

LESSON 6—*Jesus Clears the Temple; Nicodemus*
Questions and Answers—Student Guide

Lesson goal: The goal of this lesson is to answer the questions, “Why did Jesus clear the temple, and what did Jesus teach to Nicodemus, a Pharisee?”

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Read John 2:13–3:21.

Think

Imagine that you went to church and it were more like a store or a market. Instead of being a place where the most important thing is teaching God’s Word, the church would only be concerned with its budget and finances and making money. How would you feel about that?

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin or sins does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. Jesus was angry when he cleared the temple. Isn’t it a sin to be angry?
14. In this story, Jesus has an interaction with the Pharisees. Who are the Pharisees?
15. Research the temple of Herod on the Internet. Describe some of its history and features.

Lesson wrap-up

16. Why did Jesus clear the temple, and what did Jesus teach to Nicodemus, a Pharisee?