



DQT Devo (Tuesday/Friday)
Kidz Kamp '15
"Turning the Tables"
Mark 11:11, 15-19



Main Point to Teach: God wants to come into our lives to clean up the mess of sin in which we live in that we would fulfill His purpose for our lives.

Helping Passage: Matt. 21:12, 13; Luke 19:45, 46; John 2:13-17

Quick Start: Ask the children: What is a shoe made for? Allow 1 or 2 kids to answer. Shoes are made for your feet. You use them to protect your feet and allow you to walk or run freely. Nobody in their right mind puts their shoes on their head or on their back. Why? Allow 1 or 2 kids to answer. Because shoes were made for your feet. What is a swimming pool made for? Allow 1 or 2 kids to answer. Swimming pools are made for swimming. One can have all kinds of fun in a swimming pool. But is the swimming pool made for your dad to wash the car? Allow 1 or 2 kids to answer. No. Why not? Allow 1 or 2 kids to answer. If your dad uses it to wash the car then the pool will be dirty and you won't be able to have fun swimming anymore. You see if we begin to use things in a wrong way they can quickly lose the true purpose for which they were made. Listen to the Bible story for today and see if you can figure out what was used incorrectly.

Narrate the story in Mark 11:11, 15-19

(Just a reminder teach it at a the level of the children you are teaching)

Make sure to point out as you tell the story:

- **Lead role:** Jesus is the main character of this event. Jesus had gone in to see the temple. After He had seen it He took some action. He had seen how they had been using the temple to make money and as a short cut to carry their stuff. Jesus knew that the House of God was not to be a market and a shortcut.
- **Supporting Cast:** The money changers and merchandise sellers. These people were using the House of God as a way to make money for themselves. The merchandise sellers may have started as a helpful way to facilitate animal sacrifices to God. The money changers may have started their business to help those who only had Roman or foreign money and exchange it for Jewish money for an offering at the House of God. People may have thought that carrying the merchandise through the temple would make it easier on them and be helpful to sell. But it had all gotten out of hand. They had no respect and showed very little reverence to the House of God.
- **Climax of the Story:** After Jesus had witnessed all that was occurring He took action. He was so upset at what had been done to the House of God that He turned the tables. He stopped the selling and the money changing in the House of God. Those who were trying to take a shortcut through the temple were stopped by Jesus as well. They had lost sight of the purpose of the House of God.

- **Conclusion:** Jesus reminded them and for those who did not know He taught them what the purpose of the House of God was to be. Jesus said it was to be a house of prayer for all nations. They had lost sight that the House of God was to be an access point for all people to God. But in the mind of the merchandise sellers and money changers the House of God was a place to make money for themselves. Some of the merchandise sellers only used the House of God as a shortcut. Jesus did not allow this to continue while He was there.

Bring It Home: We may not be temple merchandise sellers or money changers. But the truth is that we are guilty of changing the purpose of what God wants to do with us. God did not send Jesus to save our lives from sin so that we continue to live in sin. But we fail to see the purpose and we continue in disobedience: lying, fighting, not listening to our parents and elders etc. We live to do what we want and for our own benefit. We live for our own dreams which many times have nothing to do with God. In doing all this we become like the temple merchandise sellers and money changers. We change the purpose of God for our lives for what we want instead. This is not the plan of God (2 Corinthians 5:15). It is time that we begin to turn some of the table in our lives over. We need to stop the disobedience we are living in. We need to stop living for our own plans and live for the plan of God in our lives. No more lying, no more fighting, no more making fun of people etc. Let's turn the tables and get rid of the sin we constantly live in.