

John 2:13-22 - Jesus in the Temple

(In the Gospel of John this morning Jesus was incensed with how the people had made the temple of God a commercial marketplace. “. . . He found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.” Jesus understood the temple to be the house of God. This phrase begs the question of what do we do in our church. I will take the children on a simple journey to affirm once again that this is the house of God and we, as the children of God, are here to worship and pray. We are invited here to worship God, not to play games or to make this a commercial marketplace.)

Good morning boys and girls. This morning we are going to talk about what we do in church and what we don't do in church. OK!

In church there are some things
That you are taught to do.
And some things that are
A “No! No!” for you.
A ball is lots of fun
When we throw it in the sun.
To church we do not bring a ball.
That could make someone fall.
We do not bring a computer game and fidget
It's not a good way to use your digits.
Our digits we should fold
And in our laps hold.
In church we should not play
It is a place for us to pray

For little ones a cracker might be OK
A couple bites and then put it away.
But to eat or play in church
Is not the place
For us to munch or crunch
Or run a speedy race.

We listen to choirs and bells that ring
We pray to God and then we sing.
We listen to the pastor talk
It is not a time for us to walk
We sit, we kneel, we pray
Then we stand before we say,
“The peace of God be with you.”
And others say, “God be with you too!”

We sing a song once more we know
And pray to God that we might grow
In faith and love
To God above.

In church there are some things
That you are taught to do.
And some things that are
A “No! No!” for you.

Let us pray.

Dear God,
You taught us how
To worship and pray.
We thank you Lord
For this joyous day.
Amen.