



To market, to market



“Why are those men shouting?”
asked Sean as they walked into the

maze of cattle pens and walk ways at the market. “They’re the auctioneers,” explained Uncle Paul. “They sell the cattle in each pen to the highest bidder – the person who offers the most money.” The children watched with excitement when Uncle Paul began bidding. But someone else offered more than he was willing to pay. Later Uncle Paul did buy two Friesen heifers to add to his herd. The children had a wonderful day at the market. They loved the noise and bustle, the sights and smells and all the different animals they saw.

Listen to God! John 2:13-16

Jesus was angry. People brought money and animals to the temple as an offering to God. Greedy people saw a way to make money so they set up a market in the temple yard. Imagine the noise and mess and smell. They also cheated people from other countries who needed their money changed. The temple was where you went to worship God not to buy and sell. They were showing no respect for God so Jesus drove them out.



Talk to God!

Dear God, whenever we go to church help us to remember that it is where we worship you. Help us to always be respectful of you in the way we act and talk and in the things we think about.

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“Melvin, do you remember when cousin Marcus came to visit from New Zealand and he had to change his money for Australian coins?” asked Mimi. “Yes, he wondered why we had animals on some of our money,” said Melvin.



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Do you have any coins from other countries? Put them or some Australian coins under your page, then colour over them in pencil and see what happens.