

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday's Gospels: John 2:13–25 In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that the real temple of God lies within us. His cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem calls us all to cleanse ourselves. We have the days of Lent to make a special effort to become less selfish and more loving—to renew and deepen our covenant with God.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: This week, your child's lesson concentrated on prayer. Very young children may find it difficult to pray on their own. Nonetheless, it is worthwhile to include your child in the family prayers so that they grasp that prayer is part of the life of the Christian community. Ask your child to share the prayer book he or she made in class and to tell you what each page means.

Promise (Grades Pre School and K): Jesus reminded the buyers and sellers that the Temple is his Father's house and a place of prayer. Concentrate this week on finding a time for family prayer— mealtime, bedtime, early morning. Be sure that you include in your prayers the needs of people you know or needs of people who are suffering in your community or around the world.

Good News (Grades 1, 2, and 3): The Gospel Weekly this week explains about the Ten Commandments. As a family, talk about actions that show you are keeping each commandment. Read together the story, "We're the Tigers" that is in the newsletter that your child brought home. Talk about how the family is keeping Lenten plans too, and discuss how each family member can live a more holy life.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week's gospel weekly is centered on the Ten Commandments and the covenant God made with Moses on Mount Sinai. Talk together about how the commandments help your family live a good life by honoring God and others.