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# CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



SPECIAL FEAST LESSON

LEVEL 3



THE FALL FEASTS



# What Your Future Holds

The little girl, Sue and her brother, Chris, glanced out the window from the living room. “Do you see that tree across the street?” asked Sue. “Its leaves are beginning to change color.”

“Fall is finally here,” said Chris. “You know what that means? It means the Feast of Tabernacles is just around the corner. Don’t you remember how exciting it was last year?”

“Of course, how could I forget?” Sue said. “Let’s go check with Dad about our plans for this year!”

The children found their father in the backyard mowing the lawn. He turned the lawnmower off while Chris excitedly said, “Dad, we were just talking about last year’s Feast of Tabernacles.”

“It’s getting to be that time of the year. I can hardly wait!” said Sue happily.

Their father replied, “Alright, alright. Settle down. I know you’re excited





about the Feast of Tabernacles, but don't forget about the Holy Days that come before the Feast. These days are just as important. They teach us a lot

about God's Plan, and if it were not for these days, we wouldn't be able to look ahead to the Feast of Tabernacles and the time when God's Kingdom is here."



A puzzled look came across Sue's face as she said, "Dad, I don't understand."

Her father answered her, "Look, I am almost finished mowing the lawn, and your mother will have dinner ready soon. Let's talk about this at the dinner table."

The children went inside, and they were all soon sitting down for dinner. After their father asked the blessing on the meal, Chris said, "Remember, Dad, you were going to tell us about the Holy Days before the Feast of Tabernacles."

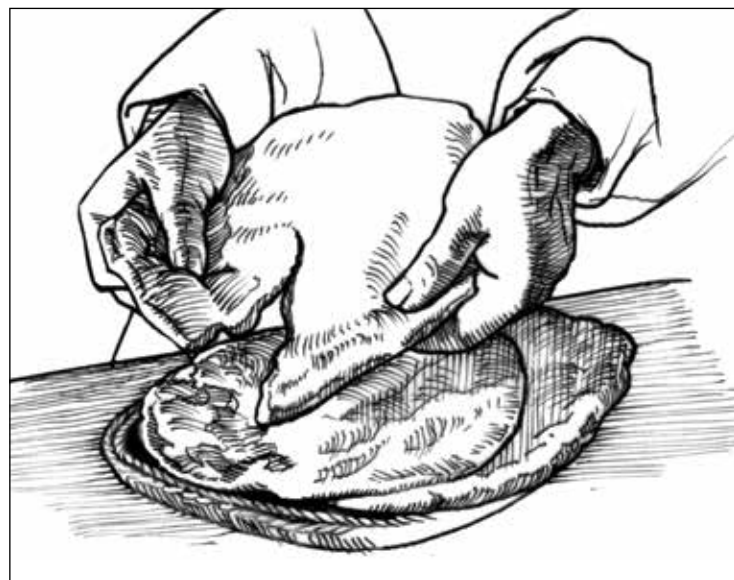
"Yes I was," Dad said. "Do you both remember the Feasts that already came this year?"

"I think so," Sue answered. "Wasn't the first one called Passover, and then there were the Days of Unleavened Bread? What comes after that?"

"Pentecost! Right?" Chris chimed in.

"Good job!" Dad said. "Those are the spring festivals. Let's quickly go over those before we talk about the ones that come in the fall. If we learn God's Feasts in the right order, it helps us to understand the meaning of God's great Plan for mankind."

Their father continued as the children listened closely. "Passover



is a very important reminder of the death of Christ. He died so that our sins could be forgiven. His sacrifice also made it possible for us to receive the gift of eternal life.”

“What about the Days of Unleavened Bread?” Sue asked.

“The Days of Unleavened Bread picture a Christian’s job of putting sin out of his life. Leaven is a type of sin in the Bible,” replied Dad.

He then explained that Pentecost was when God’s Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church of God for the first time. “It also pictures those whom God calls out of this world into His Church. God gives them some of His Spirit to help them build godly character. They can then rule with Jesus Christ in the Kingdom. Your mother and I will be part of this group of people.

“Now we come to the fall Holy Days. These festivals picture events that have not yet happened,” said Dad.

“Isn’t the Feast of Trumpets the first fall Feast?” asked Sue.

“You’re right. In the Old Testament, Israel would

observe this special day by blowing a shofar,” said Dad.

“What’s a shofar, Dad?” Chris asked.

Dad answered, “A shofar is made from a ram’s horn. It was sometimes used as an alarm of war. It was very loud.”



Dad then told the children that this festival is to be a memorial of blowing of trumpets (Leviticus 23:24). He explained that we are to think on the events where a trumpet is blown, including the resurrection of saints (Christians) from the dead, as well as when God defeats His enemies in battle.

“Wow! I did not know how important the Feast of Trumpets really is!” exclaimed Chris.

“Then the Feast of Tabernacles comes?” asked Sue.

“Not quite,” answered Dad. “In order for people to learn not to hurt and kill each other, Satan must be put away. So the next step in God’s Plan is to get Satan out of the picture. The Day of Atonement symbolizes this event.”

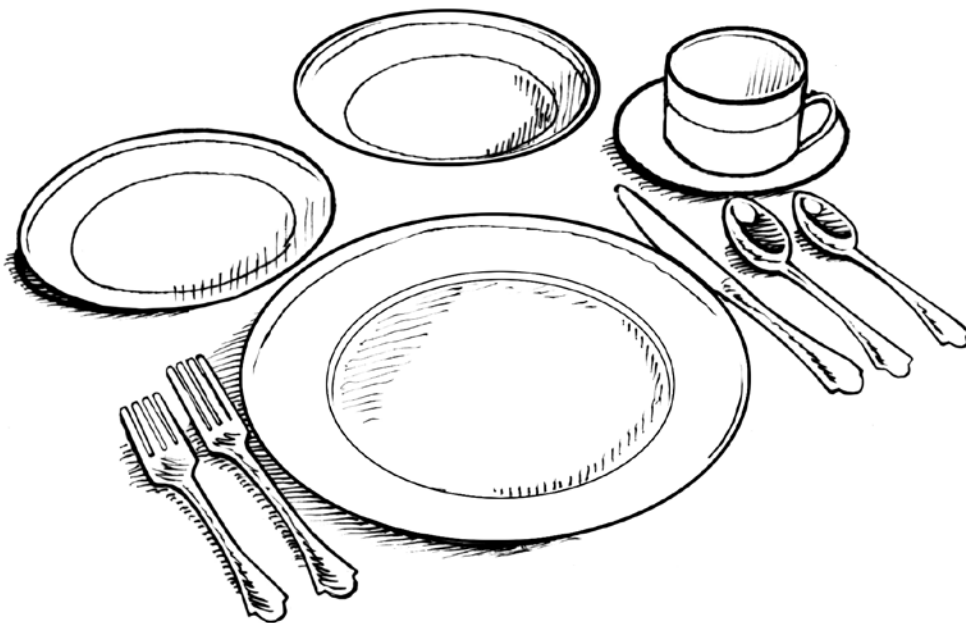
“Is that the day when we fast?” asked Sue.

“You’re right, Sue. Do you know why we fast?” her Dad asked.

“No. I just remember I always feel hungry and tired,” said Sue.

“The reason we fast on the Day of Atonement is to remind ourselves that we couldn’t live for very long without food. Fasting teaches those in God’s Church an important lesson, that we cannot live without God. Once Satan is banished, everyone will have the chance to receive God’s Holy Spirit and to know and obey His laws,” Dad replied.

Chris’s eyes opened wide as he began to understand. “I get it now,” he said. “When Satan is no longer around, people can learn to live the correct way, according to God’s Law.”



“You’re right, Chris,” Dad replied. “Now we can talk about the Feast of Tabernacles. This festival pictures God’s Kingdom on Earth.”

The two children became more excited as they listened to their father describe the wonderful time to come. They had not fully understood just how exciting it will be. They realized now that they could be physical leaders under their spirit-born parents, ruling with Christ. Just like Sue and Chris, you have been given the opportunity to be a human leader.

Sue and Chris started thinking about all of the ways that the time of the Kingdom would be different from the world today. One aspect that is different is found in Isaiah 11.

Suddenly their mother chimed in, “Imagine how excited a blind or lame person would be after being healed. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures such a wonderful time.

“Eventually, people will not have to lock their doors, or worry about walking outside at night. They will not kill or steal. Everyone will consider ways to make their fellow man happy, and will be practicing the GIVE way of life. We can even begin practicing doing this at this year’s Feast of Tabernacles. We can take a widow out to dinner, or you can play with little children before services so parents can have time to

fellowship. We can work on serving others now.”

On the following lines, list some of the ways you can make someone else’s Feast better. \_\_\_\_\_

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“I really look forward to traveling and meeting all the younger people in the Church at the Feast,” said Chris. “I’m glad you taught us to save second tithe, Dad.”

“You’re right,” said Dad. “God told us to observe the Feast of Tabernacles







### God wants us to be in His Family.

Being part of a family is special. All of the members help each other. Imagine how it would feel to be at the Feast without your parents and siblings. You might feel lonely.

Think of others in the Church who must feel that way at times. Plan to include them in your activities at the Feast of Tabernacles this year. To the right are a few lines where you may write the names of people you want to have join you at a meal or activity at the Feast. (Be sure to ask your parents first.) If you cannot ask all of them, think of other ways you might make them feel welcome. Perhaps you might make a corsage for a widow or ask your parents to give a ride to someone who does not have a car.

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every year. But He knew we would need money to be able to keep the Feast. So He commanded us to set aside 10 percent of our income so we will be able to make it to the Feast and enjoy it.”

Then a worried look came across Sue’s face as she asked, “Dad, if I have ten pennies, it is easy for me to take out 10 percent. But Mrs. Smith paid me \$5 the other day for watering her garden while she was on vacation. How do I divide this up? Can you show me?”

Her father nodded, and Sue went to get her piggy bank out of her room. She emptied all of its contents onto the table in front of Dad.

“Here’s one way to do it,” said Dad. “We already know that one dollar has 10 dimes in it. Now, put all those dimes in a row.”

Sue did as her father told her. “I see. Each stack has the same amount of dimes. So each stack of dimes is one tenth of the dollar.”

“The first stack goes toward God’s Church to help do His Work,” said Dad. “Now put the second stack in your special second tithe box you keep in your dresser. It is as simple as that!”

“We have talked about all but one of God’s Holy Days. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures the sixth step in God’s great Plan, but God tells us to

keep *seven* festivals every year. Do either of you remember what the final one is called?” asked Dad.

“Isn’t it called the Last Great Day?” asked Chris.

“You got it,” replied Dad. “What do you think happens to all the people who ever lived and died *before* the Kingdom was established? What do you think happens to all those who have never heard of God’s Plan?”

“The Last Great Day pictures the time when all those people will be raised from the dead to physical life. Once resurrected, many will be taught





God's Way for the first time. They will learn the way that leads to happiness and joy. God wants to give this opportunity to everyone—and He will! They will have the chance to receive eternal life along with everyone else.”

“There will be a New Heavens, a New Earth, and God the Father will live with mankind.”

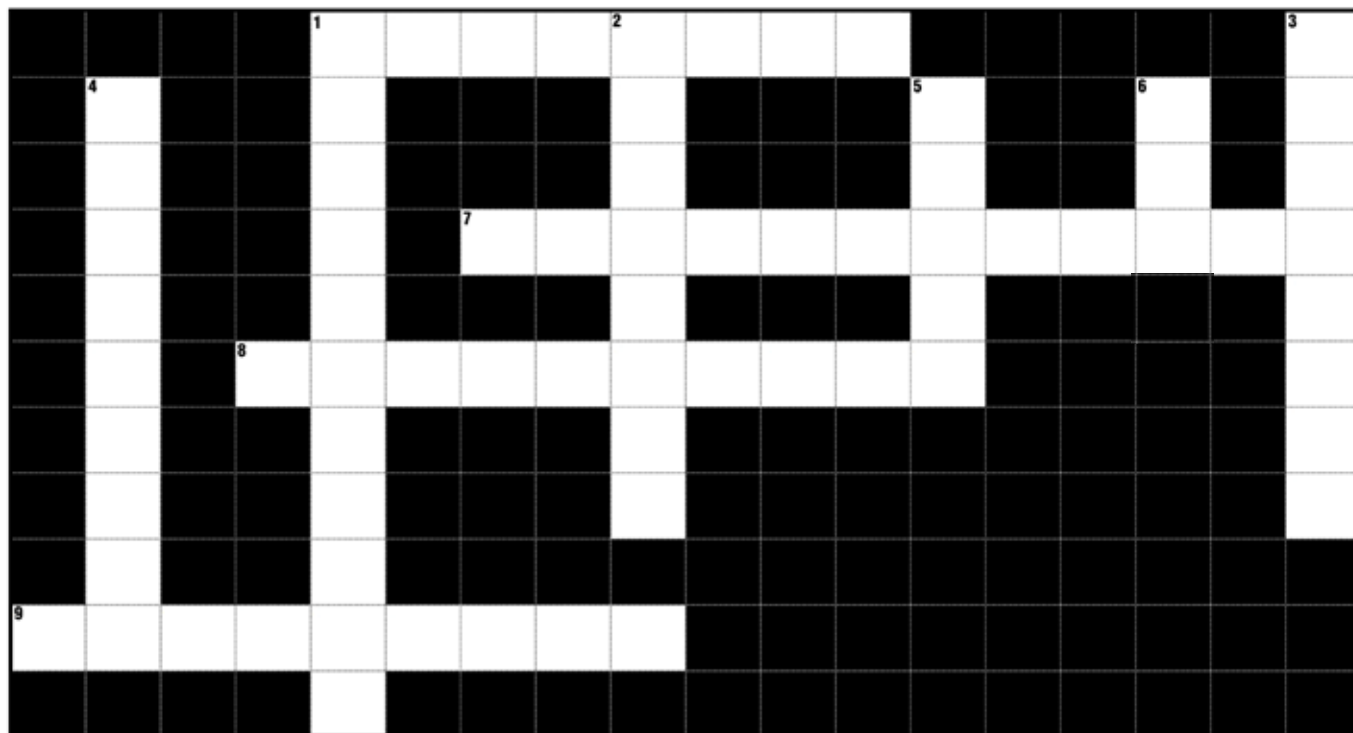
“Wow! Now that I know about God's Holy Days, and the events they picture,” Chris said, “I can hardly wait for them to arrive!”

“Me, too,” exclaimed Sue. “Let's go check the calendar to see when the Feast of Trumpets is this year!”



**BIBLE MEMORY:** Leviticus 23:24, 27, 34, 36

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS:

- 1 - Loud, metal musical instruments.
- 7 - The Holy Day when all who have never been called will awake to live again and learn to choose God's way of give.
- 8 - When something is made without yeast or a rising ingredient.
- 9 - When Satan will be banished and we become one with God.

### DOWN:

- 1 - Temporary dwellings.
- 2 - What the death angel did to the Israelites' homes.
- 3 - Days in which God has put Himself are called \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 - Count fifty.
- 5 - A baked food made of grain.
- 6 - When something belongs to \_\_\_\_\_, it is holy.