DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 1–2

Zeal for His House

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 08 · November 1, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: The temple was God's house. Jesus showed He is God's Son, and He promised He would come back to life. We meet God through Jesus.

Memory verse: John 2:19 — "Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'" (Younger kids can learn the last part: "In three days I will raise it up.")

Time: 10–15 minutes. Keep it moving; let every child answer at least once.

WARM UP

1. **What is a special place in your home? How would you feel if someone turned it into a big mess?**
   Today Jesus goes to God's house, the temple, and finds it full of animals and people buying and selling.

TALK ABOUT IT

2. **What did Jesus find in the temple?**
   Cows, sheep, and birds for sale, and people trading money. The place where people came to pray had turned into a market.
3. **What did Jesus do?**
   He chased them out and turned over their tables. Jesus was angry, but it was a good kind of angry. He loved God's house and wanted people to be able to pray there.
4. **Jesus called the temple "my Father's house." Who is Jesus' Father?**
   God! Jesus is God's Son. That is why He could clean out God's house.
5. **Jesus said, "In three days I will raise it up." What was He really talking about?**
   His own body. Jesus died on the cross, and three days later He came back to life! That is the biggest sign of all.

DO IT

God's house. Build a small house out of blocks and tell the kids the temple was God's house, where people came to meet God. Then take it apart one block at a time and set down a card that says JESUS. Say: Jesus taught that we don't meet God in a building anymore. We meet God through Jesus. Hold up three fingers and count together: Jesus came back to life on the third day!

PRAY TOGETHER

Have them repeat after you: "Dear Jesus, You are God's Son. You died and came back to life. Help me believe in You. Amen."

Send them home with the Family Take-Home sheet. Next week: Week 9 · You Must Be Born Again · John 3:1–15 · November 8, 2026