

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level 3 • Unit 1 • Week 2

THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

OBJECTIVE:

To learn that the Feast of Trumpets pictures the time of Christ's return to the earth and the first resurrection.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Materials Needed:

Bible

Some method for sounding trumpets—blow a real trumpet, play a recording of trumpets or blow into a construction paper trumpet

Picture of a shofar (ram's horn)

Say: Close your eyes and listen.

Do: Blow trumpet or play recording.

Ask: What did you hear?

Ask: If you lived in Israel, when would you hear trumpets blowing?

Say: The ancient Israelites often used trumpets to announce important events such as an alarm of danger, a signal of war or a celebration. On the Feast of Trumpets, silver trumpets and a ram's horn were sounded.

Do: Show pictures of a trumpet and the ram's horn.

Say: In our Bible lesson today, we will learn the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets.

BIBLE LESSON:

Materials Needed: Bibles

Poster with Revelation 11:15 written on it

Map of Israel showing the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea

Map of the world

Say: The fourth part of God's plan is the Feast of Trumpets. This Holy Day pictures the time of Christ's return to this earth and the resurrection of the firstfruits. We can read of this part of God's plan in Leviticus 23:23-25.

Do: Ask one of the students to read Leviticus 23:23-25.

Say: This is the only Holy Day on which trumpets were blown.

Say: Let's now turn to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

Do: Ask one of the students to read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

Ask: Who will be resurrected first?

Say: Those who are dead and had God's Holy Spirit will rise first to meet Christ in the air. This is the first resurrection.

Ask: Which type of trumpet symbolizes the resurrection?

Say: The silver trumpets because it is a very joyous occasion.

Ask: Let's now look at 1 Corinthians 15. Would someone read 1 Corinthians 15:20, 22-24?

Do: Explain the basic meaning of the verses.

Ask: How fast will the resurrection take place?

Say: Let's look at 1 Corinthians 15:52.

Do: Ask someone to read verse 52.

Say: Everyone blink your eyes. Notice how quickly you can blink your eyes. It illustrates for us that this change will happen very quickly. First those who were dead will be changed. Then those who are alive when Christ returns will be changed from flesh and blood to spiritual bodies at the sound of the trumpet.

Say: There are seven trumpets that will be blown during the time of the end. The first six trumpets announce horrible things that will happen on this earth during the time of God's wrath.

Do: Hold up the poster of Revelation 11:15.

Say: Let's read the verse together. "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'"

Ask: How do you think God's people will feel when Christ returns and His people are changed?

Say: This will be a most exciting and wonderful time!

Ask: Do you know some of the awesome gifts the firstfruits, those resurrected at the sounding of the seventh trumpet, will receive from God?

Say: They will be given eternal life, a new name, white robes and a crown, and will serve under Jesus Christ as kings and priests.

Do: Show the map of the world and where Israel is located. Then show the map of Israel and the location of the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea as you speak to them.

Say: We know Christ will return at the seventh trumpet. Zechariah 14:3-9 tells us Christ will return with His saints, the firstfruits.

Christ will fight against all the nations who are against Him. Christ will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is a hill that faces Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will split in two. Part of the mountain will move toward the north and the other part of the mountain will move toward the south. Out of this split in the mountain will come waters, which will flow from Jerusalem toward the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

The Dead Sea has very little life in it because of the salt and other minerals in the water. The living waters that flow from Jerusalem will bring life to it. Fish, plants and trees will begin to grow in the sea and around the shore. Things will begin to grow and prosper as a result of the return of Jesus Christ at the seventh trumpet.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Art Activity

Materials Needed: Picture of a shofar and trumpet
Clay or play dough
Foil if needed

Recipe for homemade play dough

2 cups flour
1 cup salt
2 tbsp cream of tartar
2 tbsp cooking oil
2 cups of water
Food coloring

Combine ingredients and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly.
When dough pulls away from the pan, let it cool, then knead.

- Give each student some clay or play dough.
- Place a picture of the shofar and trumpet on the table so all the students can see the pictures.
- Have each child take the clay or play dough and form a shofar or trumpet.
- Leave on the table to let the clay or play dough get hard.
- Wrap in foil.
- Put the completed projects in boxes or on a piece of cardboard so they can take them home after services.

MUSIC:

Sing the song: "Do You Know God's Feasts?" by Mark Graham and Ruthie Brown. (Music with lyrics is included with the lesson on God's Holy Days—Level 3, Unit 1, Week 1.)

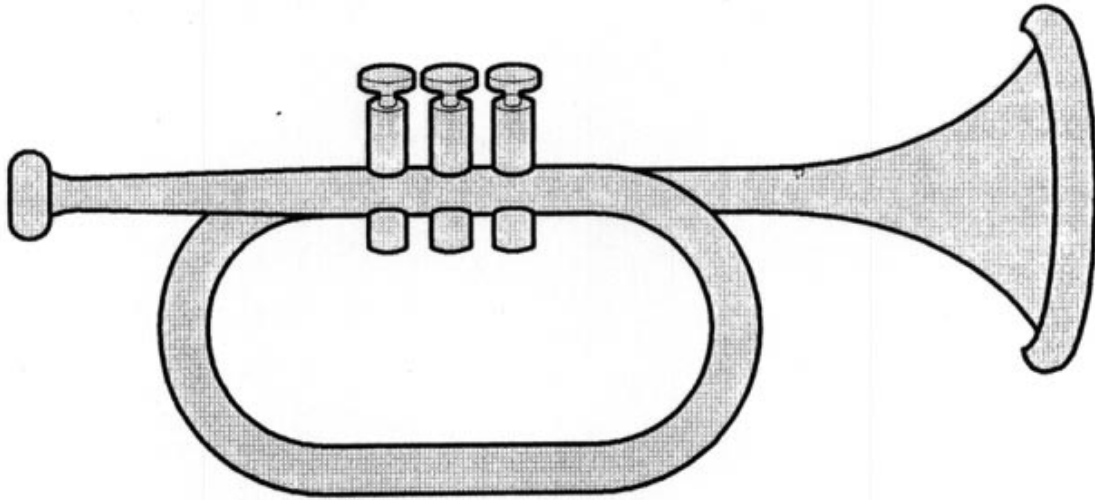
MEMORY VERSE:

Revelation 11:15: "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'"

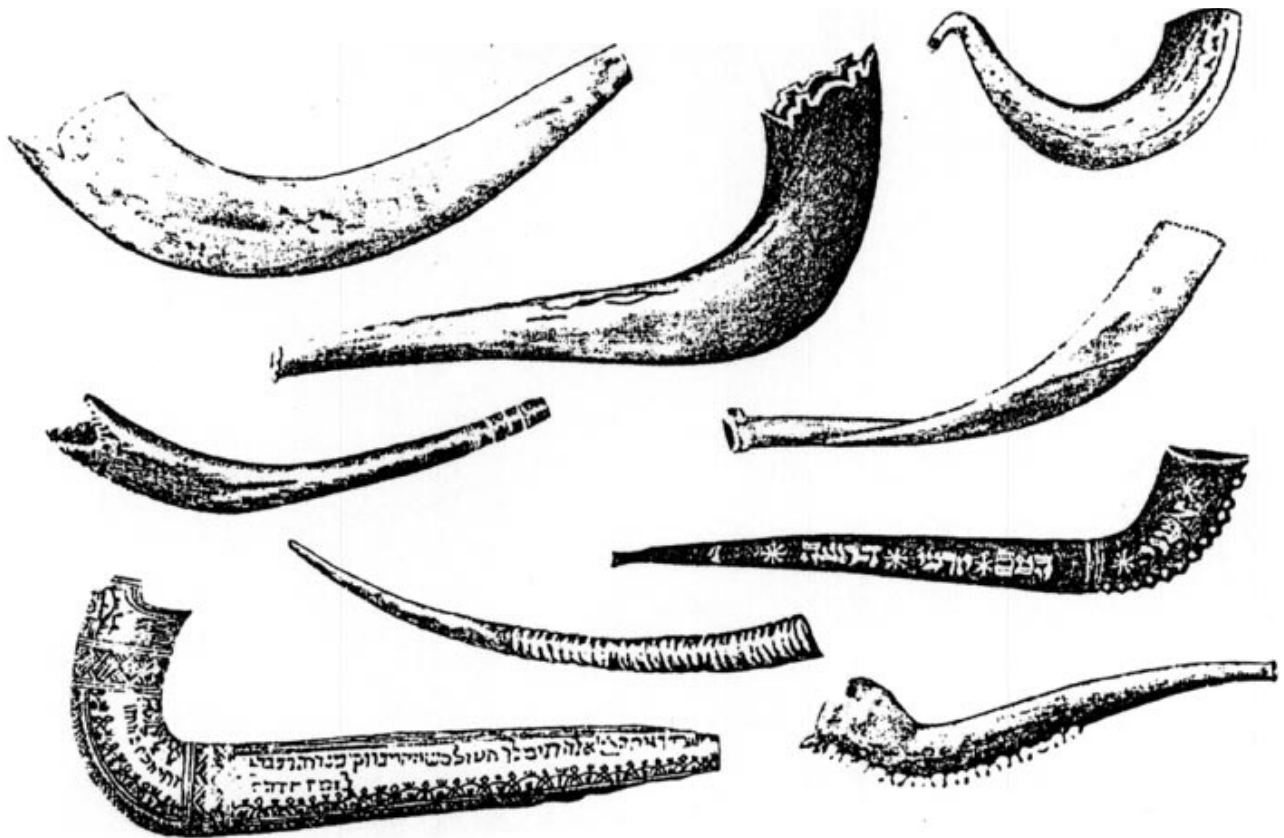
Say: The Feast of Trumpets tells us that at the last trumpet blast Christ is coming back to this earth as "Lord of Lords" and "King of Kings." And all those called and chosen by God throughout history will be raised to eternal life.

Do: Practice the memory verse with the class.

TRUMPET



SHOFARS



family activity

THE POINT:

The Feast of Trumpets pictures the time of Christ's return to this earth along with the resurrected saints.

ASK ME...

What does the Feast of Trumpets picture?

When will Christ return to this earth to rule? (at the seventh trumpet)

Who will be resurrected at the time of the sounding of the seventh trumpet?

Why is Christ's coming such a joyous occasion?

FAMILY TIME TOGETHER:

Go to a concert or listen to music where trumpets are emphasized.

Discuss the different types of instruments and the sounds they make.

Look up the word "shofar" in an encyclopedia or on the Internet.

MEMORY VERSE:

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DO YOU KNOW GOD'S FEASTS?

(Group 1) Do you know God's feasts in the spring and in the fall?

(Group 2) I am happy to say that I can name them all.

(Group 1) Can you find where they're written down for us to see?

(Group 2) They're recorded in Leviticus chapter twenty-three.

(Group 1) What's the fourteenth day of the first month in the spring?

(Group 2) It's the Passover of Jesus Christ the King.

(Group 1) On the fifteenth day, can you tell me what begins?

(Group 2) Days of Unleavened Bread mean getting rid of sin.

(Group 1) Can you count fifty days from the wavesheaf offering?

(Group 2) That is Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came.

(Both) Then the months go by and we watch the summer go.
But there still are four more Holy Days to know.

(Group 1) On the first day of the seventh month, what do we learn?

(Group 2) It's the Day of Trumpets when Jesus will return.

(Group 1) And the tenth of the month is what Holy Day?

(Group 2) It's the Day of Atonement, when Satan's put away.

(Both) Next the Feast of Tabernacles is a time of happiness.
When Christ will reign and the world will be blessed.

(Group 1) On the Last Great Day, what does God have in mind?

(Group 2) He will offer salvation to all of mankind.

(Group 1) Do you know God's feasts in the spring and in the fall?

(Group 2) I am happy to say that I can name them all.

(Both) And the seven feasts which God gave man
Are the seven steps in God's eternal plan.

This song can be sung with the choir divided into a question group and an answer group, as indicated or sung all together.