



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Get Clean on the Inside

Take Home Point:

Jesus helps us get clean on the inside.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Have your child tell you about the plastic bag with a red cross inside of it. *(The plastic bag is like us, or God's temple when Jesus lives in us. The red cross is a reminder that Jesus' blood has washed away our sins and cleansed us on the inside. Now people can clearly see Jesus in our lives.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: *Option 1:* Gather the family in the kitchen, select choice pieces of garbage from the trash, and place it in a blender. Blend and offer a "garbage" shake to the onlookers. *Option 2:* Use a funnel as an object lesson. Hold the small end to your ear and ask what it would be like if we poured garbage into our brains.

Application: Use a TV Guide to discuss which shows might be similar to garbage for our minds or hearts. This would include shows that offer ungodly messages and images to anyone willing to put them in their mind or heart.

READ THE BIBLE: Read Mark 11:15-18 where Jesus throws the moneychangers out of the temple.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 51:10, "Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a faithful spirit within me."

TALK ABOUT IT: Where was Jesus when he knocked over tables and stuff people were selling? *(Mark 11:15. The temple courtyard.)* How do you think Jesus felt when he saw the temple filled with what he called "thieves and robbers?" Why do you think it was so important for Jesus to clean out the temple? *(This was in the courtyard area of the temple where the Jews could worship.)*

1 Corinthians 3:16 says, "Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" So, our bodies are temples. And inside of our temple, our soul is the place where God's spirit dwells. That means Jesus also dwells inside of us.

If Jesus walked into our minds and hearts, what would he find that needed to be cleaned up? What did Jesus do to clean out our temples? Colossians 2:13b, 14 says: "But God made you alive with Christ when he forgave all our failures . . . He took the charges away by nailing them to the cross." When Jesus died on the cross, he gave us the power to have our sins erased. Instead of sin being in our lives, Jesus said he would be in our lives. He wants to live in his temple, and we are his temples.

PRAYER POWER: Pray the words of Psalm 51:10. Thank Jesus for cleaning out our temples, or cleaning us on the inside. Ask God to let Jesus shine through our lives to others as well.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Declare a TV or movie fast. Determine together how long it will be, what the exceptions will be, and what you might do as alternative activities.

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