

LIFE OF CHRIST  
from the gospel of  
Luke

Lesson 45

Jesus at the Temple

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### Younger Verse

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### Older Verse

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### Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey and was greeted by the people there. Then He went to the Temple. This was the large area where the Jewish people worshipped God. Jesus knew that the people were doing things that God didn't like. Some people were trying to make money inside the Temple. They had cages with animals and birds to sell to those going into the Temple.

This was NOT pleasing to God! God wanted His house to be used to pray and worship Him, not to make money. It was time for Jesus to let these people know! So Jesus began to turn over the tables of the merchants. Then Jesus told them that God wanted His house to be a place of prayer, but they had turned it into a house of robbers! **Jesus sent a strong message from God: Treat God's house with respect. Make sure your heart is right with God and you are there to worship Him and connect with Him.**

Jesus went back to the Temple each day to teach the people. The religious leaders did not like that, and they tried to trick Jesus. They asked Him really hard questions to try and get Him to say something wrong. But Jesus always had the right answer! They could not find a way to trick Him.

One day, some people were talking about how beautiful the Temple was. They pointed to the pretty stones and decorations. But Jesus heard them and said, "There will be a day when not one stone will be left on another. Every stone will be thrown down."

### Lesson Goals

- Learn that Jesus taught to treat God's house with respect**
- Learn that the religious leaders tried to trick Jesus**
- Learn that Jesus taught about being ready for His return**

The people there asked Jesus when that would happen, and what sign they could look for. But Jesus told them to be careful. He said, “Many people will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the One’ and, ‘The time has come!’ But don’t follow them.”

Jesus continued to tell them about all the things that will happen before His return. He told them not to be afraid. He said, “Earth and sky will be destroyed, but the words I have spoken will never be destroyed.”

When Jesus comes back again, we will know it for sure! Jesus said He will come “in a cloud with power and glory.” And He will take those who followed Him with Him to heaven. Are you a follower of Jesus? You can be one by asking Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your life.

#### Review Questions

1. What made Jesus upset when He entered the Temple? (There were people buying and selling things.)
2. What did Jesus say to the merchants? (God’s house is for prayer, but they had made it a house of robbers.)
3. What did Jesus say to the people looking at the Temple’s beauty? (He told them someday it would not be there any more.)
4. Jesus said that the earth and sky will be destroyed, but what would never be destroyed? (His words)

#### Life Application

God’s house is *anywhere* people come together and worship God. It can be in an apartment, clubhouse, or even outside! But God knows our hearts, and He wants us to be there for the right reason—to lift Him up and connect with Him.

We need to focus on God, not on the building or place where we are. Buildings don’t last forever—but God’s Word does!

Planning for Lesson 46  
Attitude of Giving  
Luke 20:20-26; 21:1-4

## Preschool Lesson for Jesus at the Temple

After Jesus had gone into Jerusalem, He went to the Temple. This was the large area where the Jewish people worshipped God. Jesus knew that the people were doing things that God didn't like. Some people were trying to make money inside the temple. They had cages with animals and birds. (Have kids make bird sounds.) They knew that the Jewish people had to bring animals to give as a gift to God. They wanted to make it convenient for the people and sell them the animals inside God's house.

This was NOT pleasing to God! (Have everyone frown or do the thumbs down sign.) God wanted His house to be used to pray and worship Him, not to make money. It was time for Jesus to let these people know! So Jesus began to turn over the tables of the merchants. Then Jesus told them that God wanted His house to be a place of prayer, but they had turned it into a house of robbers!

**As we know, God's house is *anywhere* people come together and worship God.** It can be in an apartment, clubhouse, or even outside! But God knows our hearts, and He wants us to be there for the right reason—to lift Him up and talk to Him.

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**Hands-on Activities  
for  
Jesus at the Temple**

Make paper plate masks of oxen, sheep, doves, money changers, and Jesus. Have your students retell the story wearing their masks.

Play charades. Write the names of animals on strips of paper, fold them, and place them in a bag. One at a time, have students draw out a strip of paper. Then, give them the opportunity to act out their animal. (You might also try modifying this game by having your students make the animal sounds rather than acting out each animal.)

Ask the kids if they think of their church as a place to pray. Ask them how it can be improved. Think about ways to be a church of prayer.

Bring cotton balls and construction paper. Have kids glue the cotton balls to make clouds. Then draw Jesus in the clouds. They can draw themselves on the earth. Talk about whether they are ready for Jesus to come.

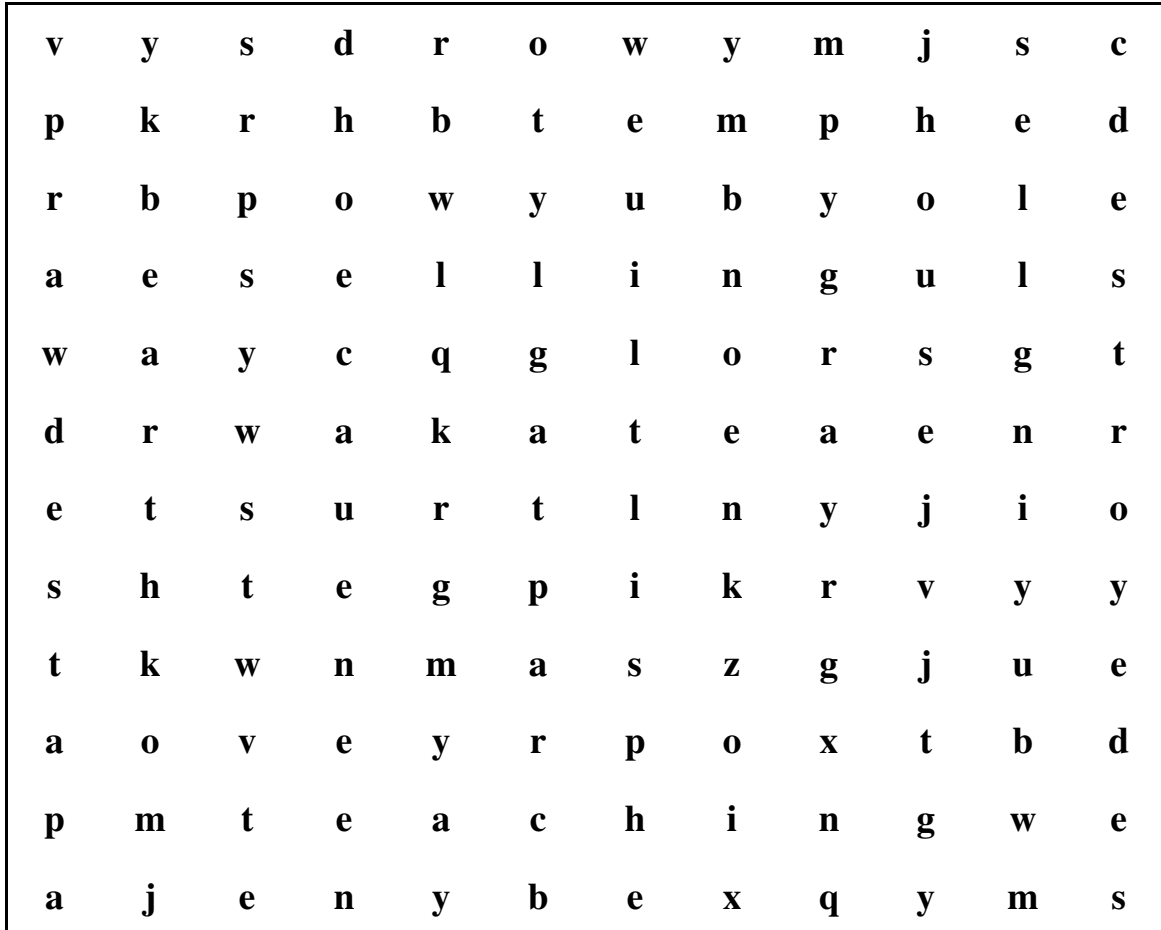
Bring binoculars. Take the kids outside to look at the sky. Pass around the binoculars. Ask the kids if they think Jesus might come back and what they would do if He did. Would He take them with Him? Why or why not? Explain that we can know we are going to Heaven if we have accepted Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

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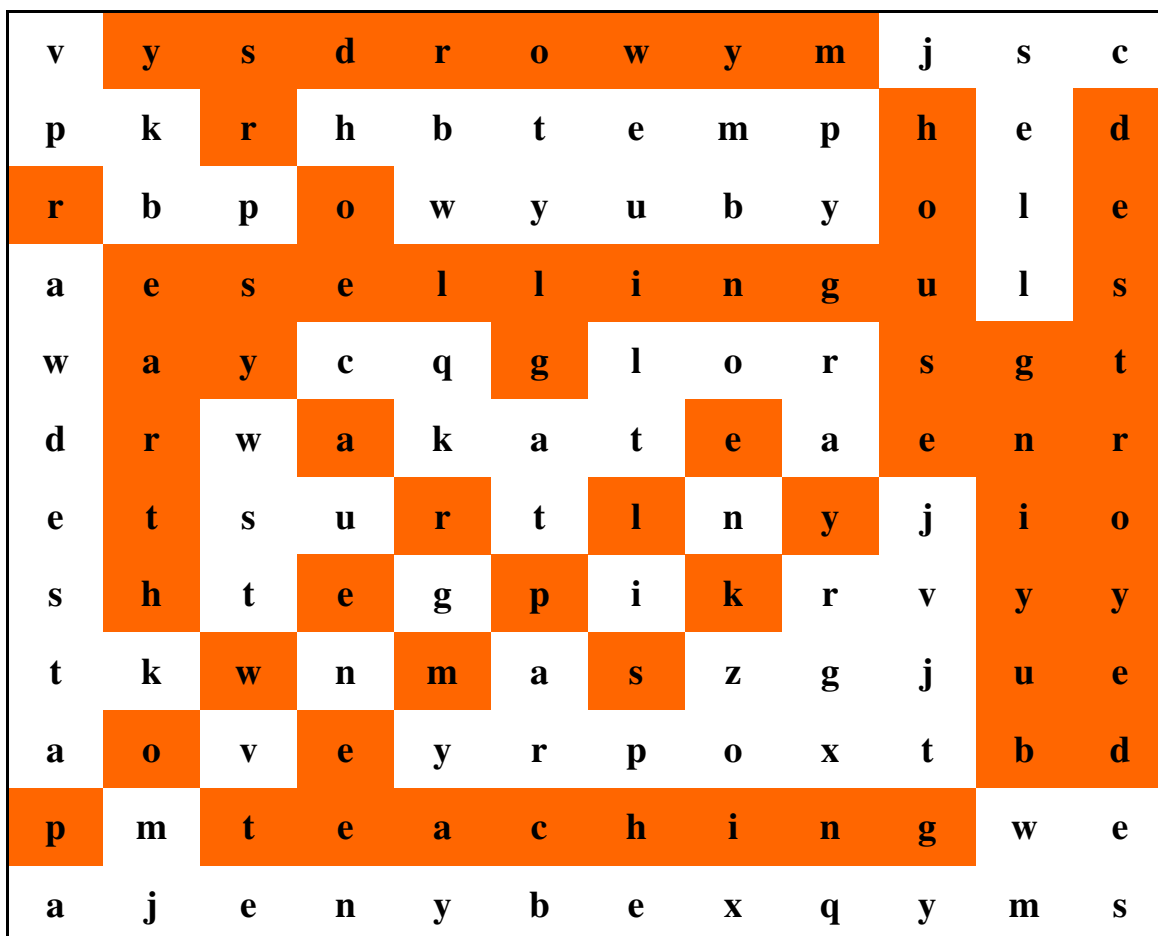
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