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# CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



SPECIAL FEAST LESSON

LEVEL 1



THE SPRING FEASTS

# The Spring Festivals

God is the Creator of all things. He has a plan for everything, even human beings. God created us for the purpose of becoming members of His divine family. He shows us how we can become members through His annual feasts and Holy Days. Each day pictures a step in God's Plan to expand His Family.

In this lesson, we will learn about the first three feasts: Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread, and Pentecost.

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

PENTECOST

DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

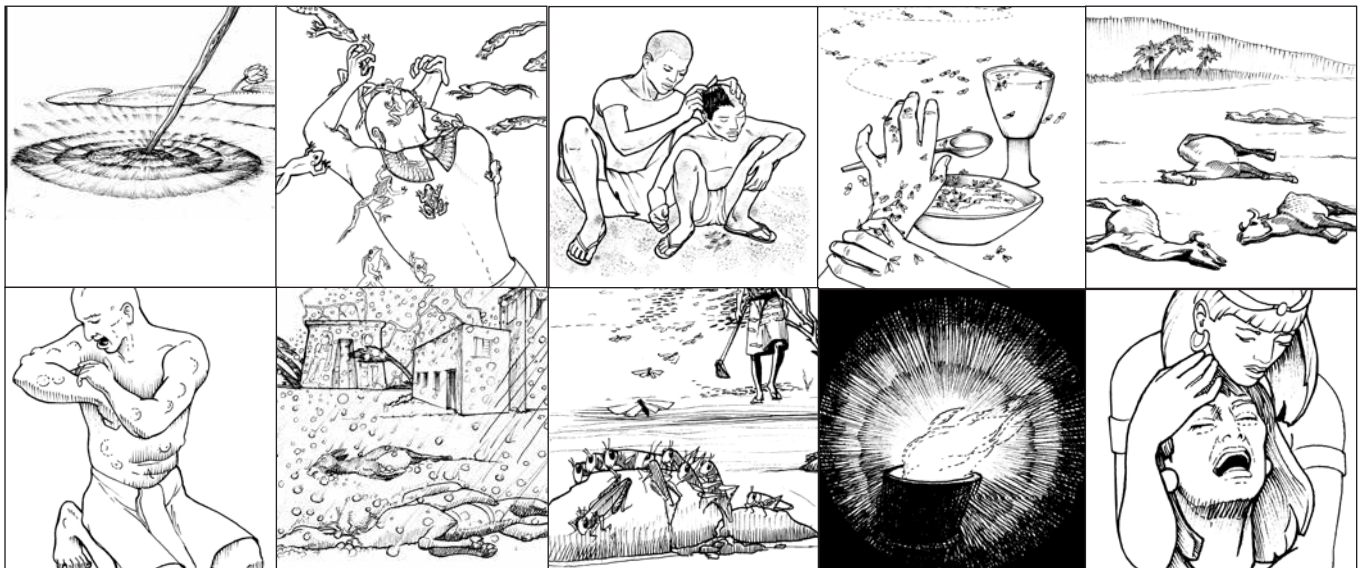
PASSOVER

Thousands of years ago, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. They worked long and hard hours. Because they were under the rule of Pharaoh, they were not allowed to keep the Sabbath. They quickly forgot God. Yet, God heard their cries for help and saw their bondage. He sent a man named Moses to deliver them. God told Moses to speak to Pharaoh and tell him, “Let My people go!”

Pharaoh quickly said, “No!” He did not want to loose his workforce. Moses kept asking, but Pharaoh would not agree. Each time Pharaoh said no, God sent a plague on the people of Egypt. This happened nine times.

We will learn about the tenth plague that God sent on Egypt. This plague is so important because it has a lot to do with the meaning of Passover.

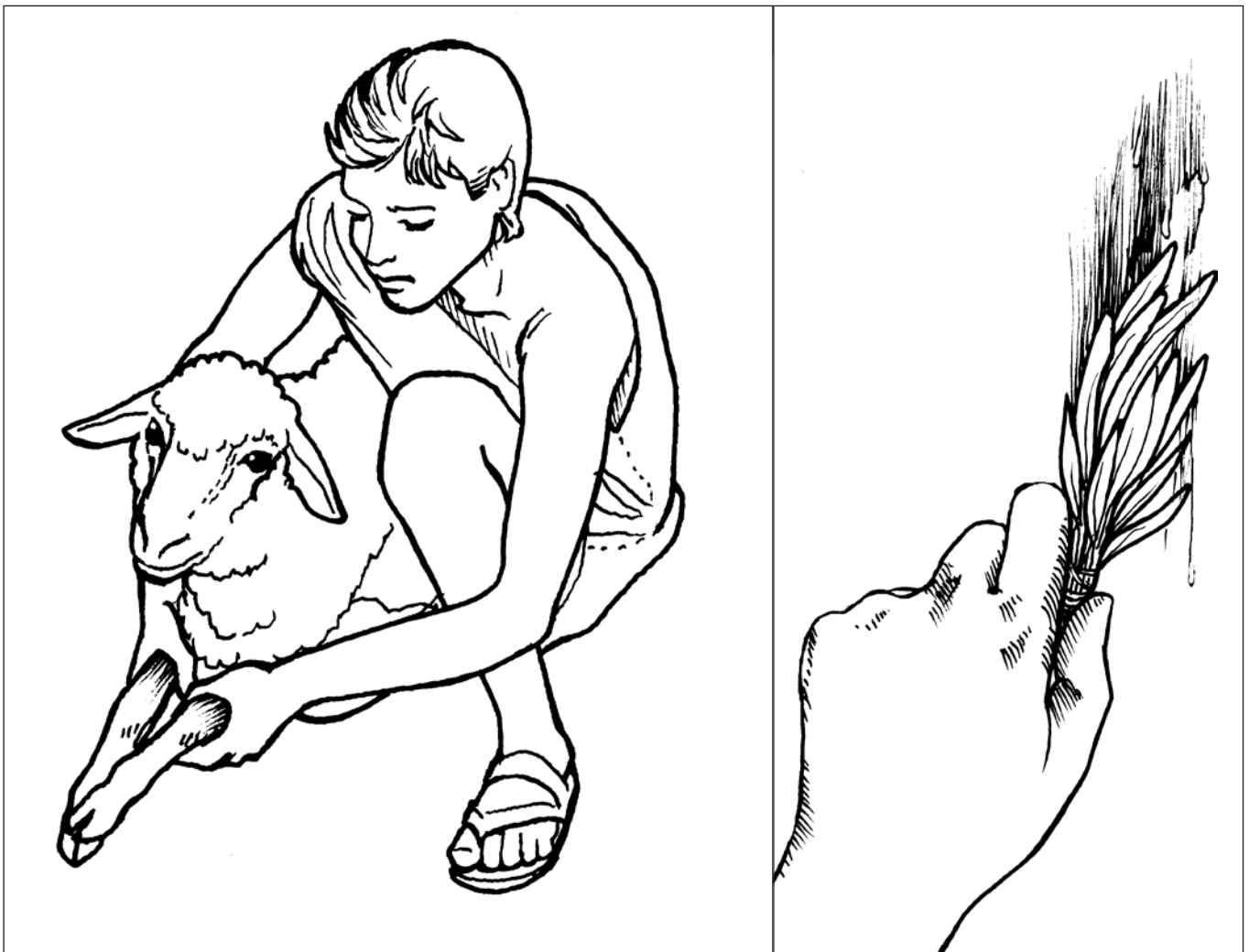
The tenth plague was the death of all the firstborn in Egypt. This included both man and animals. A firstborn is the eldest of a family, or the first child born to a mother and father.



WATER TO BLOOD - FROGS - LICE - FLIES - ANIMALS DIE  
BOILS - HAIL - LOCUSTS - DARKNESS - DEATH OF FIRST BORN

God did not want this plague to harm the Israelites. On the night of the Passover, the Israelites were to roast a healthy lamb and eat it with their families. With the meal, they were to eat unleavened bread and bitter herbs. To be protected from the plague, God commanded the Israelites to spread the lamb's blood on the doorposts of their homes. God's death angel would see the blood and PASS OVER their homes.

God commanded the Passover to be kept every year. When Jesus Christ came to this Earth, He changed the way Passover is kept. He took the place of the lamb. God's people do not have to kill a lamb and spread the blood on their doorposts anymore.



On Passover night, your parents attend a special service. They wash the feet of other members. This shows a serving and humble attitude. They eat a piece of unleavened bread. This reminds them that Jesus was terribly beaten before His death so we could be healed when we are sick. Then they drink a small glass of wine. This symbolizes Christ's shed blood that covers our sins. Christ lived a perfect life here on Earth, but He died so we could be forgiven of our sins and be saved from death.

**The Days of Unleavened Bread** are the second step in God's Plan. This feast is not one day. It lasts for one week. We keep this feast by not eating anything with leaven in it. God tells us that we are to remove all leavening out of our homes during these seven days. That is why prior to this feast, your mother and father clean the entire house and kitchen cupboards. They throw away all the

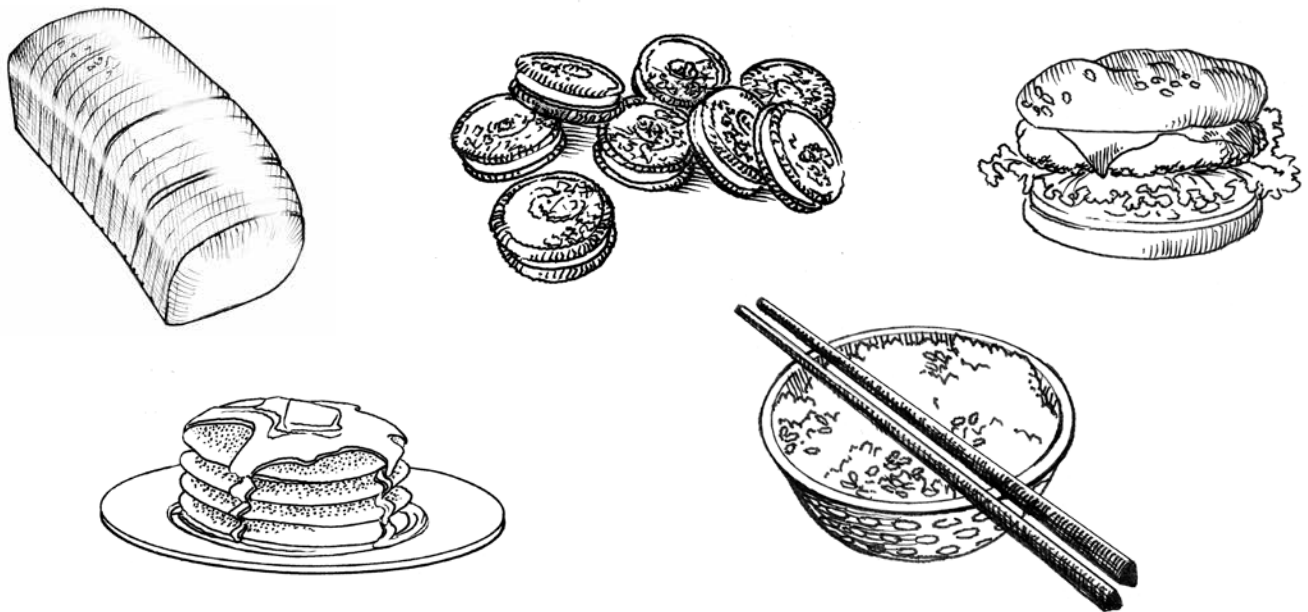


bread, cookies, cakes and crackers because they all contain leavening.

Because God says we cannot eat leavened products, we are to eat unleavened bread every day.

The Days of Unleavened Bread picture our putting sin and wrongdoing out of our lives continually. As with bread, leavening puffs food up. Sin does this to us. God wants us to clean up our lives of sin before it spreads and puffs us up. Eating unleavened bread for seven days reminds us that we are to obey Him. When God says to do something, He expects that we obey Him. As you help your mother clean the house this year, remember that God wants us to learn a lesson from this feast.

**Pentecost** is the next Holy Day that we keep. It is also known as the Feast of Firstfruits. This feast is called Pentecost because it means “fifteth.” From the Sunday after the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread,



**Circle the food that is not leavened or puffed up.**





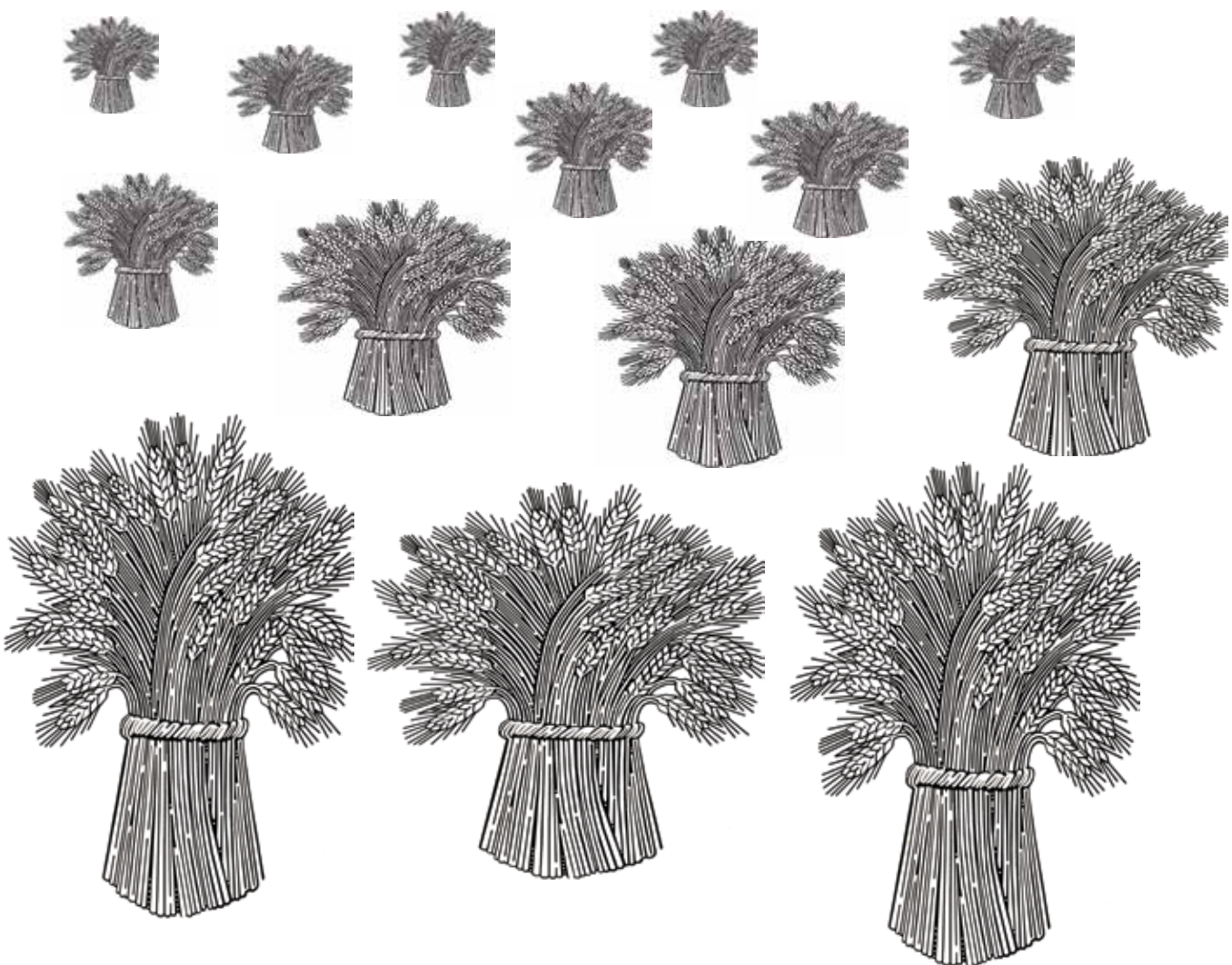
we count fifty days. This brings us to Pentecost. Pentecost pictures the Church as the spring harvest.

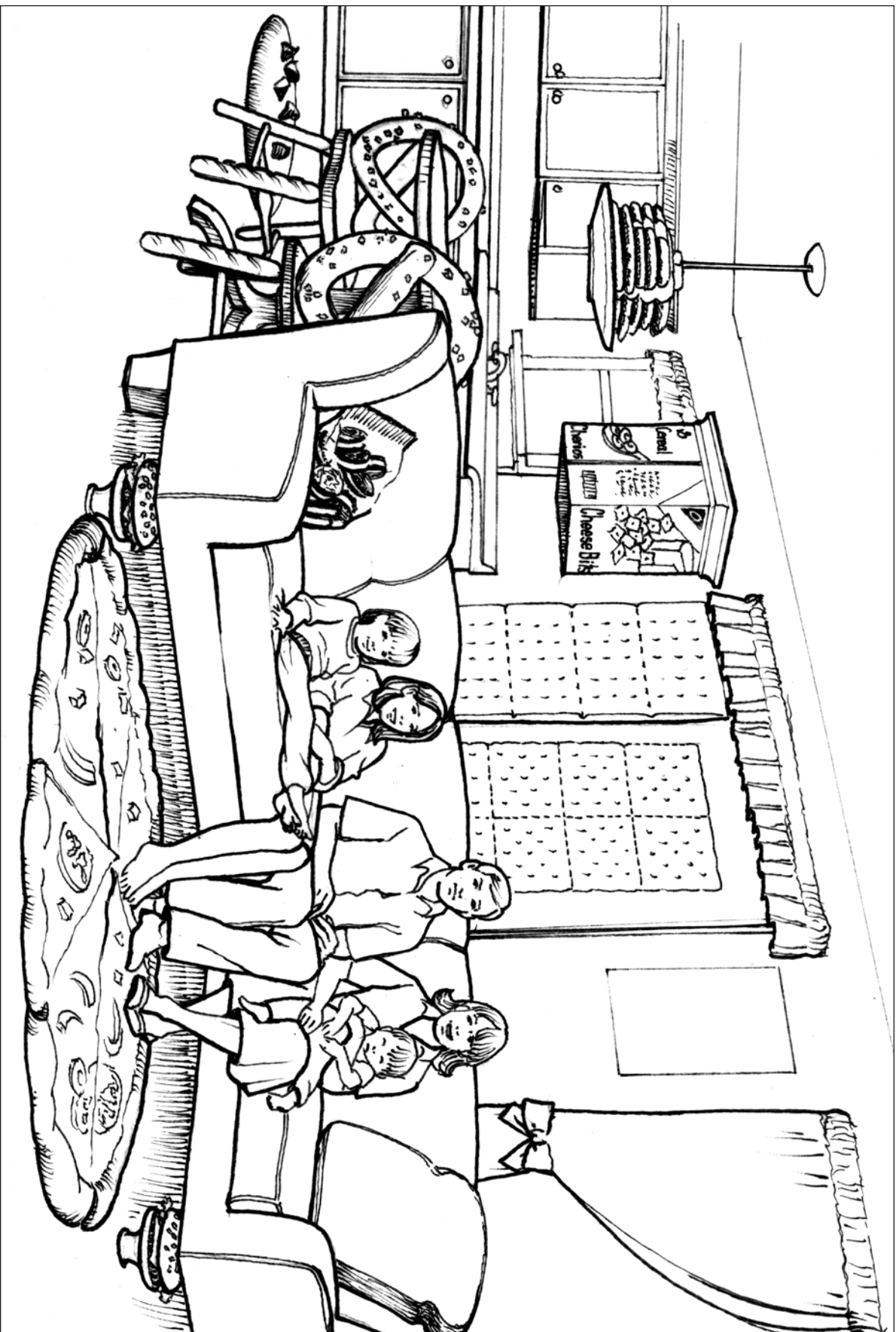
Christ came to Earth many years ago. He died on Passover and was resurrected after being dead for three days and three nights. He then went to heaven to be with God. Fifty days later on the day of Pentecost, God sent His Holy Spirit to Christ's disciples. This is when the New Testament Church began.

The Holy Spirit gives God's people special help. God gives it to those who have been baptized. Before being baptized, a person does not have the Holy Spirit. As children of baptized parents, you have the Holy Spirit working with you. When you are grown up and baptized, you will receive the Holy Spirit in your mind. It will help you to do what is right and to obey God.

Pentecost is also called the Feast of Firstfruits because it pictures the people in God's Church today as the "firstfruits" of all those who will be in His Family. God will later call many more people to understand His way of life. The "firstfruits" will help Christ to teach God's Way in the Kingdom. Christ is the first of the "firstfruits" because He is the only one who has been born into the Family of God.

In the special Fall Festival Lesson, you will learn more about the coming of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. The Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread, and Pentecost show the first three steps in God's Master Plan.





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

# WORD SEARCH

**FIRST:** Color all the squares that contain the letters J, K, Q and Z one color.

**NEXT:** Find and circle the words in the puzzle. They may be going up, down, across or diagonally. The three letters remaining spell what we should put out of our lives. \_\_\_\_ \_

☐ PASSOVER  
☐ BREAD  
☐ WINE  
☐ LAMB  
☐ SACRIFICE  
☐ UNLEAVENED

☐ PENTECOST  
☐ OFFERING  
☐ FIFTY DAYS  
☐ HOLY SPIRIT  
☐ EXODUS  
☐ MOSES

Z	Q	K	B	Q	S	K	I	Q	N	H	K
Q	J	P	R	W	K	Q	Z	K	J	O	F
K	Z	J	E	I	Z	K	J	S	K	L	I
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C	Q	O	Z	K	O	E	K	E	Q	P	Y
R	K	F	J	M	Z	P	C	X	Z	I	D
I	J	F	K	Q	K	A	Z	O	K	R	A
F	Q	E	Q	J	Q	S	J	D	S	I	Y
I	Z	R	J	Q	Z	S	Q	U	K	T	S
C	J	I	Q	K	L	O	K	S	Z	Q	J
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Q	K	G	Q	Z	M	E	J	Q	Z	J	K
J	Q	Z	J	Z	B	R	K	J	Q	Z	Q

**BIBLE MEMORY:** Leviticus 23:4

## **UNLEAVENED PEANUT BUTTER PLAYDOUGH**

### **Ingredients:**

One 12-oz. jar creamy peanut butter  
6 tablespoons honey  
3/4 cup non-fat dry milk (or enough to  
make a pliable dough)

**Directions:** Mix ingredients together, using  
varying amounts of dry milk for desired con-  
sistency. Knead it with fingers, forming into  
any desired shapes.

Other foods may be added for making a  
sculpture. When making animals, raisins or  
almonds may be used for eyes, slices of car-  
rots or celery for fish scales, a piece of radish  
or beet for a mouth. The possibilities are end-  
less!