



## Open Up Easter

### Day 2 – Jesus Clears the Temple



#### Start the day with praise!

A song to sing to start the day: Praise the Lord Everyday

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEB-Wg1CdmU>

#### Bible Reading

*Matthew 21:12-13 - New International Version (NIV)*

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer’, but you are making it ‘a den of robbers’.”

#### Story

Jesus went to the temple. He was very sad to see that instead of the temple being a place to worship God, people had turned into a place where they were buying and selling like a shop, and cheating people, stealing and being unkind to the poor and needy.

Jesus got these people who were doing bad things to leave. He cleaned and put things right by removing the tables and benches where people were selling things.

He reminded everyone that the temple was the place to meet with God and pray to Him.

#### Learning

We can often let other things take first place in our heart instead of Jesus having first place. We make our lives busy with so many things, and ignore God.

This Easter week, let's take time each day to stop and pray, to read the Bible each day, and to put God first.

#### Song

Today's songs are the following – you can sing along with the links.

I will pray <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ufi1SgstWA&list=PLMxQfqk4FnSy048szsz4GBi7BG4FKYk-C&index=6>

The B-I-B-L-E <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcl7KIVi8CQ>

Read the Bible Pray every day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exONlgiRqrQ>

#### Cross Craft

Make a rubbing of a coin, cut it out and place it in the Day 2 rectangle to remind you that Jesus cleared the temple. To make the rubbing, place a coin under a piece of paper, and using a pencil shade the paper over the coin, the printing of the coin should appear on your paper.

You can also write the word 'pray'.

#### More Ideas!

Prayer cube:

Make a small cube out of cardboard or stiff paper. On each face write a different topics to pray for (e.g. friends, school, saying sorry etc). Take turns to roll the dice and pray depending on what comes face up.

Here's a template: <https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/cube.html>.

Use it to pray each day with your family.

Read the bible by yourself or with your family. You can find lots of good Bible reading guides for all ages here. <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/daily-bible-reading/>

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