

# Cleaning the Temple and Golden Idol

## Introduction for parents—

This lesson brings together the stories of Jesus throwing the money changers out of the temple and worshiping golden idols.

## Family discussion—

Discuss what makes your children and yourself angry? Sometimes anger is centered on ourselves and what we want. Other times we see something that we feel is wrong. Maybe an injustice is happening to someone else like someone being bullied. When we don't get what we want for ourselves we are being selfish. Many times it is centered around material things we want like money, treats, or video games. These are golden idols. When anger is about something that is not right such as someone else being mistreated or an injustice it is because we care for our neighbor. It's important to channel that anger so you do not hurt anyone or destroy anything.

## The Bible Lesson —

Read John 2:13-22 together. Then watch the Manny and Dom Episode - The Golden Idol.

Jesus did throw the money changers and merchants out of the temple because they were cheating people. The golden idol of money was becoming more important than praying and worshiping God in the temple.

Read Numbers 21:4-9 together. God's people were whining they didn't have food but they were also complaining about not liking the food they did have. Ever hear someone in your family say I'm starving but the refrigerator and pantry are full? Sometimes we don't appreciate what God has given us and we want more. We need to appreciate what God has given us. God loves us anyway and forgives us because he loves us. Just like we as parents forgive our children when they do something wrong.

## The Craft —

Watch the video of Ms. Mel showing how to create a craft with the Ten Commandments. (See top ten rules on next page)

God gave us the Ten Commandments as rules to live by so we can live in harmony with others. He wants us to follow his rules so we don't hurt others or stray away from him to golden idols.

**God's top ten rules for craft —**

1. Put God First
2. Worship God Daily
3. No Bad Words
4. Work 6 Rest 1
5. Respect Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours, Don't Take It
9. Always Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of Other People's Things