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CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



SPECIAL FEAST LESSON

LEVEL 2



THE FALL FEASTS

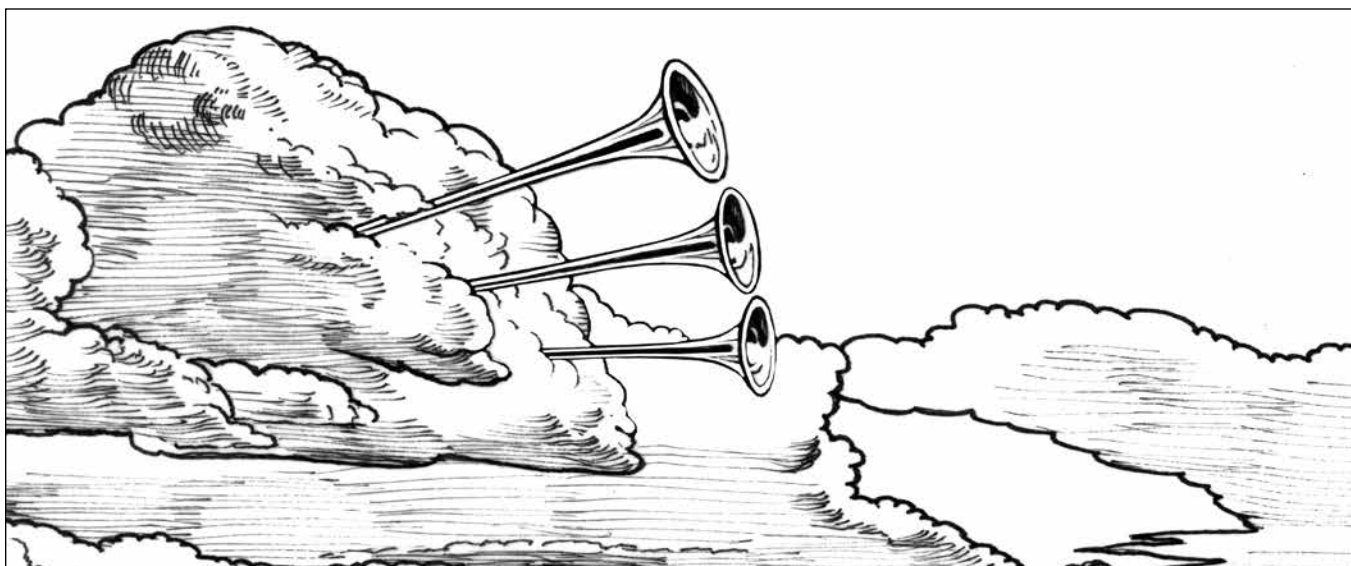
The Fall Holy Days



The fall is a wonderful time for God's people. In early fall, look up at the sky after sunset. You will see a beautiful new moon just over the horizon that means God's seventh month is starting.

Why is the seventh month so special? Because it is overflowing with feasts! Those in God's Church really look forward to this special time of the year and all that the feasts picture.

When the new moon appears, the first of the autumn festivals has begun!



Feast of Trumpets

A long time ago in the nation of Israel, a shofar (ram's horn) was blown like a trumpet to let the Israelites know that the first fall feast was beginning. It is called the Feast of Trumpets.

A trumpet will be blown so loudly that people all over the Earth will hear it! I Thessalonians 4:16 states that God will come down from heaven after a very loud trumpet is blown!

People who died in God's Church a long time ago and those who have died recently will be resurrected to life. God's people who are alive during this time will be given bodies like Jesus had after

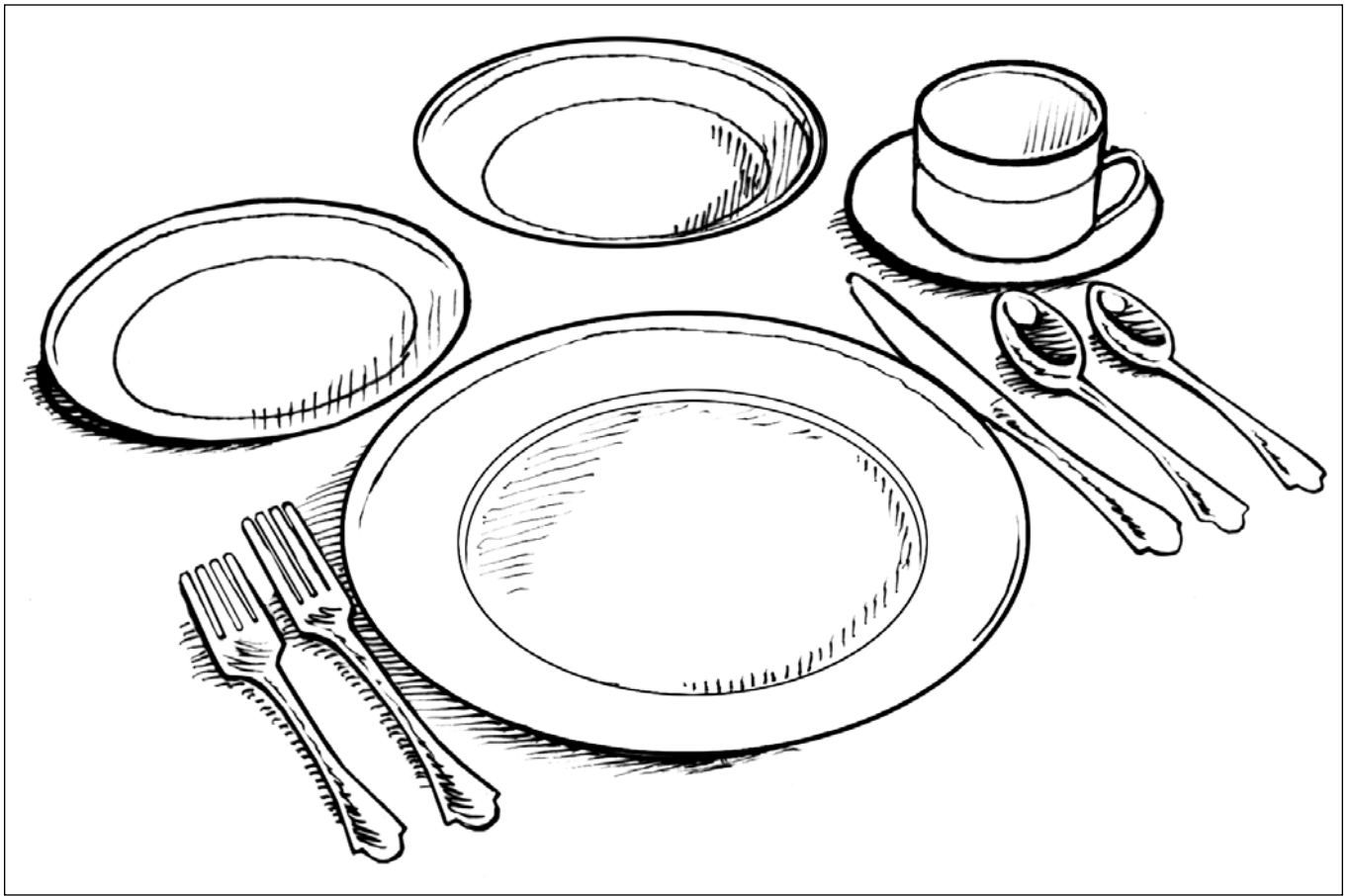
He was resurrected. This will happen very quickly—in the blink of an eye.

The Feast of Trumpets reminds us of a special trumpet blast in the near future. It will announce the next phase of God's Kingdom over the entire Earth. We do not work or go to school on this Holy Day, but instead go to Sabbath services.

Day of Atonement

The world will be very different when God's Kingdom is set up on Earth. But before all people come under God's Kingdom and laws, Satan must be taken away.

A long time ago, Satan was called Lucifer. God gave him a very important job on Earth, but he



chose to rebel. When this happened, God changed his name to Satan. That means “adversary” or enemy. Even though we cannot see Satan, he is still around and is the true source of the world’s evils. He tries to put wrong ideas and feelings into our minds. We must learn right from wrong so that we can resist evil and choose to do what is right.

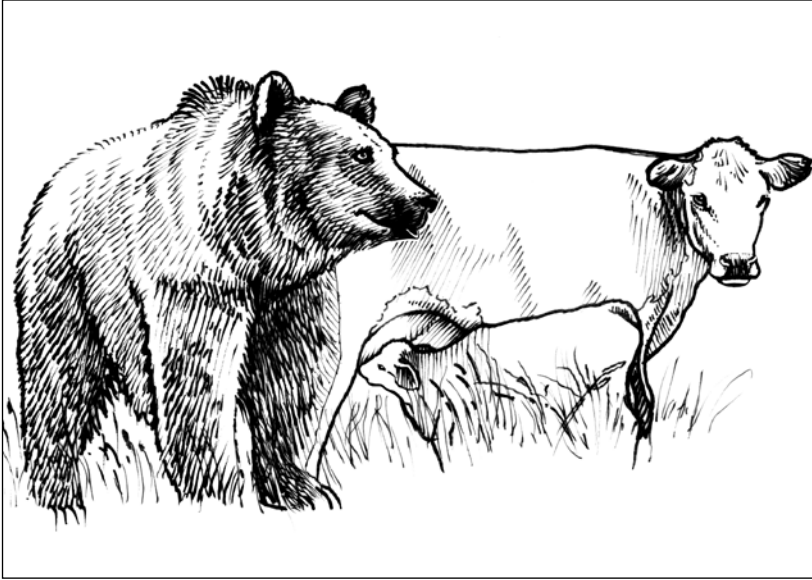
The Day of Atonement pictures a time when God will take Satan and put him in a place where he cannot cause problems. When he is taken

away from Earth, people will draw closer to God by obeying His laws. They will become “at one” with Him.

We fast—do not eat or drink—on this Holy Day. By doing this, we are reminded of how much we need God, who gives us the food and water necessary for us to live.

Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures God’s Kingdom growing to fill the whole world. Joy will fill the Earth during this time because God’s laws



will be obeyed. There will be plenty of food for everyone. Families will be happy. Everyone will enjoy beautiful parks and gardens. Children will play with animals that were once wild and ferocious. There will be no more robbery, and all evil will stop. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures this time of peace, joy and abundance.

The Feast of Tabernacles lasts seven days. (The number seven represents perfection.) The first day begins on the fifteenth day of the seventh month according to God's calendar. There is a full moon on this evening.

This is a special time of the year. On a separate piece of paper, write down special things you do with your family at the Feast. Maybe you

eat treats, swim, receive a new toy or visit museums. The Feast is also a time to make new friends. What are ways that you can help someone at the Feast? What are ways that someone has helped you?

In the Kingdom, people will learn about God and His ways every day, just

as we learn God's truth at services every day at the Feast.

Tithes

God's people save some of their money, called second tithe, during the entire year so they can really enjoy the Feast. This is what God tells us to do.

Ask your parents to help you find ten pennies. Imagine you have been paid these ten pennies. One penny belongs to God, so put it in a different place than the others. This is called *first* tithe. You give it to the Church to be used for doing the Work.

Now, take another penny from the ten cents you were paid. This is called *second* tithe. God tells us to



You have probably begun learning about fractions in school.

Remember that one half is one out of two. One quarter is one out of four. So one tenth is one out of ten, and second tithe is a second tenth out of ten.

Offerings

take this money to the Feast of Tabernacles.

On a separate sheet of paper, draw ten dimes. Imagine that this is what you earned in one year. With a red crayon, circle the first tithe. With a yellow crayon, circle the second tithe. How much money will you have to take to the Feast?

Now imagine that you earned \$10 during the year. Draw ten \$1 bills. Circle the first tithe with a red crayon and the second tithe with a yellow crayon. How much can you spend at the Feast?

God instructs us in Deuteronomy 16:16 not to appear before Him on the Holy Days empty-handed. This means that we are to give Him a gift, or offering, on these days.

In the Church today, we give money. Each person who gives an offering decides how much to give. God tells us in II Corinthians 9:7 that He loves a cheerful giver. This means we should be very happy when we give an offering.

Think of the many good things God has given you. God has given



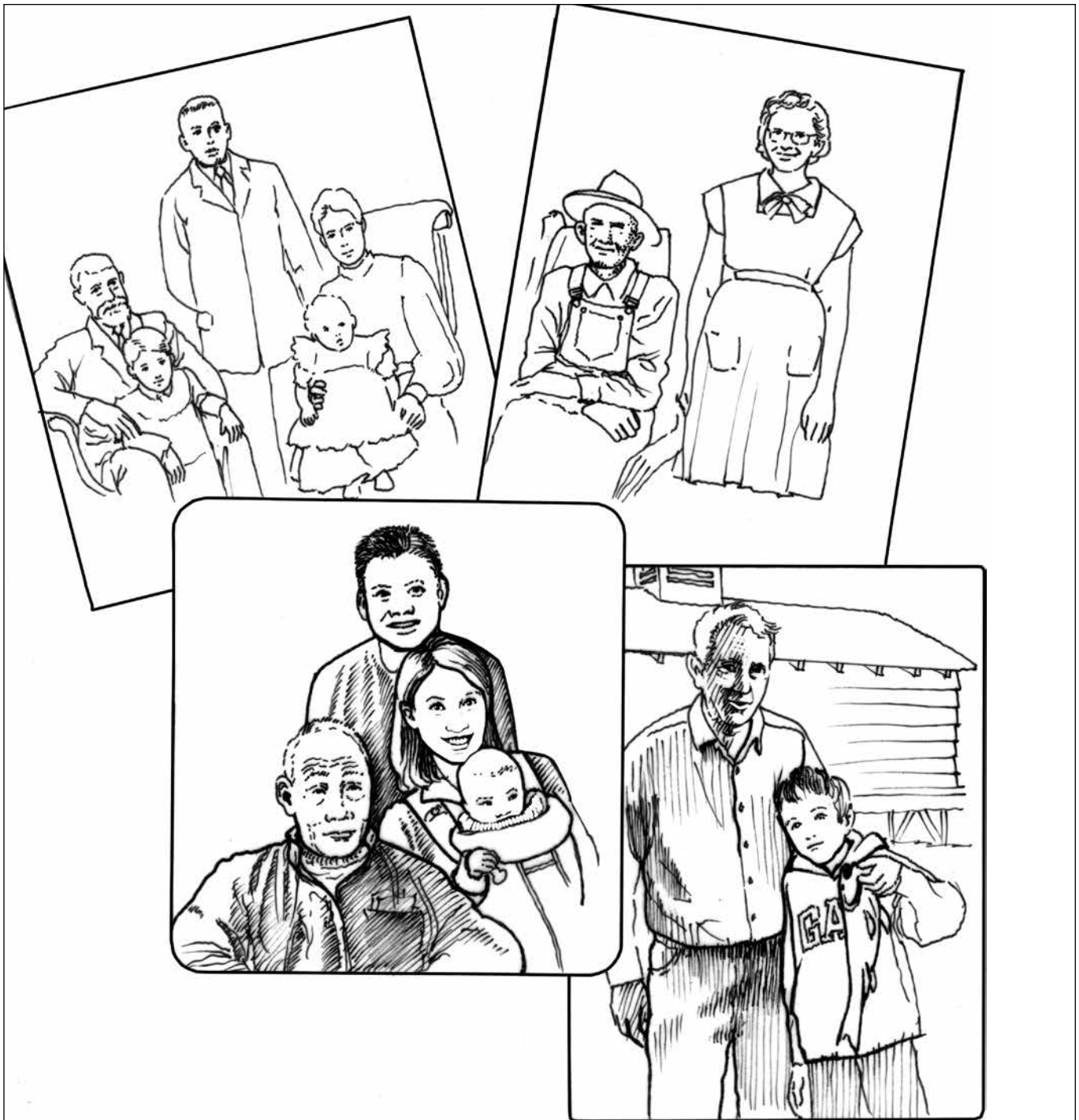
you parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, friends and teachers. God has given you a home, your health and the opportunity to learn His truth. By giving an offering, we show how much we love God and are thankful for our countless blessings. We should be absolutely delighted to give back to God for His Work!

Notice this promise from God to those who faithfully give tithes and offerings: “Prove Me now in this... If I will not open for you the win-

dows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10). When we give to God, He gives back to us!

Last Great Day

The next phase in God’s Plan is portrayed by the Last Great Day. This day comes right after the Feast of Tabernacles, while we are still at our Feast sites. It is not part of the Feast



Think of all the people who have died, but will have the opportunity to live again in God's Kingdom. Won't it be wonderful when they learn about God's Plan too?



of Tabernacles. It is a separate feast. John 7:37 calls this day “the last day, that great day of the feast.” It represents a time in the future when all mankind who lived in the past and never knew God will be resurrected back to life. Billions of people will be given God’s Spirit and a chance to live an abundant, happy life. There will be peace—no more war—throughout the whole Earth.

Can you think of anything so amazing? God is truly a loving and merciful God!

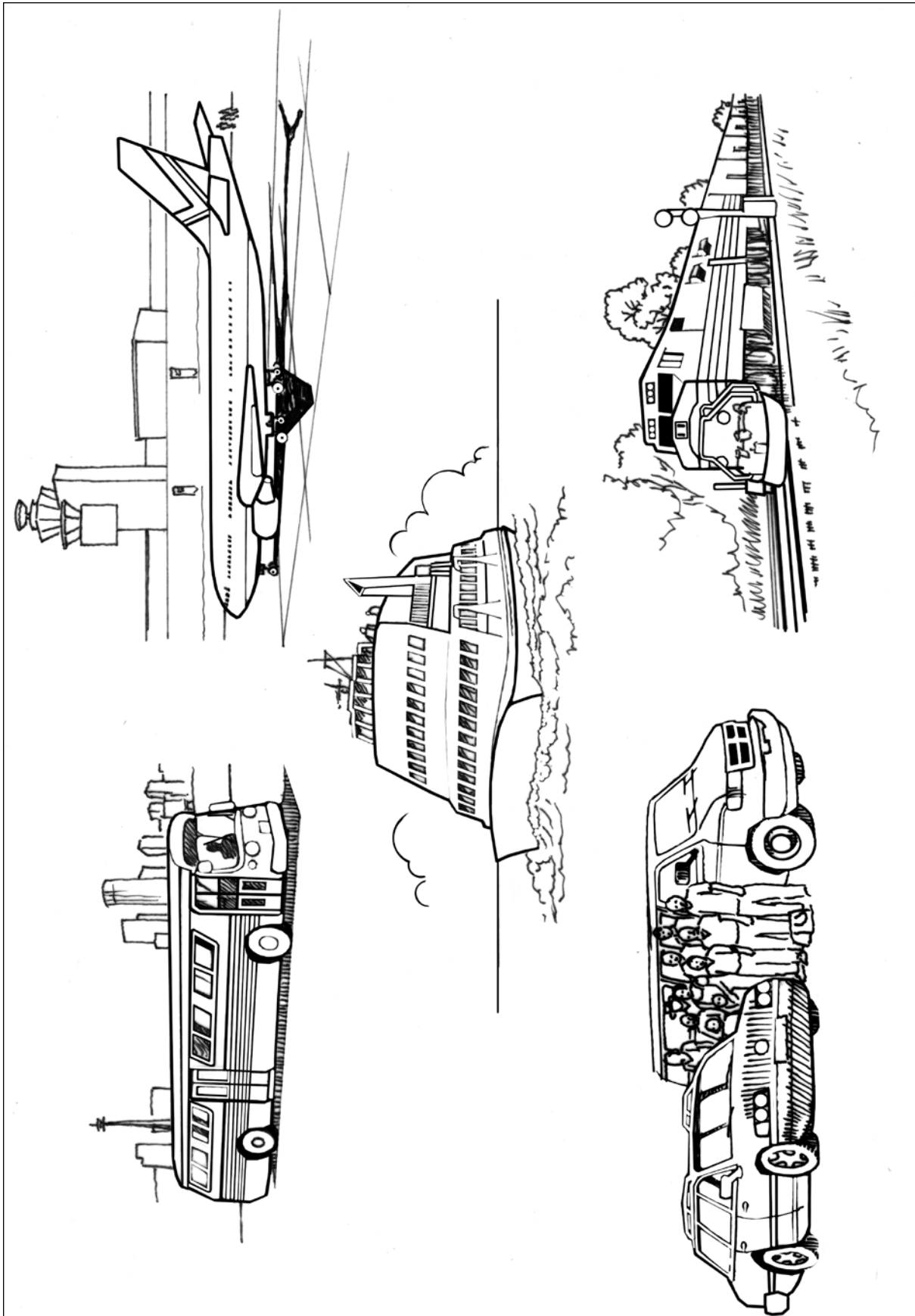
When the sun goes down on the Last Great Day, we are finished keeping God’s Holy Days for another year. We then look forward to the spring feasts in the upcoming year when we will again be reminded of God’s awesome Plan for mankind!



In this lesson, you have learned some new words. Find them in the word search below. Here are some clues:

MOON	LUCIFER	FRACTION	That leaves one last word to find. It tells what event will happen on the Last Great Day, when all people will live again to learn about God's Plan. It is called a: R_____
CRESCENT	REMOVE	OFFERING	
FULL	PEACE	REMINDS	
TRUMPETS	JOYFUL	FESTIVALS	
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HOW DID YOU ARRIVE AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES? CIRCLE THE KIND OF VEHICLE YOUR FAMILY USED. THEN COLOR ALL OF THEM.

BIBLE MEMORY: Leviticus 23:24, 27 (first half of verse), 34

ONE WAY WE SERVE GOD

First, connect the numbers starting with 1.

Then, connect the dots in the middle of the picture that have letters. Lift your pencil and start over every time you see a letter "A," then go to "B" and so on.

