



Sunday, March 3, 2021
Jesus Cleanses the Temple John 2:13-22

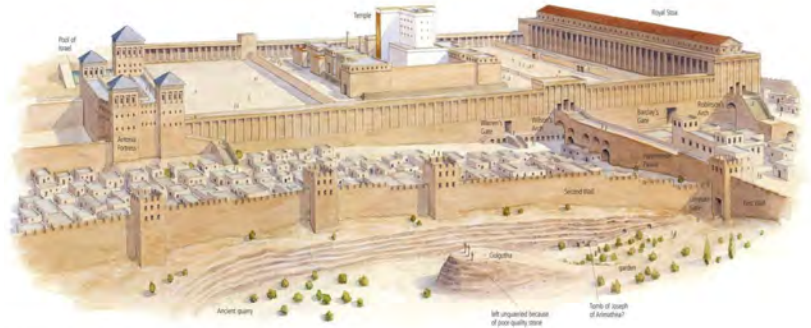


What's the Big Idea?

Jerusalem's temple will be destroyed, but God is not contained there.

The temple in Jerusalem was a very sacred and holy place of worship for the people of Jesus' time. We know now that God is with us everywhere all the time, but back in the time of Jesus, the temple is where God was thought to "live." Accessing God was thought to happen at the temple.

The temple in Jerusalem had already been destroyed and rebuilt three times when Jesus spoke of it being destroyed again, which you can imagine probably didn't sit well with the people. But Jesus wasn't referring to a building that would be destroyed. Jesus' body was the "temple" that wouldn't last forever and he reassured the people that even when his body was gone, God's love would remain forever!



Read the story!

Find this week's story on pages 408-409 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Live It Together

Grab a deck of cards and build a house of cards together. Stack carefully and when your house is big enough have a volunteer blow it over. This activity illustrates that even if our worldly structures fall, God's love always remains!



Talk About It

- 1) What do you love (or miss most) about your church building?
- 2) How does it help to know God is everywhere and always loves us?
- 3) What structures have "passed away" while God is still with us, loving us?
- 4) Get a flashlight and turn it on. Cup the light in your hands to be like God in church, like God within us. Open your hands and see that God is everywhere.

Pray: Dear God, you live within each of us, in our buildings, nature, space, throughout. Help us recognize your holy presence not only in our churches but everywhere. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Memorize It

Have a grown up help you send a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah to have a sticker added by your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! Sarah sends a prize when 10 stars reached!

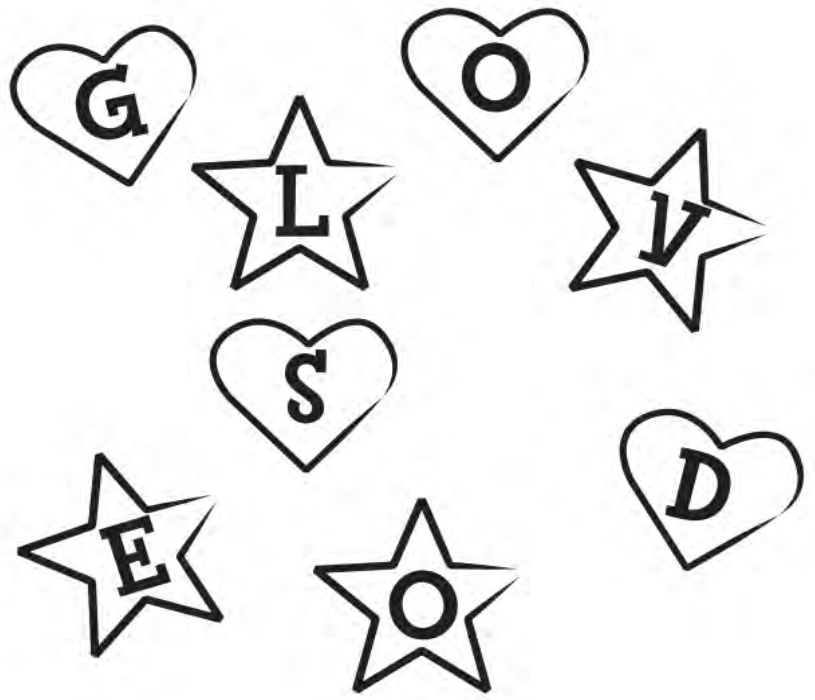
[Jesus] was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:21-22

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What's Always Around?

Buildings and things made by people won't always be around, but the Bible tells us that something else will be! The letters in hearts and the letters in stars spell out two different words. Unscramble them to figure out the one thing we know lasts forever!





Jesus said, "This temple won't last forever, but God's love will!"