



“Wow, it’s not every day you get to be on TV!” Clare thought after hearing the news.

She had won first place in an essay contest sponsored by the city’s biggest TV station. Her essay, “A Day When the Weather Changed My Life,” had just netted for her \$100 in cash, a tour of the TV station, and a chance to help the weatherman do his noon broadcast.

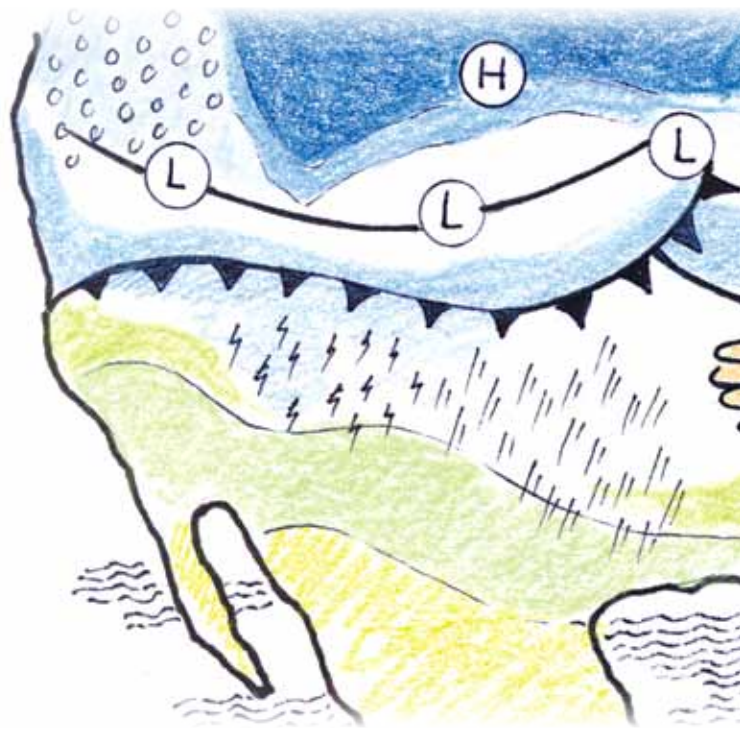
Clare did everything she could to get ready for her big day. Her mom helped her pick out an outfit that would look good on camera, and she practiced *ee-nun-cee-ate-ing* her words while reading forecasts in front of a mirror. She even read a book about weather and climate.

All the preparation paid off, and Clare’s TV appearance came off without a hitch. But what impressed the station manager most was Clare’s good manners throughout the entire experience. During the tour, she cheerfully greeted everyone she met. She said, “Excuse me, please continue” when she caught herself interrupting someone in mid-sentence. During a light lunch following the broadcast, Clare’s table manners were perfect. The station manager was so impressed that he commented about Clare’s good manners and courtesy to Clare’s mother when she came to pick up her daughter. Of course, Clare’s mother felt happy and proud.

“But maybe,” she thought later, “it’s time to speak with Clare about the one place where her manners aren’t always so good.” That place was church.

Read John 2:13-25 and then close your Bible and see if you can answer each of the following questions correctly. If you need help, open your Bible again and check the verse that appears at the end of the question.

ZEAL FOR



1. For what Jewish feast did Jesus go to Jerusalem? (v. 13)

PASSOVER PENTECOST

2. Which of these animals were not being sold in the temple area? (v. 14)

GOATS DOVES

3. What did Jesus say the money-changers were turning the Temple into? (v. 16)

A MARKETPLACE
A DEN OF THIEVES

4. What did Jesus call the Temple? (v. 16)

OUR HOUSE OF GOD
MY FATHER’S HOUSE

5. What phrase from Scripture did the disciples recall after seeing Jesus scold the money-changers? (v. 17)

“ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL
CONSUME ME”
“ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY
CHURCH”

GOD'S HOUSE



6. What did some Jewish leaders demand of Jesus to show that he had authority over temple policies? (v. 18)

A SIGN A VOICE FROM A CLOUD

7. When Jesus said he would raise up the temple three days after it was destroyed, what did he have in mind? (v. 21)

JERUSALEM'S TEMPLE
THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY

8. What did the leaders think Jesus had in mind? (v. 20)

JERUSALEM'S TEMPLE
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9. How long had Jerusalem's Temple been under construction? (v. 20)

46 CENTURIES 46 YEARS

10. Why did many people start believing in Jesus that week? (v. 23)

BECAUSE HE LOVED EVERYBODY
BECAUSE OF THE SIGNS HE WORKED

Later, Clare's mother spoke with her daughter about her behavior in church. At first, Clare didn't want to admit it, but eventually she saw that her mother was right.

Remaining silent during the singing *is* like leaving the praying up to everyone else. Flipping through a hymnal during the homily *is* being a bad listener. Giving the Sign of Peace without a smile *is* like saying something nice to somebody without really meaning it. "I was so excited about meeting the weatherman and being on TV," Clare thought, "but every Sunday I can meet Jesus in his church and in his people and in the Eucharist—yet I act like it's no big deal. From now on I'm going to put more thought into my time at Mass."

Like Clare, let's become more aware of meeting Jesus in his Church and in his people and in the Eucharist.

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