Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What questionable behaviors or customs does your community practice that are so embedded in your community, they have not been examined for a long time? How could you begin to effect change?

What do you think happened after Jesus' fit of anger? Did people change? Why or why not?

For the littles: Do you like to spend money or save it?

Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God shake up your status quo. Amen.

By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Clean your house. Get rid of things that are bogging you down. Lighten your load. Simplify.

Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 2:13-25, Jesus Cleanses the Temple
Monday, Psalm 127:1-2, God's Blessing in the Home
Tuesday, Psalm 127:3-5, God's Blessing in the Home
Wednesday, Psalm 128:1-2, The Happy Home of the Faithful
Thursday, Psalm 128:3-4, The Happy Home of the Faithful
Friday, Psalm 128: 5-6, The Happy Home of the Faithful
Saturday, Psalm 129:1-8, Prayer for the Downfall of Israel's Enemies

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