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Biblical Stories for Children

Matthew 21:12-17

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Jesus walked into the great temple in Jerusalem with his followers. The temple was God's special house—a place where people came to pray, worship, and talk to God. But when Jesus looked around, he saw something that made him very sad and upset. Instead of people praying peacefully, the temple was filled with noise and chaos! Money changers were counting coins loudly, and merchants were selling animals—doves, sheep, and cattle—making a terrible market right in God's holy house.

Jesus knew this was wrong. God's house should be a place of peace and prayer, not a noisy marketplace! He took a deep breath and did something very brave. What would you do if you saw someone treating something special the wrong way?

## Jesus Takes Action

*Why did Jesus overturn the tables?*

Jesus walked straight to the money changers' tables and turned them upside down! Coins went flying everywhere—ting, ting, ting! He knocked over the benches where people sold doves. Can you imagine the birds flying free, the coins rolling across the floor, and the merchants running around confused? Jesus said in a loud, clear voice: "My house will be called a house of prayer! But you have turned it into a place of thieves and robbers!"

Everyone stopped. The temple became quiet. People stared at Jesus with wide eyes. He wasn't angry because he was mean—he was angry because people weren't respecting God's special place. It's like if someone turned your bedroom into a playground without asking you!

## Respecting Special Places

- God's house is holy and deserves respect
- We show love for God by keeping prayer and worship important
- Sometimes doing the right thing means being brave, even when it's hard



## Healing and Praise

## *Who came to Jesus after he cleared the temple?*

After Jesus cleaned the temple, something wonderful happened! Blind people and people who couldn't walk came to him in the temple courts. Jesus healed every single one of them! Can you imagine their joy? People who couldn't see suddenly saw the world! People who couldn't walk suddenly ran and danced!

The children in the temple were so excited and happy that they shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" They praised Jesus loudly. But the chief priests and teachers of the law didn't like this at all. They were angry. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked Jesus.

Jesus smiled and answered, "Yes, I do! Haven't you read that God loves praise from children and babies?"

That evening, Jesus left the city and went to Bethany to rest. He had done something brave, helped people who were suffering, and shown everyone that God's house should always be a place of love, prayer, and healing.

### **Children's Voices Matter**

- Jesus welcomes children and listens to them
- God is pleased when we praise Him with honest, joyful hearts
- Children can teach adults about faith and celebration



### **Final Question**

**Why do you think Jesus got so upset about the marketplace in the temple?**



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