Lesson 05 - More Pigeons Than Prayer

FTWTF means:
Find
The
Word
That
Fits

Across

5. He remembered his twelfth birthday, when he found out he'd be able to work in the Temple. All his life he had dreamed about being able to assist the priests. But today this seemed more like a marketplace than a place to worship God.

8. FTWTF - Title
9. FTWTF - Power Text
10. All at once the young boy saw the answer to his question. Instead of flashing swords, shields, & Roman uniforms, there was a man with a whip.
11. FTWTF - Power Point
12. Arriving at the booth where he'd been called, the boy was asked to take the shekels for the pigeons & doves. Neither he nor the priest could remember there ever being this many poor people in Jerusalem for Passover.

Down

1. A Temple priest called anxiously for him to come & help. The goat cheese & barley loaves his mother had packed for his lunch would have to wait.

2. The stranger was speaking. "Get these things out of here," he commanded. "This is God's house, & it has been made a "den of robbers"!" Finally the crowd hushed. The animals stopped their bawling. The stranger seated himself with children on his lap & at his feet.

3. She had heard that His name was Jesus. Somebody else said He was from Nazareth.

4. [Thursday's lesson] Read John 2:18. What does the word _____ mean? Why did the Jews ask for a sign of Jesus' ____?

6. A young Temple worker forked more straw into the sheep pen. He didn't think he'd ever get the job done. Lambs crowded against his legs. Passover meant a lot more work for him.

7. [Sunday's lesson] Draw a pigeon, lamb, or ____ & write the Power Text on it.

8. "Don't be afraid," Jesus was saying to those around Him. "I want to help you. God loves you & He's sad that you've been treated so badly." The boy's eyes met Jesus'. Jesus smiled at him. He felt as if Jesus were telling him, "Don't let the example of the priests turn you away from God."

"'It is written,' he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer," but you are making it a "den of robbers"' "
Matthew 21:13, NIV

Showing respect & reverence in God's house is one way we respond to His love.