

## THE GOSPEL OF

**JOHN**

STUDENT LESSON

**CLEANING  
UP SHOP**

## Open it

1. Have you ever gotten angry over something that was unfair or wrong? If so, what was it?

## Daily Devotions

Day 1 — Today's Theme: Explore It

Read John 2:13–25.

2. What were some of the people selling in the temple courts?
3. How did Jesus react to the people doing this?
4. How did the people react to Jesus' reaction?
5. What did Jesus say He would do?
6. How long did it take to build the temple?
7. What did Jesus mean when He said He would raise the temple in three days?
8. Why did people start believing in Jesus after the Passover events? Did Jesus trust them?

## Day 2 — Today's Theme: Worship

The temple was important to the nation of Israel because that was the place where God was worshipped. Each year at Passover time, Jewish people would make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem to worship God. They would bring an animal to one of the priests who would sacrifice it on their behalf on the altar. Oftentimes, Jewish people didn't travel with an animal to offer up to God, but they brought money instead to buy an animal in Jerusalem that they could in turn bring to the high priest to worship God! Today, we don't have to travel to a physical temple in Jerusalem to worship God. Today, the temple is our body. In 1 Corinthians 6:19, Paul writes “. The Holy spirit dwells within our bodies and is a gift given to us from God. The Holy Spirit helps to guide us in our worship and praise of God.

Worshipping God is one of the most important things we can do in our life; after all we owe everything to Him. When we worship God we are putting our focus on Him and praising Him for all He has done for us. It is important to take time out of our day to worship God and thank Him for the amazing God He is. Romans 12:1–2 says *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”* This passage tells us that our bodies should be a living sacrifice to God and to not conform to the ways of the world around us. God wants us to worship Him all the time, not just on Sunday mornings. God rejoices in us<sup>1</sup> and loves it when we worship Him. There are multiple ways to praise God, such as singing, praying, and giving thanks to Him.

**9. What are some different ways that we can worship God? On a typical day of your life, what does it look like to worship God throughout your whole day?**

**10. Read Romans 12:1–2 again. What do these verses say is our motivation for worship?**

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<sup>1</sup> Zephaniah 3:17

## Day 3 — Today's Theme: Anger

When Jesus entered the temple, we can see that He became angry at all of the abuses of those who turned the temple into a marketplace instead of a place of worship. Merchants set up shop in the outer court of the Gentiles, and thus this would be a detraction and distraction for Gentiles in the only temple court that they were allowed to enter to worship. This caused Jesus to have a righteous anger. All of us have become angry at some point in our lives. Anger can sometimes be one of the hardest feelings to control, especially in a Godly manner. Every situation of anger comes from an unmet expectation. Depending on what the expectation is, if it is not met, anger will likely follow. A big misconception about anger is that all anger is sin. There is such a thing as righteous anger, but there is also unrighteous anger. All anger comes from unmet expectations. Unrighteous anger comes from our own selfish desires. Righteous anger reflects the heart and will of God. Jesus had a righteous anger in John 2, and having a righteous anger is something that is good if we handle it properly. There are different ways to go about handling our anger. Back when I was in high school, I would get rid of my anger through football. Football was a great way for me to handle my anger because it was done in a way that broke no rules, and I still got to tackle people pretty hard. Other ways to handle your anger is to take a break sometimes. Ephesians 4:26 says, *"In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry"* (NIV). In our anger, we are not to sin and make brash decisions, but instead we are to resolve our anger before we go to sleep. That may mean getting things right with the person you are angry with or if it's something out of your control, giving your anger up to the Lord in prayer. We must look to God and not ourselves for help with controlling our anger. <sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.<sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:21–24). In verse 23 of the above passage, Jesus did not retaliate in anger, but instead entrusted himself to God.

**11. What things make you angry?**

**12. What are some inappropriate times when you have gotten angry?**

**13. What are some ways you can appropriately deal with your anger?**

## Day 4 — Today's Theme: Trust

In John 2:24 it says that “*Jesus would not entrust himself to them [mankind], for he knew all people.*” Jesus knew the true nature of man and what is in each person. Like Jesus, we need to be careful who we trust. The fickleness of man is not something that we should put all of our trust into. Man tends to be in it for him/herself, and will lie at times to get their way. I am not saying to trust no one, but the one person that we can fully trust all of the time is Jesus! In the passage, most of the people only believed in His name because of miracles He was performing, and He knew that most of them were just interested in the entertainment of them. Oftentimes when people say that they need a miracle to happen for them to believe, they still wouldn't believe if one were to happen. Putting your trust into things other than Jesus will always end up in your trust being broken. But if you always have your faith and trust 100% in Jesus, your trust will never be broken again. We see in the previous verse, John 2:23, that the disciples remembered Jesus' words after He rose from the dead, and they trusted in the Scriptures and the words He had said.

**14. Why shouldn't we put all of our trust in man?**

**15. What happens if we put all our trust in Jesus?**

**16. When have you put all your trust in Jesus and see Him proven faithful?**