

SABBATH SCHOOL

Level K • Unit 1 • Week 4

FEAST OF TABERNACLES/LAST GREAT DAY

OBJECTIVE:

To show, through the Bible, that God and Jesus Christ will usher in a world of peace in the future for all to enjoy.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Imagine being in your favorite park on your favorite swing. You're having the best time and you look down. There, in front of you, stands a lion. Are you afraid? Or imagine you're camping with your family in the mountains. You forget and leave the honey graham crackers out on the picnic table when you go to sleep. Suddenly, you hear a loud crunching! You peek out of your tent and see a bear!

Today we will talk about a time when lions, bears and all living creatures will live in peace and harmony. You won't need to be afraid anymore. In fact, you will be able to feed the bears and pet the lions. This time is called the "world tomorrow." It will be 1,000 years of peace. We will live with Jesus Christ. It will be called the Millennium, which means 1,000 years.

BIBLE LESSON:

Say: Soon you will be going on a very fun eight-day trip with your family.

Ask: Does anyone know what Holy Day you will be keeping?

Say: That's right—the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast pictures a time of 1,000 years of peace for people, animals, the land and everything that God made. If we obey God, we will have the chance to live forever on this beautiful earth with Jesus Christ. There will be no more pain, tears or sickness. We won't ever be afraid, and we will be happy. What does God say it will be like? Let's see.

Read: Isaiah 11:1-2.

Say: The Rod is Jesus Christ. He will be wise and understanding. God will send Him to the earth when the time is right. No one knows yet when that time is except God the Father. God knows the best time for everything. Those who are in the Church now obeying God will live and help Christ in this time of peace. Those people who died, but obeyed God before they died, will live in peace with Christ at this time too. The Bible calls them saints.

Read: Isaiah 11:4.

Say The Bible is saying that God will be fair with everyone.

Ask: Did any of you ever get into trouble for something that wasn't your fault?

Say: I've gotten in trouble for something I didn't do. [Use a personal example.]

In the Millennium, the world tomorrow, the 1,000 years of peace, Jesus and His saints will be able to judge the right way all the time. They'll just know who took the cookie from the cookie jar. They'll just know who drew on the wall with the crayon—even if they're not looking! Isn't that amazing? God and Christ will give them the ability to know what really happened and judge fairly. God and Jesus Christ are able to do this. They know and see everything. They always know what happened. You won't ever get into trouble for things you didn't do.

Read: Isaiah 11:6-8.

Say: The wolf is a wild, dangerous animal right now. You wouldn't want to pet one! Someday, during the Millennium, the 1,000 years of peace that the Feast of Tabernacles pictures, the wolf will be tame just like your dog is tame. It will be able to dwell or live with the lamb and not eat it up.

Say: The leopard comes from the cat family, but it is not a pet. It's very vicious or dangerous. In the Millennium, there will be peace and harmony. All things will work together for the good of everyone.

Ask: What would happen to the cow if the lion were with it now?

Ask: Who would love to pet a lion right now?

Say: Don't do it! It would eat you up. In the Millennium, the 1,000 years of peace, you will be able to pet a lion or play near the hole of a snake without getting hurt.

Ask: Isn't that something to look forward to?

Say: After the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles, we keep a special Holy Day on the eighth

day. It is a special Holy Day called the Last Great Day!

Say: This is a very special time in God's plan. This pictures a time after the 1,000 years of peace when everyone who hasn't known God will have a chance to know Him and obey Him (like we in God's Church know Him today). This would be anyone you knew who died, but wasn't in God's Church.

Ask: Has anyone had a friend, family member or neighbor die, who wasn't in God's Church? Wouldn't it be nice to see them again?

Say: This period of time after the 1,000 years of peace will give all of these people a chance to hear about God, so they can start to love and obey Him just as we do. If they obey Him, then they will have a chance to live in peace forever too.

Ask: So, what do you think? Does this sound exciting?

Say: We are going to make a picture of the Millennium.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Supplies Needed:

Colored construction paper (9x12 inch)

Glue

Prepare in Advance:

Before class cut out enough magazine pictures of animals (both domestic and wild) as well as peaceful scenes and family scenes so that each child can have four or five pictures.

Do: Give each student a piece of colored construction paper. Have children choose and paste four to five pictures to make a millennial scene on their papers. Go around the room afterward and discuss them.

MUSIC:

Teacher's choice from United Church of God hymnal.

MEMORY VERSE:

Isaiah 11:6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

family activity

THE POINT:

God and Jesus Christ will usher in a world of peace for all to enjoy.

ASK ME...

What does the word "Millennium" mean?

Will the animals in the Millennium be tame?

About the picture I made in class.

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

The next time you go to the zoo, talk about all of the animals we can't get close to now. Talk about the fact that one day the animals will all roam peacefully without walls, cages or gates. Also, talk about all the flowers and foliage you see and how much more beautiful the colors will be in the Millennium.

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