

# Cleansing the Temple/ Nicodemus

Week

6

## Preparing to Teach

How can you help the children in your class understand that the church is a place of reverence? You can show them by your example. Try the following ideas.

- Talk in a quiet, reverent way.
- Keep your classroom neat and orderly. If you see trash on the floor, pick it up.
- Let a different child help you each Sunday to put things away at the end of class time.
- Have orderly, well-planned activities and games.
- Follow a schedule so that your routine is established and one activity flows into another.

### ■ Scripture to read

John 2:13–25; 3:1–21

### ■ Lesson theme

Salvation

### ■ Lesson application

Having respect for God's house is important. More importantly, though, everyone should trust Jesus as his Savior.

### ■ Class memory verse (new)

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." —John 3:3

**Note:** Be sure to read pp. 6–9 for teaching songs, memory verses, Bible lessons, and other elements of the class time.

## Preparing Lesson Materials (marked in bold)

### for Arrival

- Tear out **Activity Book p. 11**. Have it ready at each child's place.
- Have **Attendance Stickers** ready (see center insert of Activity Book).
- Have **pencils and colored pencils** in containers.

### for Songs

- If possible, practice singing with the CD.
  - Trust and Obey* p. 130, track #18
  - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* p. 112, track #15
  - Every Day with Jesus* p. 29, track #2
  - Lord Is My Shepherd* p. 93, track #10
- New •*He Made the Stars to Shine* p. 177, track #3
- Little by Little* p. 90, track #9
- Saved Every Day of the Week* p. 109, track #14

### for Bible Truth

- Have **Bible Truth questions** ready to use (from back cover).

### for Review Lesson

- Review ***Through a Roof and Beside a Pool*** from last week's Bible lesson: *(Boyhood and Early Ministry of Jesus Flash-a-Cards CB 7-1 thru 7-8)*.

### for Memory Verse

- Have **Verse Card 3** ready.

### for Bible Lesson

- Study lesson guide and practice telling with ***Flash-a-Cards*** several times: ***Cleansing the Temple/Nicodemus*** *(Boyhood and Early Ministry of Jesus)*. *(Optional: Bible Explorer Wk 6, DVD Bible lesson)*

### for Activity

- See p. 40 for answer key to **Activity Book pp. 11–12**.

### for Dismissal

- Have copies of ***Bible Explorer*** Take-Home paper, Week 6, ready to distribute to children.
- \*Visual available; see *Joyful Life* order form.



# Sunday Outline

## Arrival 10 min

Offering • Attendance • Activity Book p. 11  
Collect activity sheets before opening.

## Teaching Tips

Keep an accurate record of attendance. Encourage good attendance by sending a post card or making a phone call to those who are absent.

## Opening

### Welcome / Songs 2–3 min

“Trust and Obey” p. 130 vv. 1–2 track #18

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” p. 112 vv. 1, 3 (sing 2x) track #15

“Every Day with Jesus” p. 29 track #2

A smile is contagious! Wear yours each Sunday as you stand before your class.

### Prayer 2 min Two children \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and teacher pray.

Continue teaching children to pray who have not prayed publicly.

### Bible Truth questions 12–14 (*new*); 9–11 (*review*). 2 min

### Songs 2–3 min

“Lord Is My Shepherd” p. 93 track #10

*New* “He Made the Stars to Shine” p. 177 (sing 2x) track #3

## Lesson

For classes that divide after Opening Assembly, start here. Add prayer time and Bible Truth from above.

### Review Lesson *Through a Roof and Beside a Pool* 5–7 min

### Songs 2–3 min

“Little by Little” p. 90 vv. 1–2 track #9

“He Made the Stars to Shine” p. 177 (sing 2x) track #3

If using *Bible Explorer* DVD Bible lessons, show Part A here and Part B during second lesson time.

### Memory Verse 2 min (repeat 4 to 6x)

John 3:3 “**Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” John 3:3

Repetition is key to learning Scripture. Vary techniques you use as you go over the verses together so that the children won't be bored. Try whispering verses once, have them turn around backwards as they recite, boys and girls alternate words, etc.



### Bible Lesson *Cleansing the Temple/Nicodemus* 12–15 min

End lesson with prayer.

### Songs 2–3 min

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” p. 112 vv. 1, 3 track #15

“Saved Every Day of the Week” p. 109 track #14

### Activity Redistribute activity sheets. 8 min

Activity Book p. 12 7 min

Bible Truth Review 1 min

**Dismissal** Review the Bible verse. Remind the children that God wants each of them to trust Jesus as his Savior, and encourage them to talk to you if they would like to be saved. Distribute Take-Home paper.