

# “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

Children’s liturgy activity March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

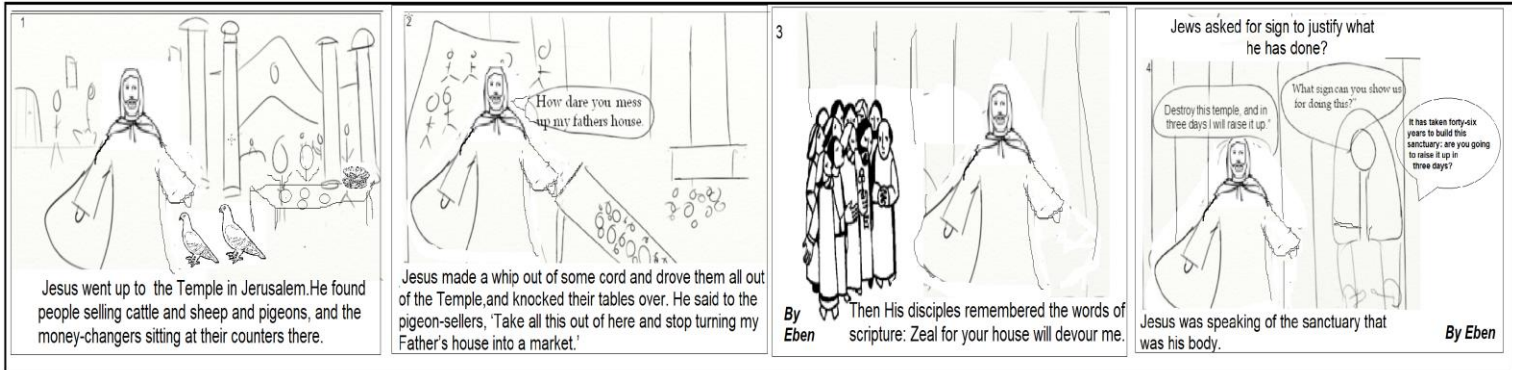


## VERSE OF THE WEEK



Gospel: John 2:13-25

In the gospel today,



Why do you think Jesus reacted like this? It is the passion and love to His father that came out as a Zeal to cleanse the temple. What will we feel when we see these in the Church?

What might have prompted the people to make the temple like a market place? Forgetting about the true worship of God and putting worldly things more important than God. Jesus reveals: how we lose the focus from God by getting distracted over worldly things.

Our actions reflect our hearts intentions and priorities. Let us check on our actions and what is in our heart? What are our priorities? Are we more focusing on the external worldly things more than Jesus? Do we get distracted during our prayer or Holy Mass? Jesus wants us to focus and give priority only to God.

Jesus was questioned regarding his authority of doing such an action. Jesus gave the most important sign: 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' Jesus was saying about the body as temple of God. He gave the sign of His passion, death and resurrection; that cleansed the sins of the world, restoring everyone who believes in Him as children of God- THE HOUSE OF LORD.

Let us think, how Jesus gave himself to cleanse us? How Jesus made us the house of the lord? Jesus transformed Our Body as the Temple of God by sending down the holy spirit upon us. Are we having the zeal like Jesus to keep lord's house holy? Jesus is zealous to cleanse our body- we are His temple.

Through the Gospel, Jesus wants to challenge our disrespectful actions arising out of the disrespectful use of our body. Jesus came to cleanse us and bring us back to God. In this Lenten time, let us offer ourselves in faith to the authority and power of Jesus to cleanse us and renew as Lord's house. Let us Examine our conscience: What are the things Jesus wishes to take away from us to make us his house? Let us Confess to our Lord and allow Him to cleanse us. Jesus wants us to consecrate ourselves to belong to Jesus only. Let all our actions be out of zeal to our lord.

Carefully observe the two pictures.

Can you comment on the differences between the two pictures? Write in the given space below.



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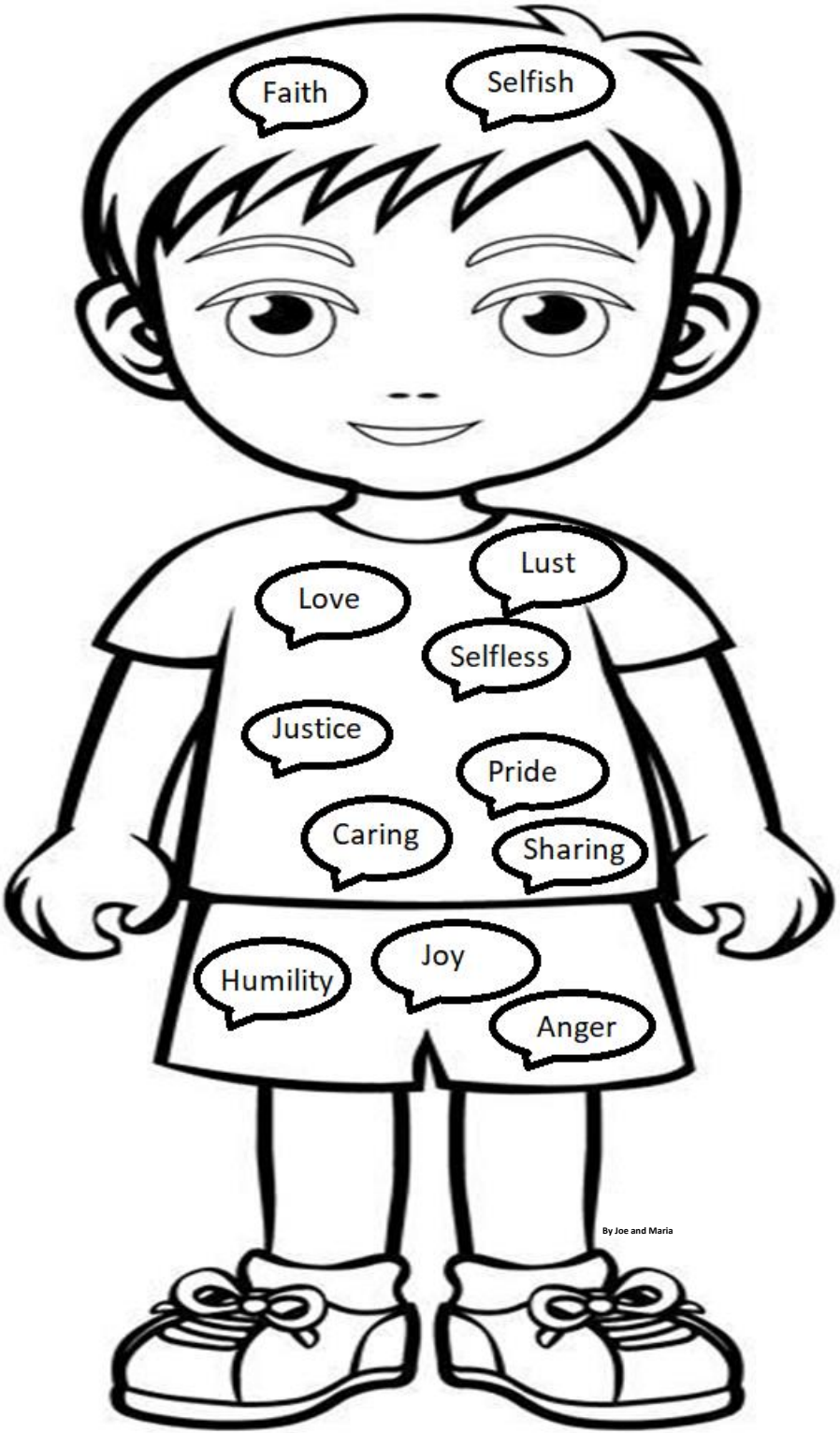
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Can you complete the given word of God?

You yourselves like living ----- are being built up as a -----  
-----, to be a holy priesthood, to offer -----  
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1Peter 2:5)

**Your body is God's temple.**  
**Allow Jesus To clean you and make you His perfect House.**  
**Cross out all that makes God's temple unclean.**



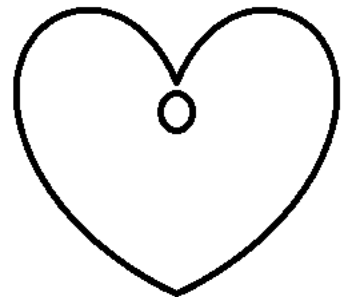
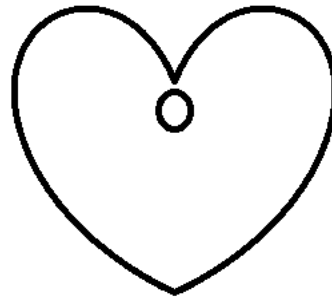
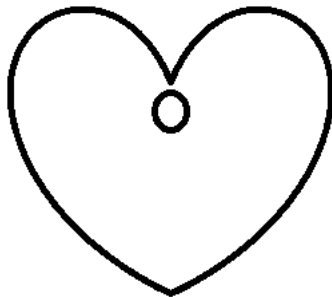
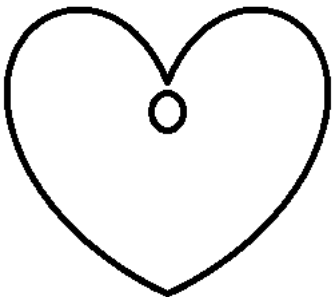
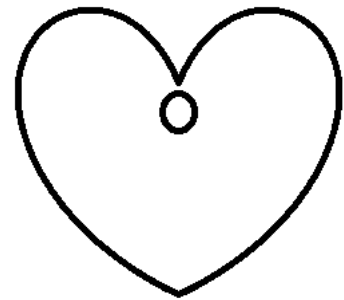
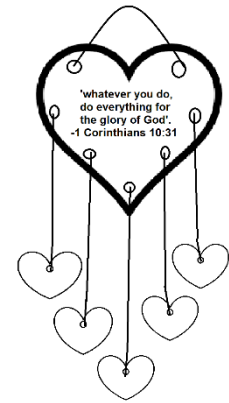
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HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU,  
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- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

# 'The Zeal of the Lord consumes me'

Wall hanger craft. Cut out all the templates and thread the small hearts to the big heart.

Write on the little hearts, 'what all can we do to glorify our lord by our life?'

Colour and decorate it. Hang it on the wall as shown in the picture



Let us Pray,

Dear Lord, we thank you for your love that gave Jesus to cleanse us and make us your house. Give us the zeal to love to you and to offer ourselves as your own. Let everything we do be out of love for you. Let your love help us to respect each other and to approach the place of God in reverence. In Jesus name we pray, amen.