



JESUS CLEANSES THE TEMPLE

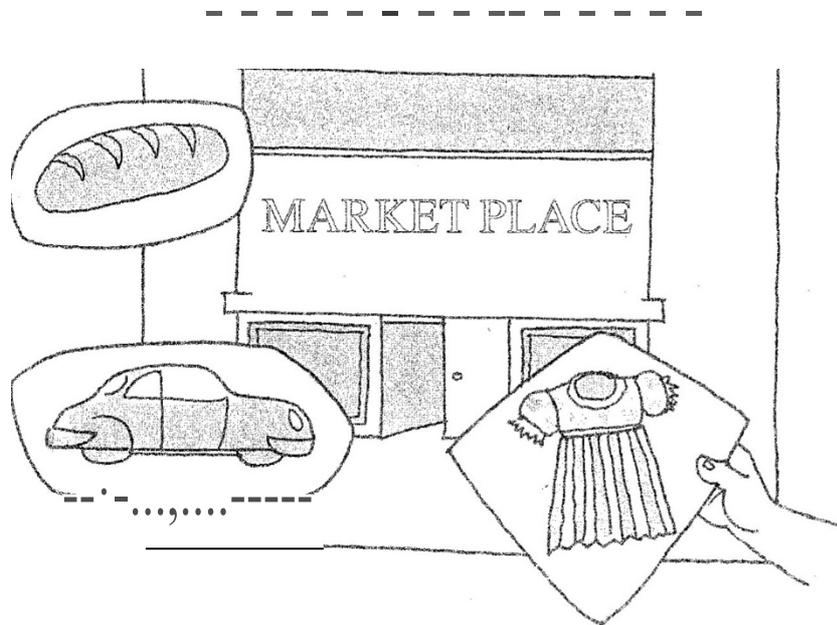


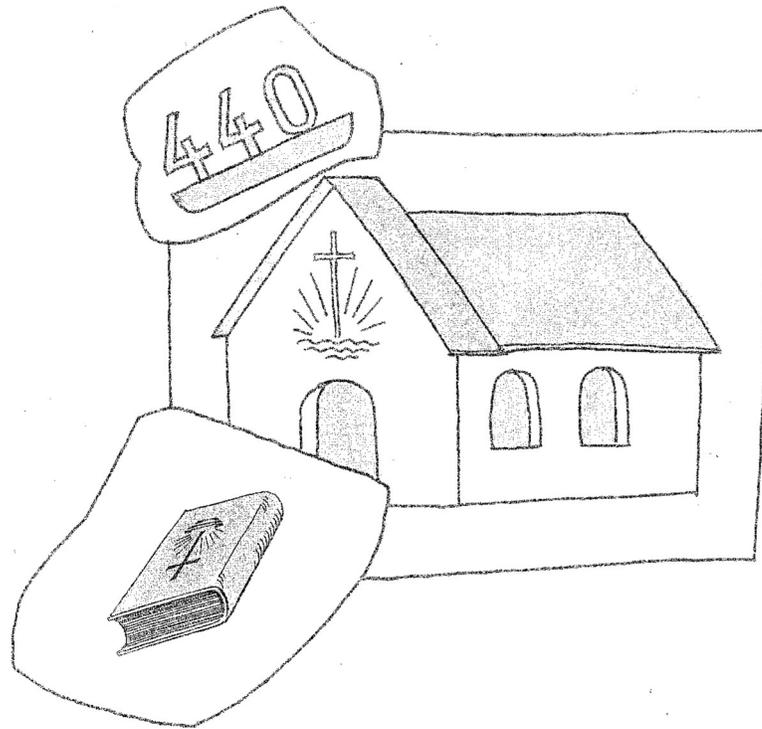
(John 2: 13- -25)

Jerusalem is a big city in Israel. Jesus goes there for the Passover feast . In the temple he meets many people. What a big crowd! Some are exchanging money, others sell animals for sacrifice: sheep, oxen and doves . This is all going on in the courtyard of the temple which belongs to the House of God. When Jesus sees this, He gets angry. He takes a whip and chases the merchants and their animals out of the temple. He overturns the tables of the moneychangers. To the dealers in doves, He says: "Take the doves away, don't make my Father's House a market place."

The children learn that God's House is a special place, a place where God is active.

Two individual pictures are discussed: Market place / Church as the place of worship.





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We look at and discuss the typical objects in our church: altar, chalice, offering box, etc. The children cut out various pictures (people/animals/church objects) and arrange them in pictures of a church and a supermarket.

The children construct a church from a cardboard box or building blocks.

We contemplate and talk about the right behavior in church and on church property.

The children build a church by standing two by two in a row. They hold each other's hands high and form a roof. Then in single file each child may go, in a dignified manner, through the church.
