

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 113: HEZEKIAH CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE**  
**2 CHRONICLES 29:3-19**

Hezekiah repaired the doors of the LORD'S Temple and repaired them and made them strong. He opened the Temple again. He did this in the first month of the first year after he became king. Hezekiah called the priests and Levites together in one assembly. He had a meeting with them in the courtyard on the east side of the Temple. Hezekiah said to them, "Listen to me, Levites! Make yourselves ready for holy service. Make the Temple of the LORD God ready for holy service. He is the God your ancestors obeyed. Take away the things from the Temple that don't belong in there. These things make the Temple unclean. Our ancestors were not faithful and did what the LORD says is evil. They stopped following him. They no longer paid any attention to the LORD'S house and turned their backs on him. They shut the doors of the porch of the Temple and let the fire go out in the lamps. They stopped burning incense and offering burnt offerings in the Holy Place to the God of Israel. So the LORD became very angry with the people of Judah and Jerusalem. He punished them so badly that it shocks and scares people to hear about it. But then they just laugh and shout their own insults against Judah. You know this is true. You have seen it happen. That is why our ancestors were killed in battle. Our sons, daughters, and wives were made prisoners. So now I, Hezekiah, have decided in my mind to make an agreement with the LORD, the God of Israel. Then he will not be angry with us anymore. So my sons, don't be forgetful. The LORD chose you to stand before Him and serve Him in the Temple and to burn incense." This is a list of the Levites who started to work: From the Kohath family there were Mahath son of Amasai and Joel son of Azariah. From the Merari family there were Kish son of Abdi and Azariah son of Jehallelel. From the Gershon family there were Joah son of Zimmah and Eden son of Joab. From Elizaphan's descendants there were Shimri and Jeiel. From Asaph's descendants there were Zechariah and Mattaniah. From Heman's descendants there were Jehiel and Shimei. From Jeduthun's descendants there were Shemaiah and Uzziel. Then these Levites gathered their brothers together and made themselves ready for holy service in the Temple. They obeyed the king's command that came from the LORD. They went into the LORD'S Temple to clean it. The priests went into the inside part of the LORD'S Temple to clean it. They took out all the unclean things they found there. They brought the unclean things out to the courtyard of the

LORD'S Temple. Then the Levites took these things out to the Kidron Valley. On the first day of the first month, the Levites began to make the Temple ready for holy service. By the eighth day, they had finished cleaning all the area up to the porch of the LORD'S Temple. For eight more days they cleaned the LORD'S Temple itself to make it ready for holy use. They finished on the 16th day of the first month. Then they went to King Hezekiah and said to him, "King Hezekiah, we cleaned all the LORD'S Temple and the altar for burning offerings and all the things in the Temple. We cleaned the table for the rows of bread with all the things used for that table. During the time that Ahaz was king, he rebelled against God. He threw away many of the things that were in the Temple. But we repaired all those things and made them ready for their special use. They are now in front of the LORD'S altar."

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“...now sanctify yourselves  
and sanctify the house of the  
LORD God of your fathers, and  
carry out the rubbish from the  
holy place.”

2 CHRONICLES 29:5



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## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"My sons, do not be forgetful now. The LORD chose you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him, and burn incense." **2 CHRONICLES 29:11**

## **TRUE OR FALSE**

1. In the first month of the first year after he became king, Hezekiah repaired the doors of the Temple and made them strong.  
TRUE or FALSE
2. Hezekiah brought the priests to the East courtyard and told them to sanctify their own houses.  
TRUE or FALSE
3. He told them that their ancestors had forgotten the LORD, His Temple, and turned their backs on Him. TRUE or FALSE
4. He said that because their ancestors forgot about the LORD and all His ways that they were punished and defeated in battle and killed.  
TRUE or FALSE
5. Hezekiah said that he had decided in his mind to make a sacrifice to the LORD God of Israel so He wouldn't be angry with them any more.  
TRUE or FALSE

## **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. Did the priests listen to Hezekiah and make themselves ready?
2. What did they do to the Temple? Did they clean it?
3. Why did Hezekiah want them to clean the Temple and get everything ready?
4. What happened to the people because they forgot about the LORD and worshiping Him?
5. Do you remember how many days it took them before the Temple was ready for worship? Was it 16 days?
6. Did they repair everything that was broken or missing? Do you think that this made the LORD happy?

## **Lesson 113**

### **Activity – The Children “Clean” the room!**

Tell the children that just like the Levite priests, they are to get everything in the room ready for worship (the next class on Wednesday) – Tell them that they must pick up everything, put everything in order, clean their trash, put things in order on the shelves, and put their chairs in order.

Have them make sure that all the Bibles are stacked neatly in order on the shelves, and all the crayons/markers are put up.

Tell them that just like the Priests cleaned up the Temple and prepared it for the people to worship, they have now cleaned up the room and prepared it for others to be able to learn about God and worship Him!