

## Mark 11:12-25 (New International Version)

### Bible Reading

- Mark 11:12** The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.
- Mark 11:13** Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs.
- Mark 11:14** Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.
- Mark 11:15** On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,
- Mark 11:16** and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.
- Mark 11:17** And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: " 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'""
- Mark 11:18** The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.
- Mark 11:19** When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.
- Mark 11:20** In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.
- Mark 11:21** Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"
- Mark 11:22** "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.
- Mark 11:23** "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what they says will happen, it will be done for them.
- Mark 11:24** Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
- Mark 11:25** And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.'

### Summary

Jesus was hungry. He saw a fig tree. It was not the season for fruit so the tree had no fruit. Jesus said that no one would ever eat from that tree again. Later, Jesus saw people buying and selling at the temple. He was angry and threw over the tables where people were selling. He told them, "It is written in God's book that my house is a house of prayer for all nations, but you use it to rob people." The religious leaders decided to kill Jesus. They didn't want people to follow him. Later, Jesus and his friends were walking and saw the fig tree. Peter was amazed because now the tree was dead. Jesus then taught them about faith. He said, "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours." He also said, "Before you pray, forgive others so that God, your Father in heaven, will forgive you."

### Prayer (Here is an example of how you can talk to God about these verses.)

God, our Heavenly Father, thank you for our church which is a house of prayer for all nations. Thank you that so many people from around the world are part of our Bridges class. Help us to have faith in you. Help us to forgive others. We want you to forgive us. Amen\*

\*(Saying amen is like saying 'I approve' or 'This is what I want to say.')

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**Vocabulary**

**A. Read these words out loud. Then match each word to the best picture.**

1. tree (vs.13)

2. leaves (vs.13)

3. fruit (vs.13)

4. root (vs.20)



**B. Read out loud and then choose the correct description for each of these types of people.**

5. nation (vs.17)

e. someone whose role or job is to help others to learn

6. robber (vs.17)

f. a person who steals something; also called a thief

7. teacher (vs.18)

g. a large group of people who live in the same country

8. crowd (vs.18)

h. a large number of people who are very close together

**C. Read these words out loud in your group. Next, match each word with the word that has its opposite meaning. Finally, choose one word to use in your own sentence.**

9. believe (vs.23)

i. leave (vs.12)

10. learned

j. buy (vs.15)

11. sell (vs.15)

k. taught (vs.17)

12. arrive

l. doubt (vs.23)

sentence \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Read these definitions and words out loud. Then choose the best word for each definition.**

**Practice one of the words by using it in your own sentence.**

13. a period of the year with certain conditions of weather (vs 13) m. bench

14. when something is put on its side, face, or back (vs 15) n. merchandise

15. a long seat for two or more people, usually outside (vs.15) o. sin

16. things that are bought and sold after they are made (vs.16) p. overturned

17. an action/thought/attitude that is against God's teaching (vs.25) q. season

sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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### Questions

1. In verses 12 and 13 Jesus was hungry but couldn't find food right away. What do you do when you're hungry but can't find any food?
2. Verse 13 talks about "the season for figs." How long does the season last for various kinds of fruit trees?
3. Trees have productive (fruitful) and unproductive times. When are you most productive? When are you least productive?
4. In verses 15-16 Jesus stopped those who were selling in the temple area (these merchants were taking advantage of people who came to worship). What are some examples of injustice in our time?
5. How could these various kinds of injustice be eliminated (stopped)?
6. Verse 17 reminds us that the ancient temple in Jerusalem was supposed to be a house of prayer for all nations. How can our church building be a place "for all nations?"
7. In verse 18 we learn that religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus. What would you do if you found out that people wanted to kill you?
8. In verse 23 Jesus said, "if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him." What is the most amazing thing that God has done for you?
9. What advice would you give to someone who asks God to do something amazing, but is disappointed when it does not happen?
10. Jesus said that "whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (verse 24). What is something you have prayed for or would like to pray for.
11. In verse 25 Jesus taught us to forgive others so that God would forgive us. What are the various ways people can respond to those who hurt them?
12. What advice would you give someone who wanted to forgive a person, but didn't know how?

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*Pictures for Basic Vocabulary Small Group*



## BRIDGES BEGINNER CLASS

(read 11:15-18)

**SUMMARY** Mark 11:12-25 (Book of Mark, chapter eleven, verses twelve to twenty five)

**Directions:** Read the sentences out loud. **Bold** words are in the vocabulary.

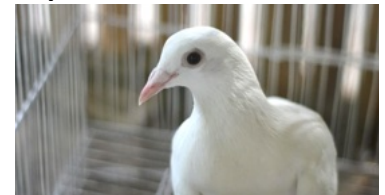
- 1 Jesus entered the Temple area.
- 2 He started **kicking out** the **buyers** and **sellers**.
- 3 He turned over the money exchange **tables**.
- 4 He turned over the **dove** seller **benches**.
- 5 He did not allow **carrying** things in the Temple.
- 6 Jesus taught the people.
- 7 He said the Temple should be for prayer.
- 8 But the people made it a **thieves' hideout**.
- 9 The religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus.
- 10 They were afraid of him because the people were amazed by his teaching.



## VOCABULARY

**Directions:** Read the words out loud. Talk about their meanings. Match each to a picture. Make a sentence.

1. tables (table)
2. dove
3. benches (bench)



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**Directions:** Read the words and definitions out loud. Match each word to its definition. Make a sentence.

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| 4. kicking out (kick out) | a. to hold something and to walk with it                                   |
| 5. carrying (carry)       | b. someone who steals things from another person or place                  |
| 6. thieves (thief)        | c. a place where someone goes because they do not want anyone to find them |
| 7. hideout                | d. force someone to leave a place  |

**Directions:** Circle the correct word in each sentence.

8. A person who (buys / sells) things is called a buyer.
9. A person who (buys / sells) things is called a seller.
10. Sellers come to the market to (buy / sell) things.
11. Buyers come to the market to (buy / sell) things.
12. At the market, you can find (buyers / sellers).



**QUESTIONS** We sit on benches. What else do we sit on?

**PRAYER** Jesus, thank you for teaching us right and wrong. Help us to know what is good. Amen