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SPECIAL FEAST LESSON

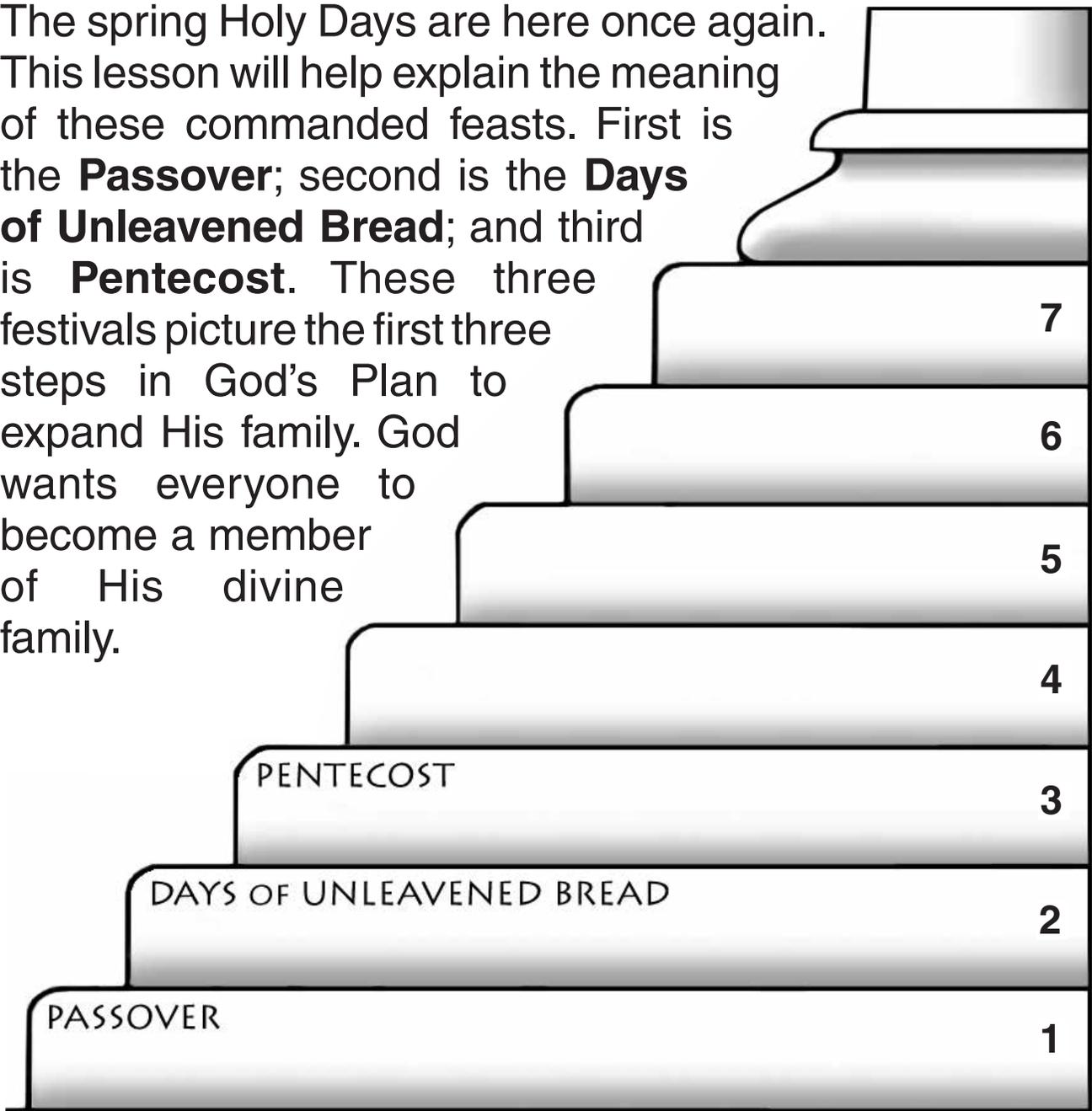
LEVEL K



THE SPRING FEASTS

# The First Three Steps

The spring Holy Days are here once again. This lesson will help explain the meaning of these commanded feasts. First is the **Passover**; second is the **Days of Unleavened Bread**; and third is **Pentecost**. These three festivals picture the first three steps in God's Plan to expand His family. God wants everyone to become a member of His divine family.



The first step in God's Master Plan is **Passover**.

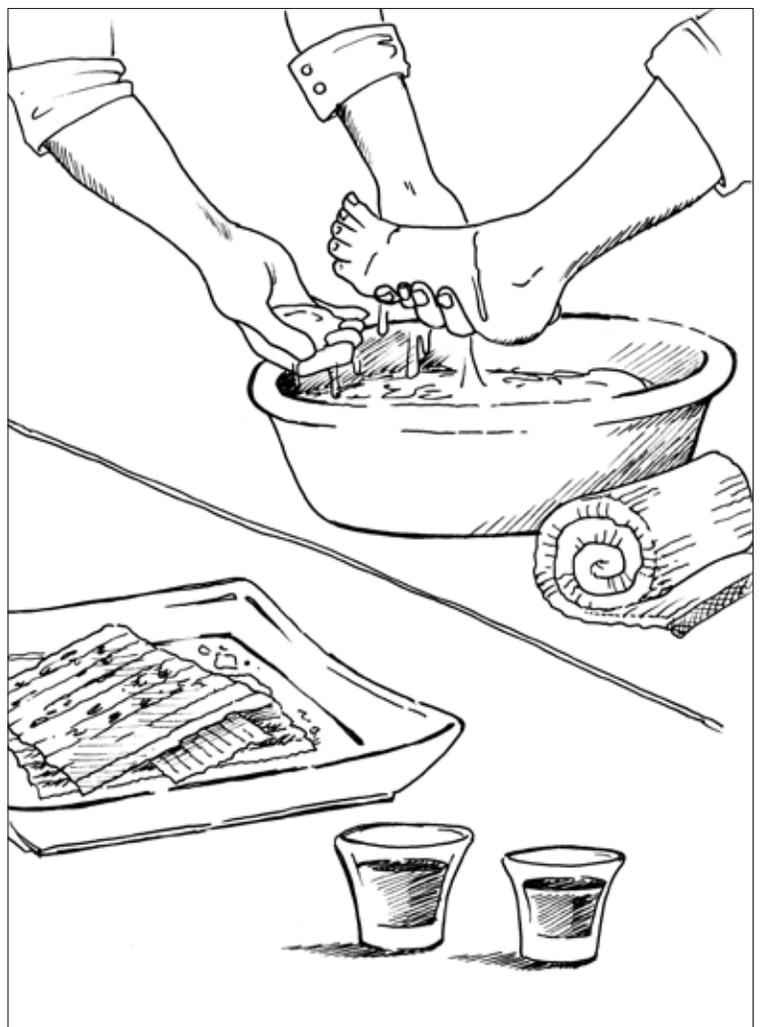
A very long time ago, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. You might remember this story from our last lesson. God freed the Israelites from slavery and suffering. But there is much more to the story than that.

Moses was chosen by God to lead the children of Israel out of slavery. Moses and his brother, Aaron, went to Pharaoh and informed him of God's demands. Pharaoh did not listen, so God sent many plagues on Egypt. There were a total of 10 horrible plagues on Egypt. The last plague was the worst. It was the death of every firstborn child in Egypt. This included men, women, boys, girls and even animals. This is how the Passover came into existence.



In order to protect the Israelites, God told Moses to command all the families of Israel to kill and roast a perfect male lamb that night. They were to take the blood of the lamb and paint it on the doorposts of their homes. The death angel that was going to kill the firstborn of everything in Egypt would see the blood of the lambs on the doors and PASS OVER the houses of the Israelites. God commanded that a remembrance of this occasion be kept forever. This lamb was a type of Jesus Christ, who came to Earth and died for all of our sins. The wages of sin is death, similar to the death angel in Egypt. If we did not have Jesus Christ's sacrifice, we would all be sentenced to eternal death. We have been forgiven of our sins. This allows us the opportunity to receive eternal life.

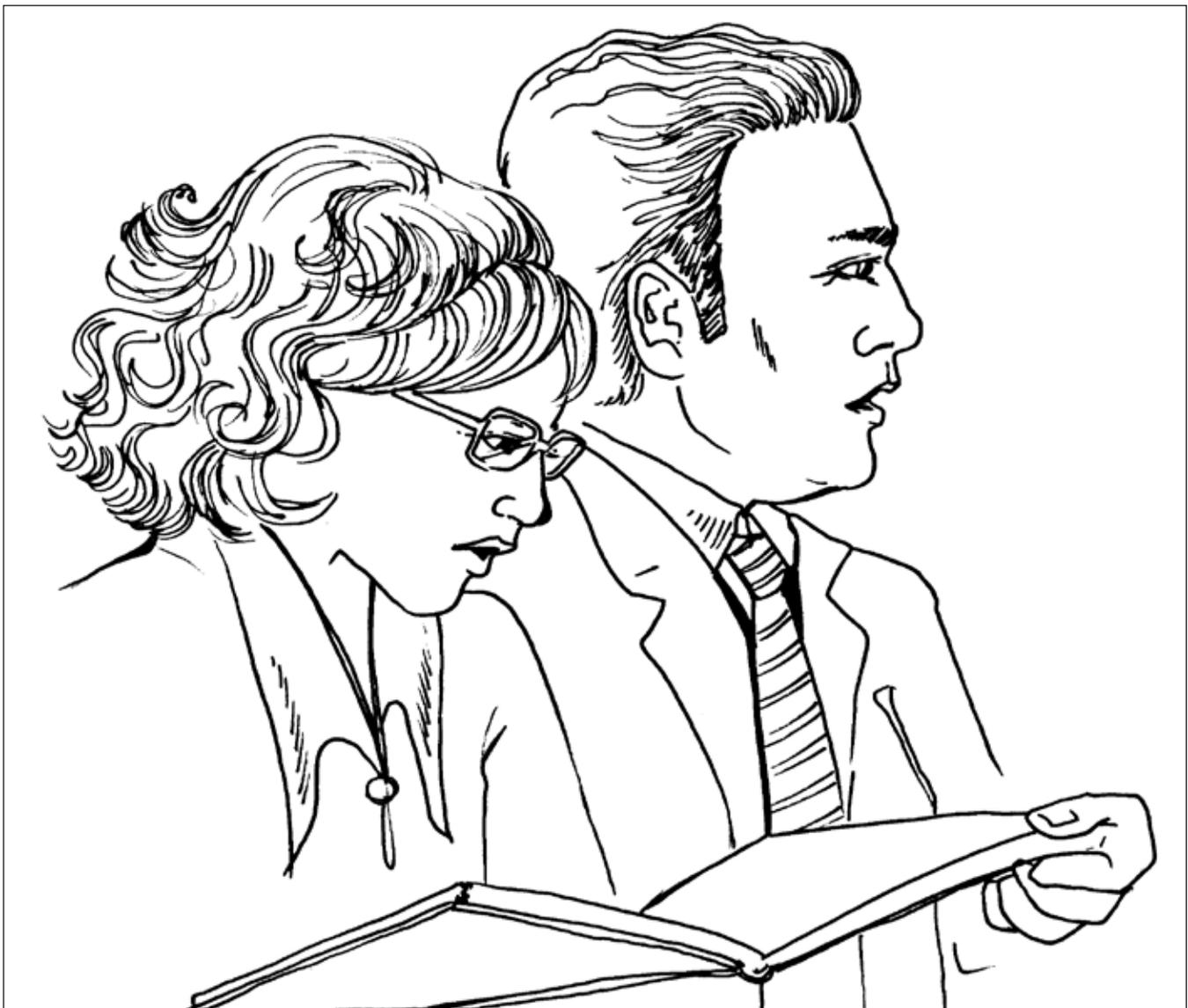
On the evening of Passover, your parents and all the baptized adults in the Church observe the Passover service. This is a very solemn and sober service. They wash each other's feet as a symbol of humility. This attitude of service is very impor-



tant. Just as Jesus Christ served us, so should we serve each other.

Then, after a minister reads a number of important scriptures and says a prayer, brethren eat a small piece of unleavened bread. This bread is a symbol of Jesus' broken body. Then brethren drink a very small glass of wine. This pictures Jesus' shed blood. Everyone sings a closing hymn and then leaves quietly.

The second step in God's Plan is a week-long festival called the **Days of Unleavened Bread**. This festival is





observed by not eating food that has leavening in it. God commands that all leavened products be taken out of our homes. This means that before these days arrive, we must clean our houses and cars very carefully to make sure we remove all the leavening. Leavening is the substance that makes bread, cake and many other things rise while baking. Examples of leavening are baking soda, baking powder, and yeast. All the foods that contain these ingredients must be removed and thrown away.

After the Israelites were spared the 10th plague of the death angel, Pharaoh made them leave quickly. They had

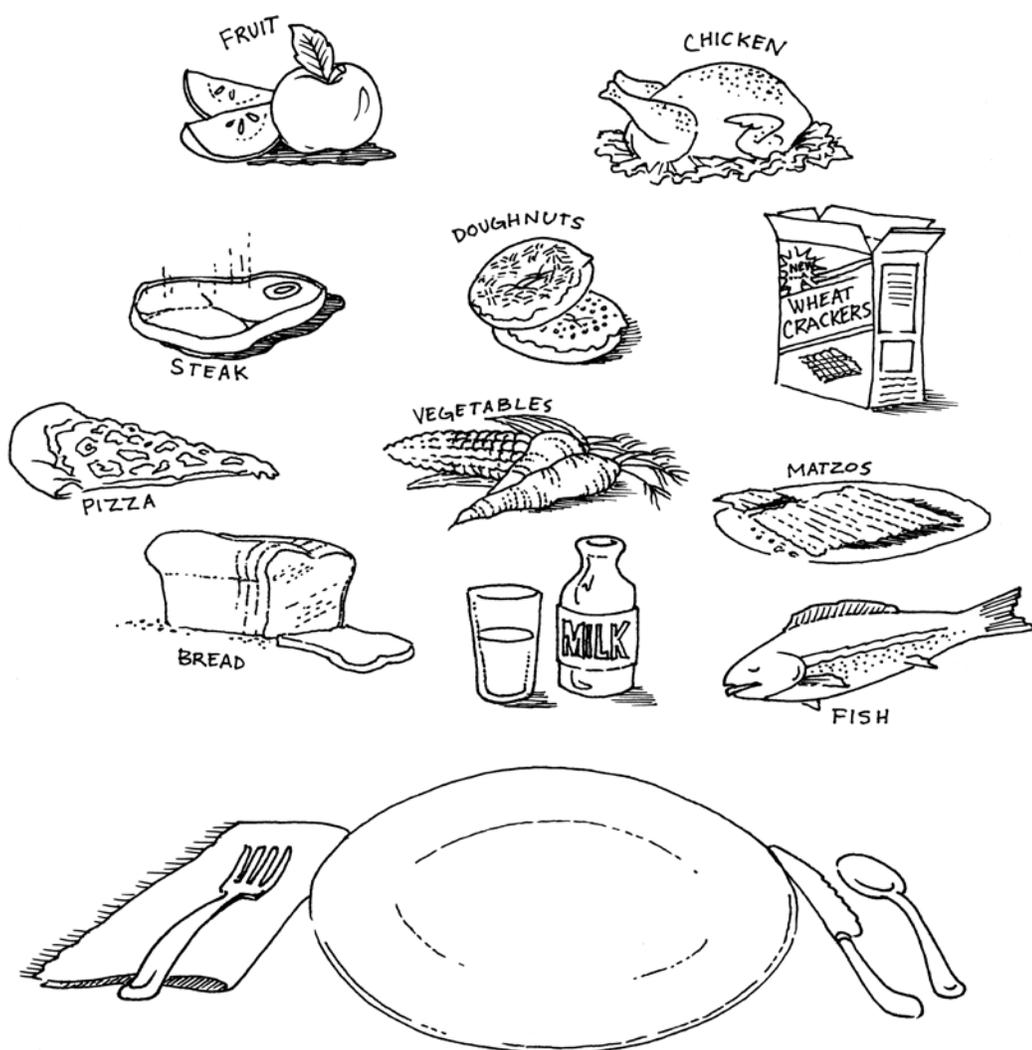


to make unleavened bread (flat bread) for the journey because they did not have time to let the bread rise.

This first observance of this feast was because of physical necessity. But God wants us to keep this feast both physically and spiritually. Leaven puffs things up. God

wants us to be reminded of how sin can puff us up. We are commanded to eat unleavened bread every day of the feast to make sure we remain flat, or humble. Be sure to be humble and giving during this time. Be sure to share and do things for others. Remember this when you keep the Days of Unleavened Bread every year.

The third festival in God’s Plan is **Pentecost**. This day literally means “Count Fifty” in the Hebrew language. It is kept on the 50th day from (starting with) the Sunday dur-



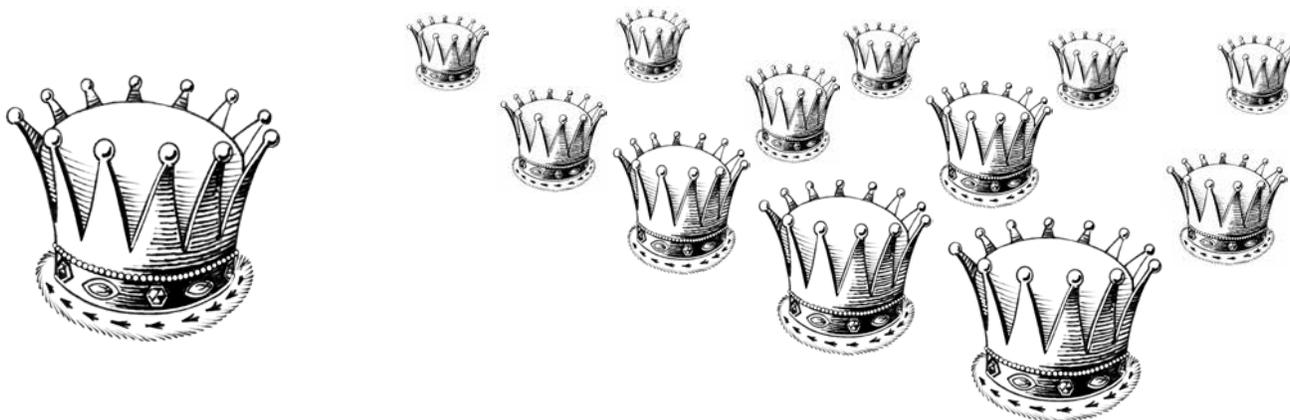
**CIRCLE** the breads that are *puffed up* or soft. We must remove these from our homes before the Days of Unleavened Bread. **COLOR** the foods that we *can* eat during the Days of Unleavened Bread. (You may ask your parents for help.)

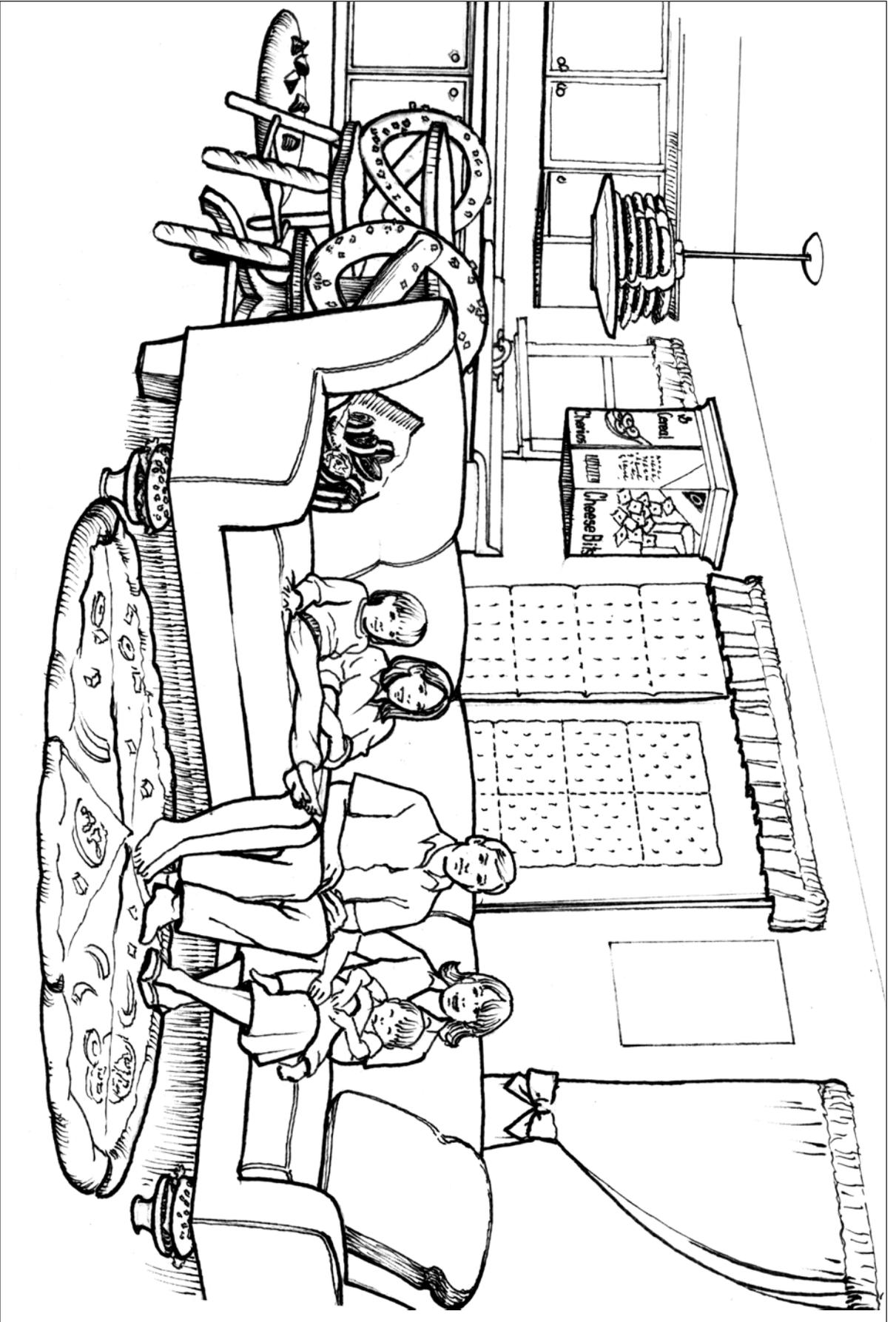
ing the Days of Unleavened Bread. Pentecost is also known by the name “Feast of Firstfruits.”

Jesus Christ was killed on Passover day. He was in a tomb for three days and three nights. Then He was resurrected and went to heaven to sit on the right side of God the Father. Fifty days later, on Pentecost, God sent His Holy Spirit to the disciples. The Holy Spirit is also known as the comforter. It was seen as tongues of fire sitting on the heads of the people gathered on that day. This may have seemed strange. But the Holy Spirit is the power of God, and it helps man overcome sin. It also helps us to understand God’s truth and plan of salvation.

When a grown person wants to be in God’s Church and repents of sin, he or she is baptized and receives the Holy Spirit at that time. Baptized members are the “Firstfruits.” They are the first few that God will add to His family. But, this does not mean we are more important than anyone else.

When Christ sets up the Kingdom of God on Earth, the firstfruits will assist Him in ruling the planet as kings. All nations will be living God’s way of life.





Here is a family that needs to clean the leaven out of their home for the spring Holy Days. Help them find the leavened foods hiding in their home by coloring the foods that have leaven.

# WORD SEARCH

There are six words hidden in this puzzle. They are big words, but you can find them if you look for the first letter. Two of the words go down, not across, the page. As you find the words, circle them and check the box next to the word.

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- H O L Y
- S P I R I T

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## COLOR THE SPRING HARVEST

