

# The Right Place

Key Word: **Temple**

Key Verse: He told those selling the doves, "take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" *John 2:16*

Cindy walked into her Sunday school class ready to hear a story about Jesus. She and her classmates were very surprised to see their teacher sitting up front with rollers in her hair, slippers on her feet, sipping tea, and knitting a scarf.

The whole class just stared quietly for a while until Cindy said, "Mrs. Smith, are you all right?"

Mrs. Smith smiled. "I was waiting for you to ask me that," she said. "I'm ready for today's lesson." The class was looking around at each other and making funny faces because they still did not understand.

Mrs. Smith went on: "Today's lesson is about knowing the right place and right time for doing things. Everything has a time and a place. Wearing rollers and slippers to Sunday school is not what we consider proper. Drinking tea and knitting while I am teaching is not considered proper."

"One day Jesus went to the temple to pray. When he got there, many people were selling doves, or sheep, or

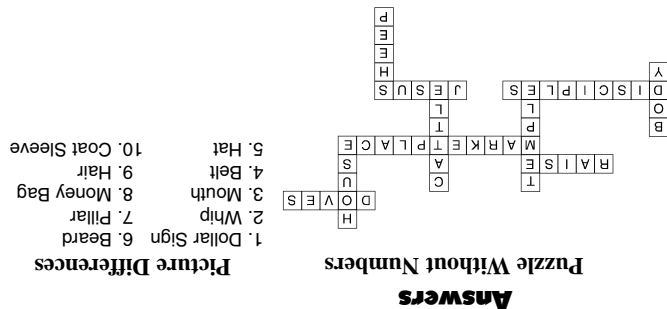
cattle. They were shouting for people to come in and look at the animals and buy them. This made Jesus angry. He knew the temple was a house of prayer. He knew it was God's house. He made the sellers leave and he was very upset.

"When you walked into class today, you were upset with me. You were all polite and sat quietly waiting, but I could see the look on your faces. Sunday school is not the place for rollers or slippers or knitting. It is for learning about Jesus. The temple was for learning about God, and Jesus had to make it right. I promise to never dress like this in Sunday school again!"

## Questions

**Why did Mrs. Smith wear slippers to Sunday school?**

**Why was Jesus angry with the people selling animals?**



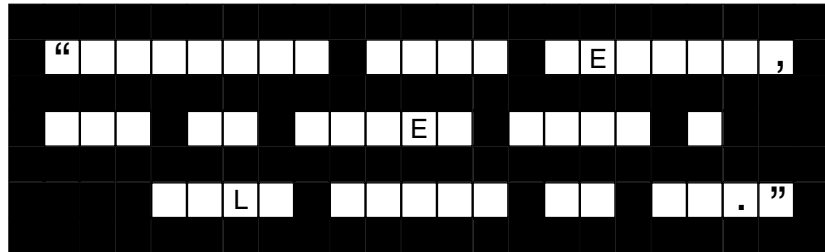
# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**John 2:13-22**



### Fallen Letter Puzzle

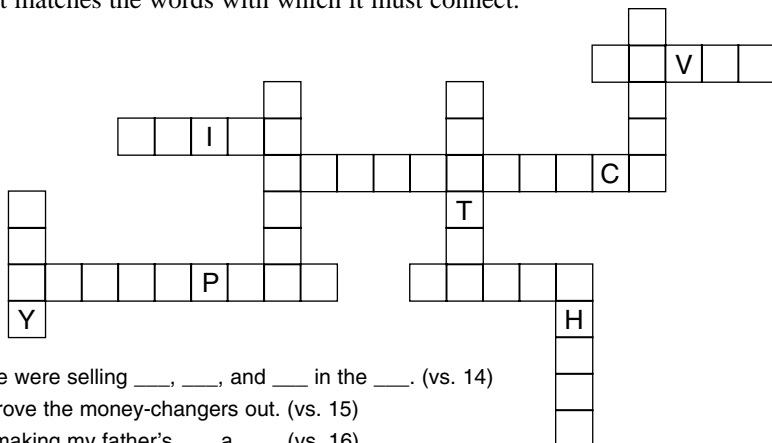
Insert the letters in each column into the boxes above them to form the words of a quotation from today's Gospel story. The letters are not necessarily in order — it's up to you to determine which letters go in which box above it. Each letter will be used once and only once. Black squares usually indicate the end of a word, but are also used as spacers. Some letters have been filled in for you.



A N D S I X O T R A E S E D I Y S U L E  
D E W I R L Y H R I I S A T M P I  
T N T H E T E P

### Puzzle Without Numbers

Here is a puzzle for you to finish. Some of the letters are already in the puzzle, but there are no numbers. Using the counted letters of each word, fit the words into the puzzle, making sure the word fits the letters already there and being sure it matches the words with which it must connect.



People were selling \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 14)

\_\_\_\_\_ drove the money-changers out. (vs. 15)

Stop making my father's \_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 16)

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will \_\_\_\_ it up." (vs. 19)

Jesus was speaking of his \_\_\_\_ not the temple. (vs. 21)

After Jesus raised up, the \_\_\_\_ believed the scripture. (vs. 22)

### Picture Differences

In the Gospel story pictures below there are 10 differences. Circle each one as you find it.

