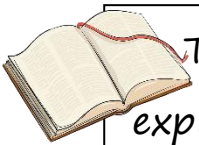


# Holy Monday

Read or watch the bible story below then chat about the story and have a go at the activity. There's also a song to sing and dance along to and a prayer to say...



Today we will be exploring together the story of the Jesus clearing the temple. You can find it in your Bible in:

[John 2 v 13:22](#)

Read the story or watch a video of it here: [Jesus clears the Temple](#)

## Discussion

Why do you think Jesus was angry with the people in the temple?

It was usual for people to bring a sacrifice when they visited the temple, just like Jesus' parents brought an offering when they presented him there as a baby. Jesus was angry because the people in the temple were charging extra high prices to the people visiting the temple. Jerusalem was under Roman Rule and so the money used by everybody was a roman coin, to enter the temple people needed to pay half a shekel, a Jewish coin. Moneylenders in the temples would exchange roman coins for shekels but would add their own charges. People were making money from those who had come to the temple to worship God.

What are some of the things that you see in the world which are wrong and which make you feel angry?

Song for today:

[Build your kingdom here](#)

## Activity

Jesus saw injustice and people behaving dishonestly and was moved to do something about it. We can seek a change where we see injustice in our own world. Why not think about an injustice you know of that makes you feel hurt or upset and write a prayer on a post it praying for the change you would like to see..

## A prayer to say together

Dear God, Thank you for the story of Jesus clearing the temple. Thank you God that you care about justice. Help us to stand up for what is right and speak out when we see things that are not fair. Show us the areas where we need to stand up for fairness and justice in our world today. Help us to make our churches places of justice and righteousness. Amen

# PUZZLE SHEET

How many half shekels can you find on the page?

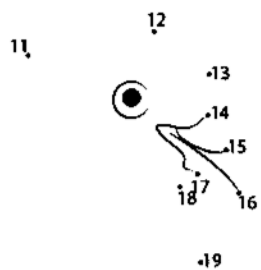


Can you find all these words from the story in the word search?

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 p h a x g o e c w g k e l i z  
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**Jesus**  
**Passover**  
**Jerusalem**  
**temple**  
**cattle**  
**dove**  
**pigeon**  
**sheep**  
**money**

Join the dots to show one of the things that was being sold in the Temple Courts.



What has each person brought as their offering?  
 Follow the lines to find out!

