

My house shall be called a house of prayer

Matthew 21:13
NKJV



For the Parents: Dear Parents,

In case you would like to do some study for yourselves; here is where this Bible story is found:

John 2:12-17; Matt. 21:12-16; Lev. 19:30; Eccl 5:1-2; Ps 95:1-6; Ps 104:33.

My Bible Friends Book 3

The Bible Story Vol 7 p. 134-138; Vol 9 p. 44-47

Desire of Ages p. 154-166; 589-593; Education p. 167-168

This week teach your little one the importance of being reverent in church and at family worship times. "The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of. Let there be singing in the home, of songs that are sweet and pure, and there will be fewer words of censure, and more of cheerfulness and hope and joy." Education p. 168

May God bless you as you teach your little ones about Him.

Making a Noisy Church Quiet

Sabbath

Draw a line from the children who are happy to the happy face and from the children who are not happy to the sad face. How can you tell if someone is happy?



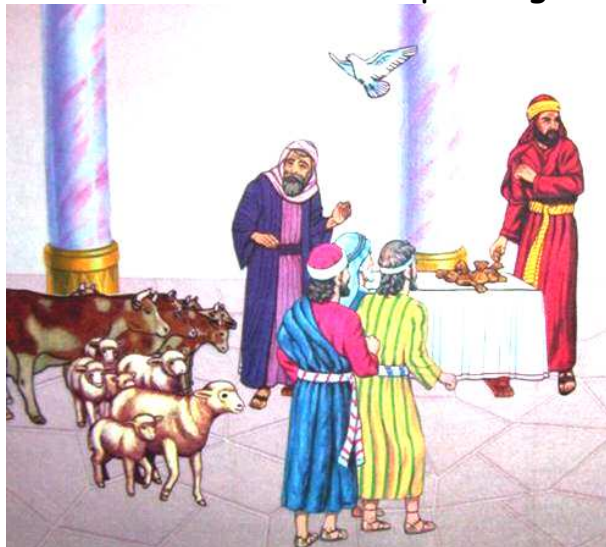
Sunday

One day when Jesus went into the temple it did not look or sound like a church should. There were cows mooing, sheep baaing and doves cooing. All of the animals were making a lot of noise!

As well as the animals making a lot of noise, people were shouting angry words at each other as they bartered and bargained to change their money into temple money, to buy a cow or sheep or dove for a sacrifice. It was very, very noisy!

Jesus was not at all pleased. His face had a very stern look on it as He said, "My house, shall be called a house of prayer! But you have made it a den of thieves!"

Jesus knew that in church we need to be quiet and listen so that we can hear God speaking to us.

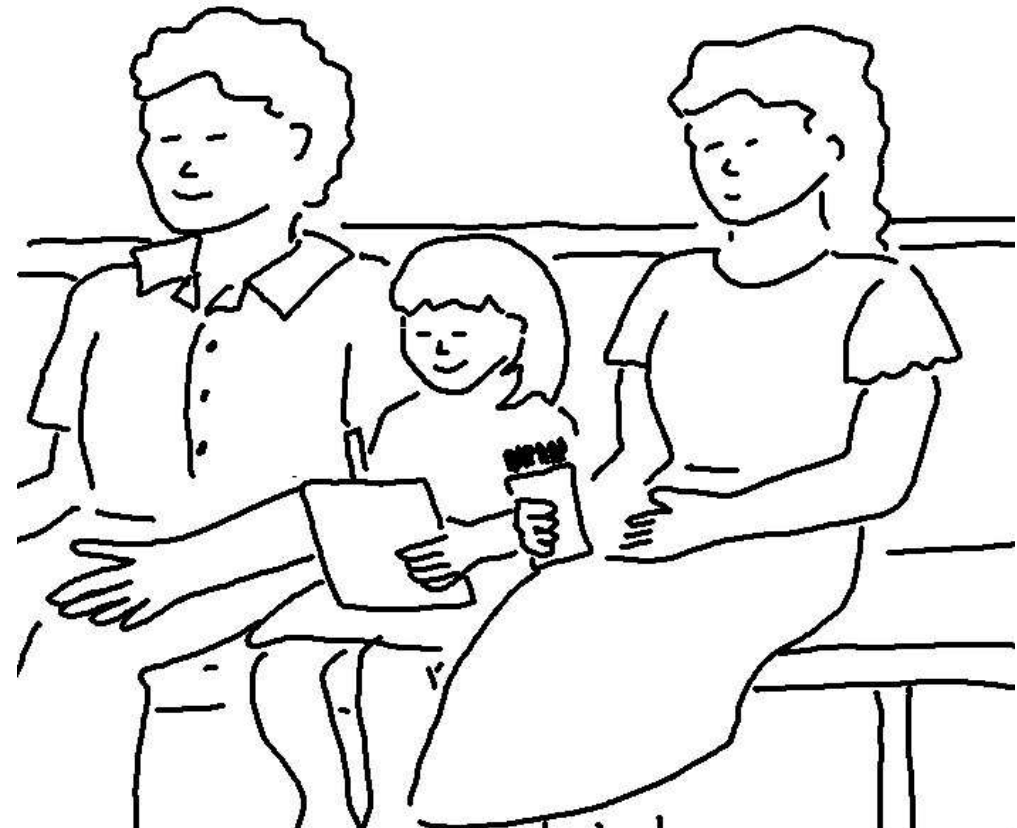


Friday

Each Sabbath when we come to church we need to remember that this is God's special house and that He wants us to be reverent.

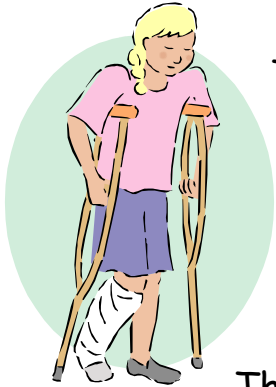
Reverent means to walk not run, to sit up nicely and to whisper and not use big voices when we are inside the church.

When we pray and sing we tell Jesus that we love Him.



Thursday

Some of the people who had been watching were sick, so after all the animals, priests and noisy people had gone, the sick people came and Jesus healed them.



The people, who couldn't walk, now jumped for joy, the people who had been deaf could now hear what was going on and those who were blind could now see.

The children were so happy that they sang songs to Jesus; some even sat on His lap and hugged Him.

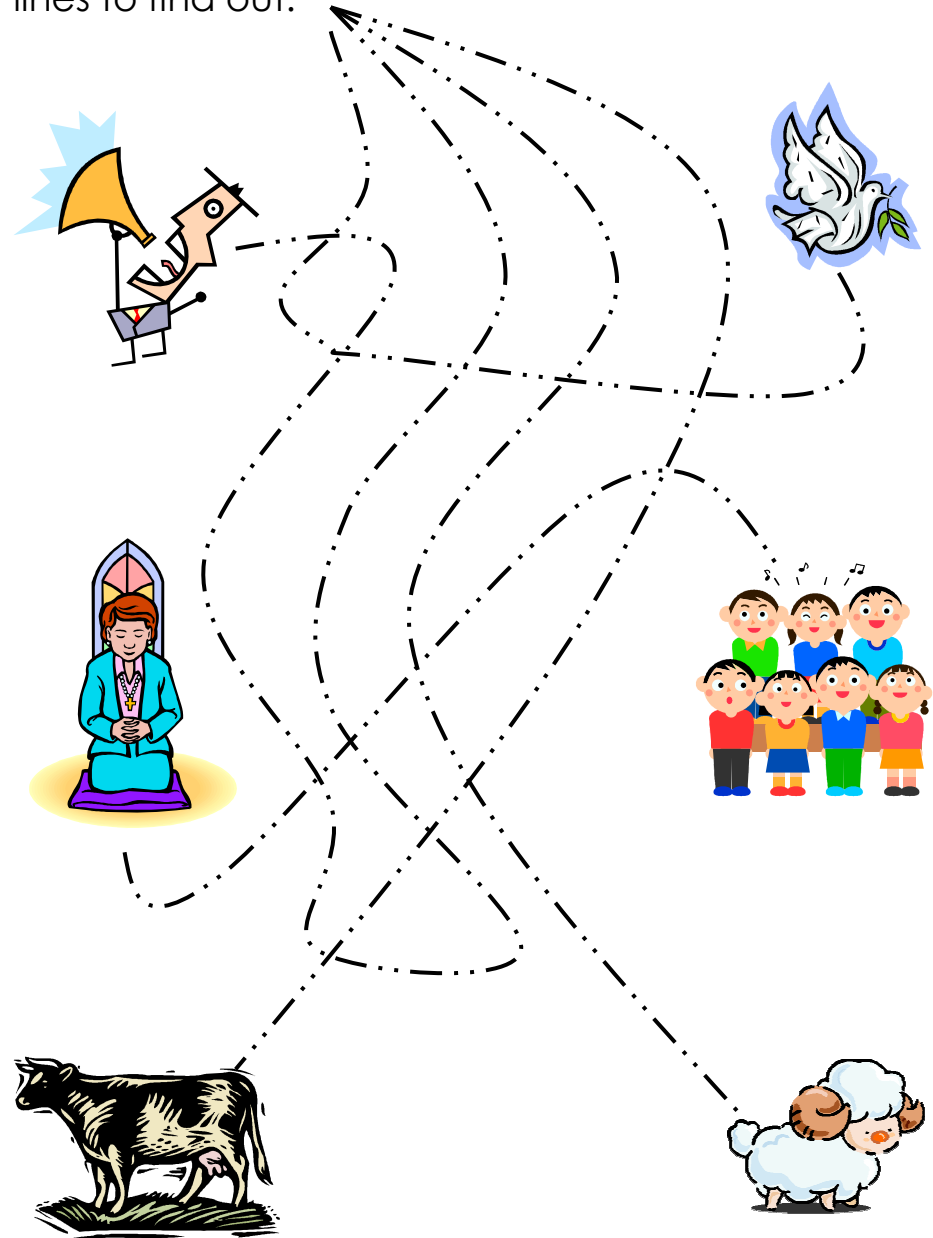


When the priests came back and heard the people and especially the children singing praises to Jesus, they became angry. They wanted Jesus to tell the children to be quiet and not sing, but Jesus said that it is good to sing and pray in church and to praise Jesus whenever we can.



Monday

What did Jesus find in the temple? Follow the lines to find out.



Tuesday

When Jesus spoke the people stopped what they were doing and started looking at Him.

His face glowed with a special light that showed that

Jesus was God. The people who had been buying and selling tried to move away from Him. Then

Jesus said, "Take these things away from here!"

The terrified Priests and traders quickly drove the animals out of the temple leaving the money scattered on the floor.



When they left there were other people still in the temple, people who had watched what had happened but wanted to be close to Jesus.

They had been reverent and quiet in the church just like we need to be reverent and quiet in church so we can hear Jesus talking to us.

Wednesday

What should you find in church?
Colour in the things that should be in a church and cross out the things that shouldn't.

