

Jesus was always kindwasn't he? (cleansing the Temple)	KS2	No. of lessons:
Learning objectives: To learn about the life of Jesus in his historical context. To reflect on how Christians should respond to injustice. To explore the concept of "righteous anger".		
Questions for reflection: What makes me angry? Am I worried if other people are suffering, or not? Can anything good come out of violence? What should I do if I see something wrong happening? Does God get angry?		
Activities and experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes you angry? Share ideas and list them. Encourage pupils to think globally. Differentiate between incidents where people are angry for themselves, and where they are angry on behalf of others (righteous anger, justice). • If you have "the Christ we share" pack, begin with the image of the angry Christ, or look at an image of the cleansing of the temple. Discuss how Jesus appears to be thinking / behaving and whether they feel this is surprising / out of character, Consider what kind of thing might have made a person this angry. • Read / hear the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple (Matthew chapter 21 verses 12-13) and look at a plan of the Temple. Discuss why Jesus was angry (see notes page) and what they think of his behaviour. • Small group work – prepare a script for a journalist who is interviewing different people who saw the incident for their views e.g. a visiting gentile who wanted to pray, a trader who has lost money and stock, a priest who has to sort out the situation, an ordinary Jew. How would their viewpoints differ? Create a "Wanted Poster" for the Temple authorities to put up (example in Christ we share pack and a pro Christ version at http://www.goodtapes.com/Wanted_Jesus.htm) • Consider the kind of things ordinary people (including Christians) do if they feel other people are suffering unjustly e.g. protesting against war and oppression, actively involved in charity fundraising, working in difficult situations to support others, publicising injustice etc. (link to current news). Is there anyone locally who can talk about their own experiences in these areas? Do Christians do this because they see themselves as following Jesus' example and teaching? 		
Websites: Models of the city of Jerusalem in Jesus' time at http://www.ntimages.com/Jerusalem-tns.htm Plan of Temple at: http://www.hds.harvard.edu/news/bulletin/articles/article_images/30.4/fig02.jpg Jesus Cleansing the Temple (fine art) : Giotto http://www.mystudios.com/gallery/giotto/26a.html Giordano http://www.wga.hu/frames-e.html?/html/g/giordano/ El Greco http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/greco/ Mei http://www.getty.edu/art/collections/objects/o575.html		
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