

Bible Stories for Young Children

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JESUS IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

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JOHN 2:12–25

Psalm 69:9

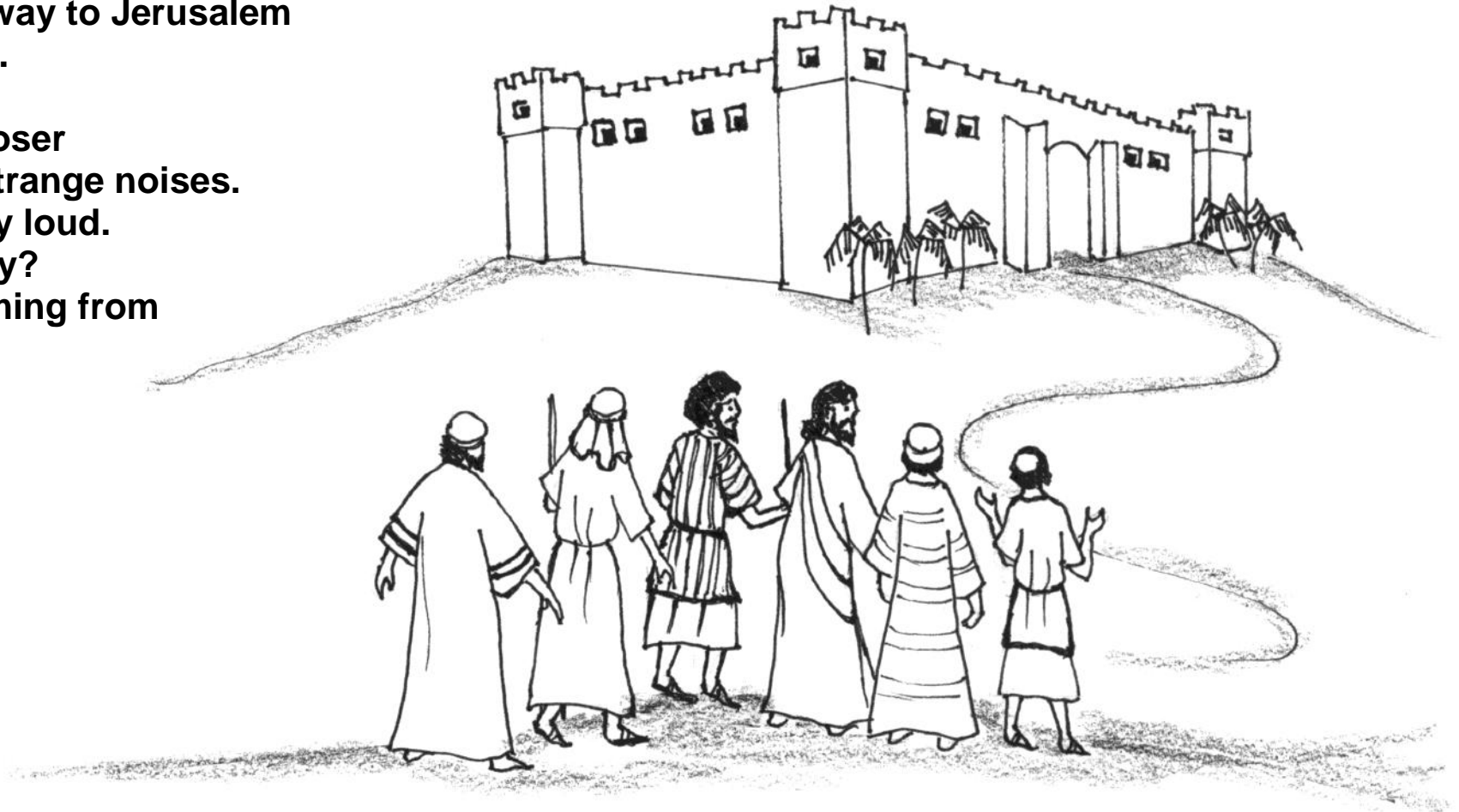
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(Jesus shows that He has come to establish the true worship)

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**The time for the Passover was near.
Jesus and His disciples
were on their way to Jerusalem
for the festival.**

**As they got closer
Jesus heard strange noises.
They were very loud.
What were they?
They were coming from
the temple!**



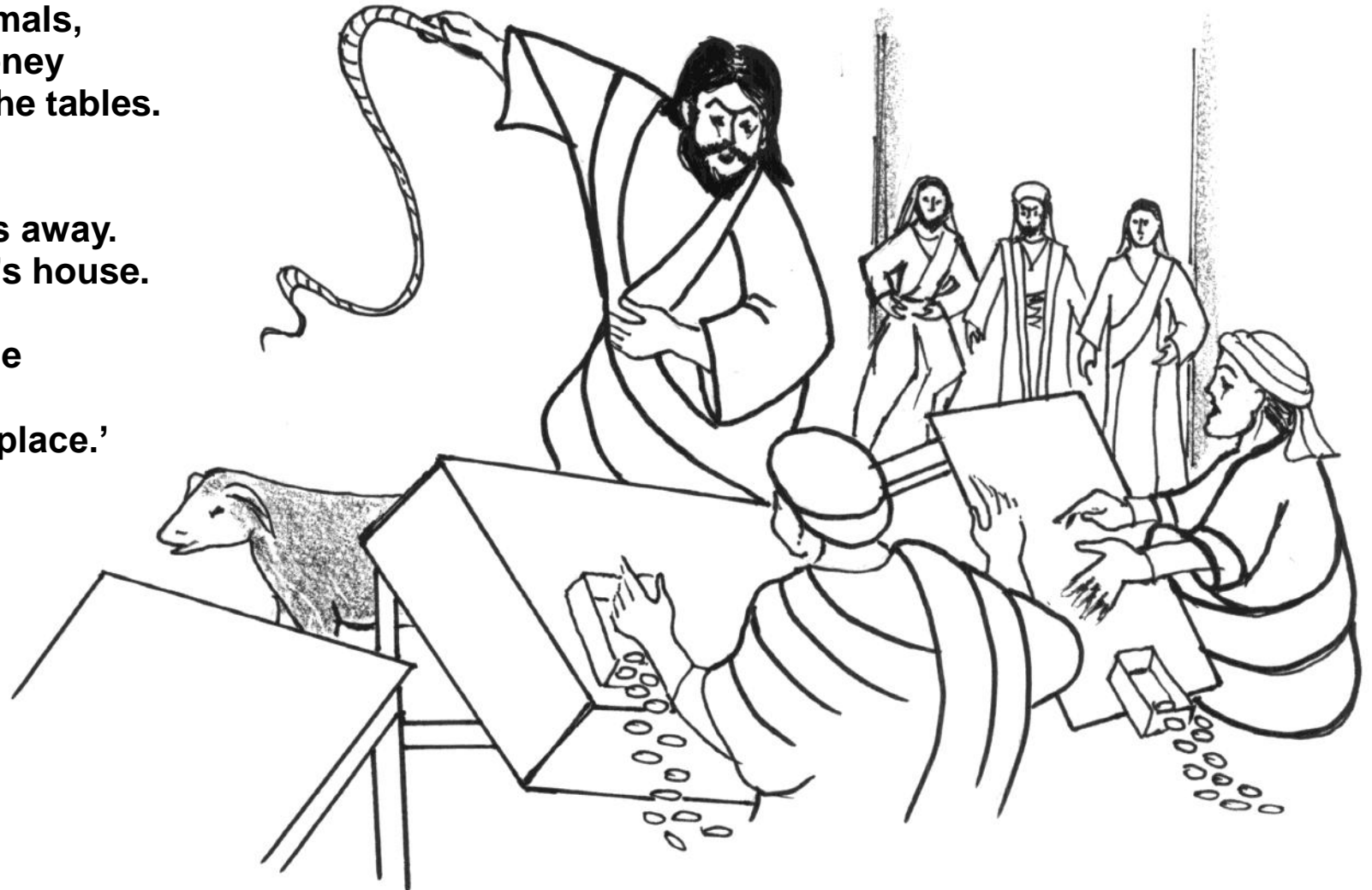
**When they got there,
They saw men selling
cattle, sheep and doves.
Others were sitting at tables
changing money.**



**Jesus was cross.
He knew that
this was not what
God's temple was for.**

**So He made a whip,
drove out the animals,
tipped out the money
and turned over the tables.**

**Jesus said,
'Take these things away.
This is My Father's house.
This is a place
for people to come
and pray to God.
It is not a market place.'**



The Jewish leaders watched Jesus and were angry.

**They said,
'Show us a sign
that You have the
right to do this.'**

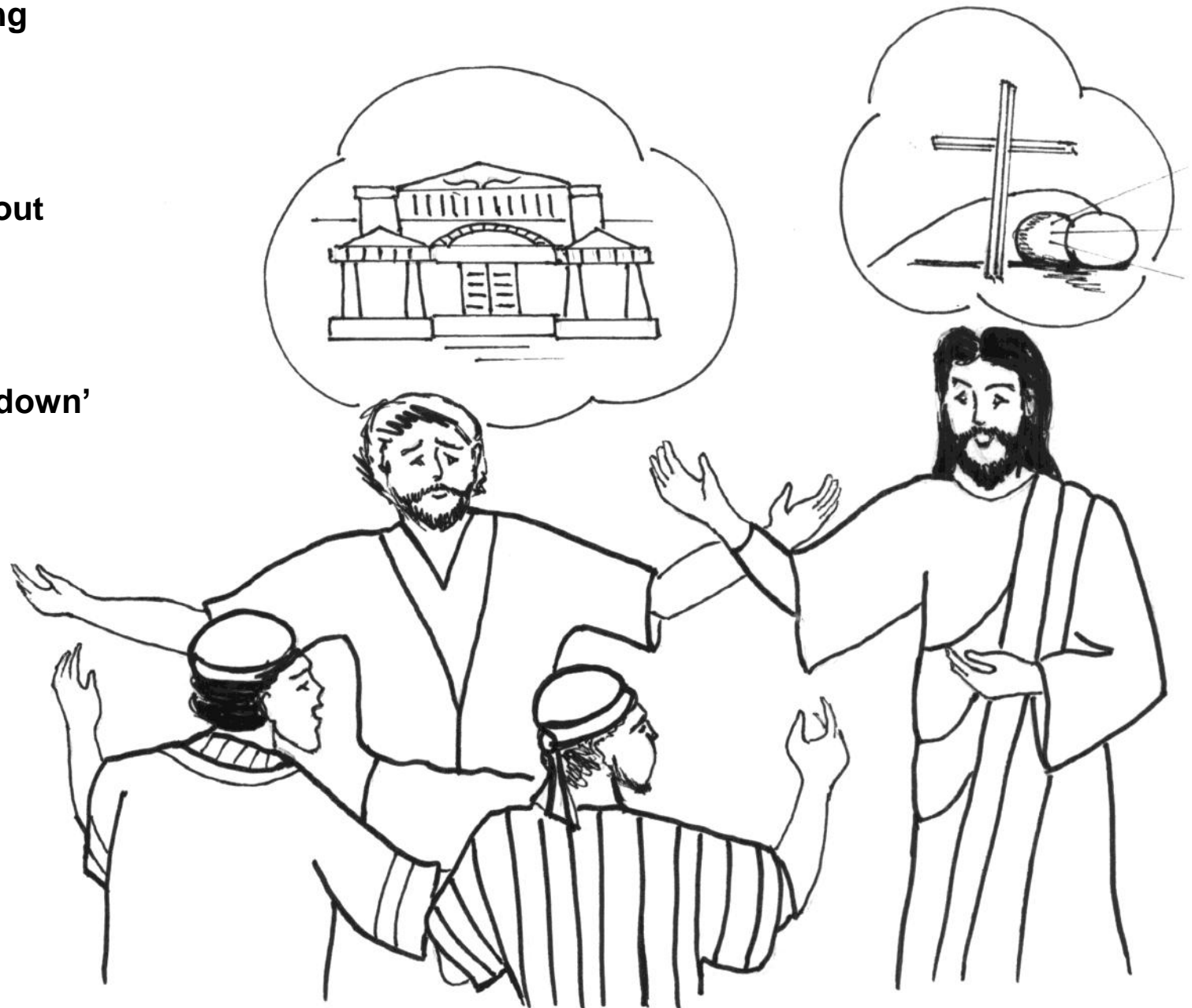
**Jesus answered them saying,
'This will be the sign:
"Destroy this temple,
and I will build it again
in three days."'**



The people did not understand what Jesus was saying because they were only thinking of a building.

Jesus was talking about His own body.

His body was now God's temple. When people 'pulled down' this temple by killing Him, God would raise it up again.



***From this time on,
people could only come to God
through Jesus,
the One who would die for their sins
and be raised up again.***