

## LESSON 2 SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:** We should honor God every day!

**OBJECTIVE:** Little ones will learn that we should honor God because He is holy.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Mark 11:12-19, Jesus Clears the Temple

**MEMORY VERSE:** “But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

**SUMMARY:** When Jesus entered the temple courts, he saw that the people were dishonoring God's holy place. In his passion for God, Jesus overturned the tables and drove the merchants out.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God (Dear God),  
Thank you (Thank you),  
For Your Holiness (For Your Holiness)!  
Amen (Amen)

## SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 AND 2 YEAR OLDS:

**PLAY TIME:** Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

**BIBLE TIME:** Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

**LESSON:** A temple is like our church. (Spread both arms out and turn in a circle.) Jesus went to the temple (walk in place) and found people doing wrong. (Gasp and place your hand over your mouth.) He made all of them leave (say go, go, go while pointing at the door). Jesus said the temple should be a house of prayer (bow your head).

**MAKE IT REAL:** After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

**SNACK TIME:** Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

**POTTY BREAK:** After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

**PLAY TIME:** Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.

## MEMORY VERSE

“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

### **LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

Say the verse together as a group a few times. Then, separate the boys and girls. Have a contest to see who can say the verse the loudest.

### **SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

Have everyone stand and move around to “loosen up” a minute. Jump up and down and say “But here is how” (stop and point to the sky and say) “God has shown” (cross both arms on your chest and say) “his love for us.” Bow your head and say “While we were still sinners,” (get on your knees and say) “Christ died for us.”

## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

**TITLE:** CLEANING FUN

**ITEMS NEEDED:** None

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:** Two boys, brothers

**CHARACTERS:** Brady and Ben

Both boys walk in together.

BEN: I've never seen Pastor Blake so upset!

BRADY: I've never seen anyone paint graffiti on a church before!

BEN: I wonder who did it!

BRADY: I don't know, but I hope they find out.

BEN: Why? So we can teach them a lesson?

BRADY: It's not our place to teach them a lesson. I just don't want them to do it anywhere else.

BEN: I think teaching them a lesson sounds more fun!

BRADY: Why would anyone want to paint a church?

BEN: I'd be afraid God would strike me down with lightning or something!

BRADY: God wouldn't do that!

BEN: I bet if He did, there wouldn't be as much crime in the world.

BRADY: You're probably right. But God loves everyone, even the people who do wrong.

BEN: Why?

BRADY: Because He's God. And we've all done wrong at some point in our life. Do you want to get struck by lightning?

BEN: I didn't think of it that way.

## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

BRADY: I think we should go help Pastor Blake clean the paint off the church.

BEN: Really? Can't we just do something else?

BRADY: Like what?

BEN: Anything but cleaning paint off the church.

BRADY: Come on! We can make it fun!

BEN: What is fun about work?

BRADY: (Takes hat off of Ben and runs off saying....) Something like this!

BEN: Hey! Give that back! (He runs after him.)

## CRAFT

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Paper, crayons or markers

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** None

**DIRECTIONS:** Have the kids draw a picture of Jesus and their church.

## HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

Washcloths or rags

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** None

**DIRECTIONS:** Give each child a washcloth. Explain that the church is God's house, and we can honor it by cleaning. Let them wipe down different areas.

## SNACK

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Heart shaped cookies

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Post a sign outside the preschool area that says:  
“Today’s snack is cookies. Please let your child’s teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack.”

**CONNECTION:** We show that we love God when we honor His house.

## MAIN LESSON

**BOTTOM LINE:** We should honor God everyday!

**OBJECTIVE:** Little ones will learn that we should honor God because He is holy.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Mark 11:12-19, Jesus Clears the Temple

**WORSHIP TIME:** Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

### LESSON:

Today's lesson comes from the New Testament (hold up a Bible). The Bible is God's Word so we know everything in it is true.

Jesus and His disciples were traveling to Jerusalem. Jesus was hungry so He stopped at a fig tree to get a fig to eat. The fig tree didn't have any fruit, so Jesus said that no one would ever eat from the tree again.

When they reached Jerusalem, they went to the temple. The temple was a holy place of honor. It was God's house and considered sacred. However, when they arrived, Jesus found people buying and selling inside the temple. This was very disrespectful to God. Jesus ran the people out of the temple and turned over their tables with money and items on them.

Jesus reminded them that it was written that the temple was to be a House of Prayer. He said those who were buying and selling had made the temple a den of robbers. When the religious leaders heard this, they planned to kill Jesus. They were afraid of Jesus because the people were amazed by His teaching.

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

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Thank you (Thank you),  
For Your Holiness (For Your Holiness)!  
Amen (Amen)

## MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WIGGLE TAMER:** Lead the class in jumping jacks and stretches.

**SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

What kind of tree did Jesus look for fruit?

What was going on at the temple when Jesus arrived?

What did Jesus say would happen if people stopped praising?

**SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:**

Have the group sit in a circle and talk about ways to honor God’s house. Ask them what people do in church. For example: sing, preach, pray....

# MAKE IT STICK

COUNTDOWN TO EASTER LESSON 2

4 SIMPLE WAYS  
YOU CAN MAKE  
THIS LESSON STICK  
WITH YOUR KIDS

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



### DRIVING:

On the drive home, ask your child what they learned in class. Ask them what Jesus did when people were not honoring God's house.



### PLAYING:

Pretend like you're in church. Sing songs and read Scripture.



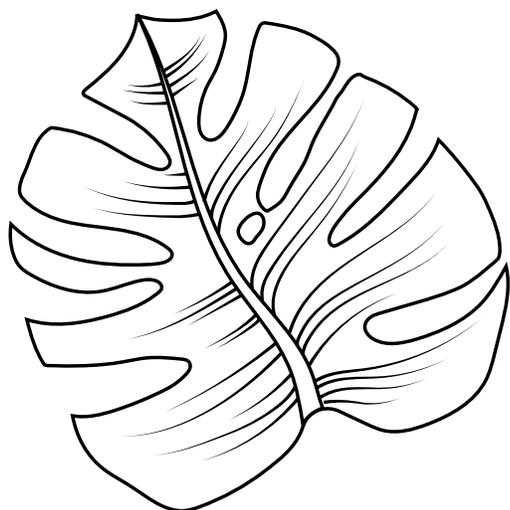
### EATING:

Talk about ways to honor God when you're outside of church.

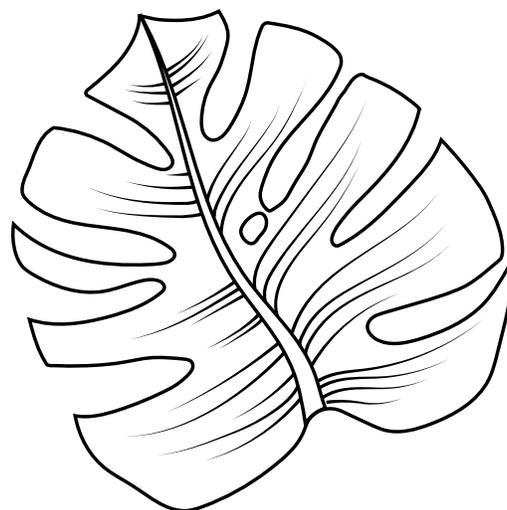


### SNUGGLING:

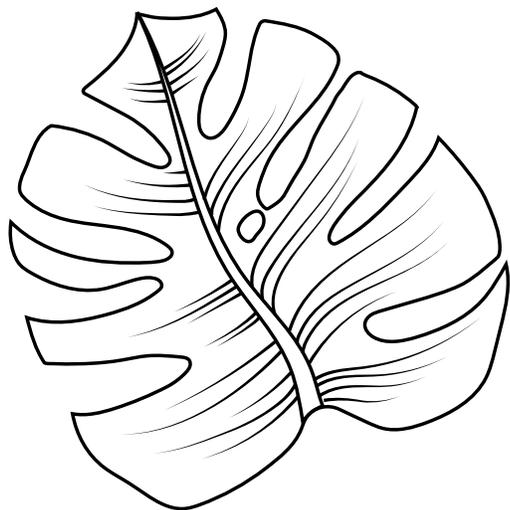
Snuggle up and say the memory verse, "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)  
Tell them Jesus loves us so much that He died for us.



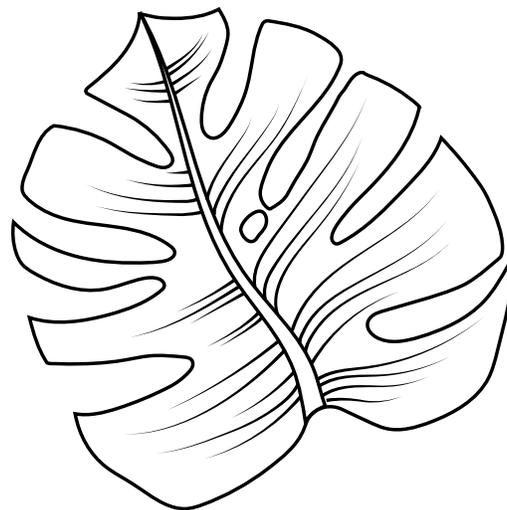
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