





Open your Bible to John 2. Use the Bible storytelling tips found in the leader guide to help you tell the story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for younger preschoolers.

## JESUS AT PASSOVER

It was almost time for the Jewish people to celebrate Passover, so **Jesus and His followers went to Jerusalem. When they went to the temple, Jesus found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves.** He also found people sitting at tables to exchange money.

**This made Jesus sad and angry.** The people were buying and selling things right outside the temple. **The temple was a place to pray and worship God. But the people were treating it like a store!**

**Jesus was angry. He wanted to show people that God did not like what they were doing. Jesus made a whip out of cords and made the people leave with their sheep and oxen. He dumped out the money changers' coins and turned over their tables.**

Jesus told the people who were selling doves, **“Get these things out of here!”**

The Jewish people asked Him, **“What right do you have to do this?”**

Jesus answered, **“Destroy this temple, and I will build it again in three days.”**

The Jews said, **“It took 46 years to build this temple. You will raise it in three days?”**

**But Jesus wasn't talking about the temple building. He was talking about His body.**