

Youth
Festival
Booklet

Grades 4-6



This belongs to:

Happy Feast Days!

What a great time of year this is when we are once again reminded about the awesome plan God has for us. In Leviticus 23, God tells us that we are to keep the Holy Days, including the Feast of Tabernacles, forever, from generation to generation. God never wants us to forget His great plan for mankind, and that is why we observe the Feast and Holy Days every year.

Remember, God wants to build a relationship with you and your family! The Feast is a perfect time to spend more time learning about God's plan of salvation. So make sure not only to rejoice, but to also learn as much as you can about God and His plan for YOU!

Note to parents: Each page of the booklet is designed not only to be fun for your children but also to help reinforce a biblical point and basic academic skills needed for school. In addition, each page has a Family Discussion Point which can be used to help in family discussions while at the Feast of Tabernacles.

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Have a wonderful Feast season!

- *The Education Team*

The Holy Days

Can you believe that it's almost time for the next festival season? It seems like we just got done worshipping during the earlier festivals, yet here we are—eagerly anticipating our departure for the Feast of Tabernacles! Before these later feasts begin, it's always good to think about what each of the festivals mean to us as God's people and how they lay out His special plan for mankind. So let's do a quick review!

To begin, do you think you can name all of the God's festivals? Use the clues below to figure out their names.

1. I am the first of the festivals of God. Although I'm not a day when everyone comes together to attend services at church, I am still most special. I was initially set apart as holy by God, back when the Israelites were still in Egypt—the 10th plague was happening, and all the children of Israel were gathered together in their homes with blood on their doorposts (Exodus 12:1-14; Leviticus 23:5).

I am _____

2. I am the second of God's festivals days. I am similar to another festival later, in that I last for seven days. Preparation for me takes a bit more effort, because you have to make sure there isn't leavening anywhere in your house—and then you won't eat leavened foods until I am over (Leviticus 23:6).

I am _____

3. I am the third Holy Day. It is pretty easy to determine when I happen—because you just have to know how to count to 50! I am the last of the earlier festivals (Leviticus 23:15-21).

I am _____

4. I am the fourth of the annual festivals—and I kick off the later festivals! My day used to be super loud with the blowing of an instrument. That's how I got my name! Most people get pretty excited when it's time for me, because for many this is their favorite time of year (Leviticus 23:24)!

I am _____

5. I am the fifth festival. I am unlike any of the others, because the observance of me includes a day of fasting. I'm sure you won't forget my name (Leviticus 23:27-32)!

I am _____

6. I am the next of the annual festivals. I am the other festival that is observed for seven days. You know what? I might just be your favorite of all the feasts. You get pretty excited when it's time for me to arrive, because you know that you are going to get to travel away from your home to worship with other brethren—you might even get to stay in a hotel or attend near the beach (Leviticus 23:39-43)!

I am _____

7. I am the seventh and last of the annual festivals. You usually keep me while you are away observing the previous festival—once the first seven days are done, I come next. I am called by two different names—so just pick the one you know me by the best (Leviticus 23:36)!

I am _____

Each of these feasts pictures a different step in God's master plan for mankind, and when you put them all together, they form a complete picture of what God has in store for all of His children. Let's remember where we are in God's plan at this point of the festival season. Passover demonstrates the incredible love that God has for us, in that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to be born and live as a man, in order for Him to be a perfect sacrifice for the sin of mankind. His sacrifice makes it possible for us to have a future with God and Christ, and allows us a personal relationship with the Father. The Days of Unleavened Bread symbolize a time when we make a conscious effort to remove sin from our lives, learning how much it gets into everything we do, and how hopeless it is to live sin-free without God's help. The last of the earlier feasts is Pentecost. It serves as a reminder that God grants His Holy Spirit to the spiritual firstfruits of His spiritual harvest—those who are called now and are living in His word and obeying His laws and commands.

Every one of the holy days points to the future God has in store for all of mankind. The later holy days pick up with the next step in God's plan—and here is where it gets rather exciting!

Before it's time to leave for the Feast of Tabernacles, we have two other festivals to celebrate. I'm sure you remember that they are the Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement. Do you know what makes these festivals special in the plan of God? They definitely work together to bring about some pretty exciting future events!

Feast of Trumpets

Let's begin in Leviticus 23:23-24. Read and fill in the missing words for the scripture.

"Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying "Speak to the children of Israel saying: "In the _____ month, on the _____ day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of _____ of _____, a holy convocation."



This man is blowing a shofar.

In this scripture, we can see that they commemorated this festival with blowing of trumpets. Trumpets are very loud instruments that have a sound that can carry far and wide. We can find in Scripture that they were regularly used in ancient Israel. There were several types of shofars, as well as other trumpets used. God even had Israel make special silver trumpets to be used by the priests to call the nation to attention.

Can you find some different ways that the trumpets were used and who was responsible for blowing them? Read Numbers 10:1-10 and Joshua 6:3-6, then answer the following questions:

- * How many silver trumpets were made? _____
- * Who were the only ones allowed to blow the silver trumpets? _____

* **True or False:** Blowing one silver trumpet meant that all of Israel was to gather at the tabernacle of meeting.

* **True or False:** The silver trumpets were blown during war.

* **True or False:** The silver trumpets were blown at the beginning of their months.

* **True or False:** The trumpets blown at Jericho were gold and silver.

Family Discussion Point: Discuss with your children what reasons they think God had for only allowing the priests to be the ones to blow the trumpets. Look online for what a shofar looks like and sounds like, and play it for your children to hear.

The Feast of Trumpets is an exciting part of God's plan! The sound of trumpets being blown is a loud and piercing sound. Some people believe that when Christ returns it will be done in secret, but the Bible doesn't teach that! Instead, we can read that Christ's return will be something the whole world is going to know about, and God will have everyone's attention! We can read about this if we move forward in our Bibles to the New Testament, where we can see three major things that will occur with the sound of a trumpet in the future.

Read through 1 Corinthians 15:52, 1 Thessalonians 4:16 and Revelation 19:11-16 to fill in three of the major events that will all take place at the last and most important seventh trumpet:

1. The Christians who are alive will _____

2. The Christians who have already died will _____

3. Jesus Christ _____

When the event that the Feast of Trumpets pictures takes place, the whole earth will be filled with the sound of a trumpet! Everyone great and small, far and wide, will know that something is taking place, because of the exciting and miraculous events that will be happening all around them.

Most of all, the Feast of Trumpets is a day on which to be happy because Jesus Christ is coming to rule all nations with God's law, to set up God's government that will finally bring true godly world peace—and it will all begin with the sound of a mighty trumpet of God!

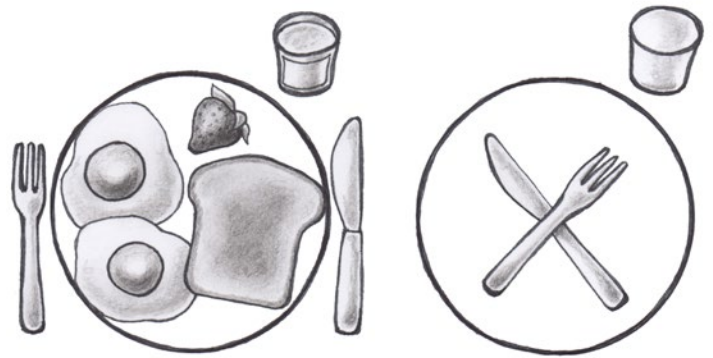
Day of Atonement

If I say the word Atonement, what comes to your mind? I bet you would say, “We aren’t supposed to eat on that day!” It is easy to remember that this is the festival when we fast (go without eating) for the whole day. But why do we fast on the Day of Atonement?

Let’s take a look at Leviticus 23:26-32 and fill in the blanks below.

“And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the _____ of _____. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall _____ your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.’”

What does it mean to afflict your souls? In several other places in the Bible, like Psalms 35:13, the same Hebrew word for afflict is translated as fasting. Fasting is a way of humbling ourselves and bringing us closer to God. By denying ourselves food and drink for 24 hours, we can see how quickly the body becomes affected. Fasting on Atonement shows us how much we rely on God to provide us the food we eat. We would die without it, and this helps us remember how much God provides for us.



In the Old Testament, we can read about how important the Day of Atonement was to the Israelites. It was the *only* day of the year when God allowed the High Priest, like Moses’ brother Aaron, to come before the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. He went before God’s very presence in the Tabernacle! God required the High Priest to take it very seriously, even requiring him to wear his special clothes. When the High Priest went before God on this day, he was going to ask God to forgive Israel for their sins. He made a special blood sacrifice to God, asking God to cleanse His people from their sins. He made atonement for all the Israelites before God (Exodus 30:10; Leviticus 16; Leviticus 23:27-32).

Today we no longer have a high priest like Aaron, nor do we use the blood of animals in sacrifice before God. This is because blood of animals is not enough to cleanse us from our sins (Hebrews 10:4). Fortunately, when Jesus Christ came to earth, He died for our sins, and His blood *is* enough! He died as the sacrifice for the sins of every human being so that humanity—the entire world—can at last be reconciled (be accepted and return) to God.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Do you remember Adam and Eve? They were put into a beautiful garden by God and had a special relationship with God during that time. Do you remember why they were kicked out of the Garden of Eden? They were led astray by Satan, by choosing to believe him over God (Genesis 3)! From that point on, Satan's influence on God's people can be seen throughout the Bible, and even today we can see how much people don't like obeying God, and prefer to do what they want to do. Even those of us who choose to obey God can still be led astray by Satan. Yes, that means your mom, your dad, anyone in your family who has chosen to obey God, still makes mistakes and still sins! The Day of Atonement helps us get closer to God, so He can fill us with the strength we need to stand strong against Satan and sin.

Satan has a nasty habit of tempting God's people to sin, and then he enjoys tattling on them to God.

Notice this in Revelation 12:10 as you fill in the blanks:

"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the _____ of our _____, who _____ them before our _____ day and night, has been cast down.'"

Ever since the Garden of Eden, Satan has been influencing mankind to sin. The Day of Atonement is a special day in God's plan. It pictures the time when Satan will have to take responsibility for his part in all our sins will be placed back where they belong—on Satan, after they have already been removed from us (forgiveness) by God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Once this happens, Satan can no longer accuse us! He is going to be removed from his position of rulership over this world!



Family Discussion Point: Talk to your children about what kind of things will be different without Satan to deceive the world. How does he deceive the world now? What does it mean that Satan is the god of this world?

Let's read about what is going to be happening in the future to Satan on the Day of Atonement after Christ returns in Revelation 20:1-3.

"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."

Use the scripture above to answer the following questions:

1. What are the two things the angel is carrying? _____

2. Unscramble the three other words that Satan is called?

srpeetn _____

grodna _____

liedv _____

3. How many years will Satan be bound? _____ years

4. According to this verse, why is Satan to be bound and put in the bottomless pit?

There cannot be two different kings ruling over the same territory. When Christ returns at the seventh trumpet, it's the ultimate signal of a change of leadership and a new ruler for the earth! The Day of Atonement looks forward to the time when God will make the world **at one** with Him because mankind will finally be free of Satan's influence and temptation to sin.

Feast of Tabernacles

After the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement, comes the festival that is probably the most eagerly anticipated of the year. I'm sure that you are super excited when it's time to get packed up for the Feast!

Let's turn to Leviticus 23:33-35 and read about what God says about keeping the Feast of Tabernacles.

"Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel saying: "The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. ""

This feast is similar to the Days of Unleavened Bread, because it is also seven days long, with the first day as a Holy Day. There is additional instruction of something for us to do through the seven days of this feast. Let's read Leviticus 23:42 and see if we can find it.

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"You shall dwell _____ for seven days."

Booths? What are those? Booths is another name for temporary dwellings. We know that the Israelites were already dwelling in tents (which are temporary dwellings) at the time they first were given the Holy Days of God. . . so what made the booths different? They were made out of something very different!

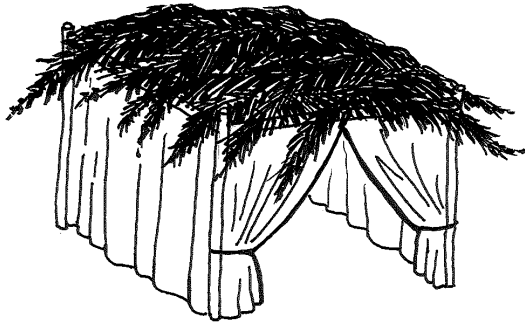
We can read about what some of them were made of in Nehemiah 8:15.

"Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

Think about how much fun that would have been to go out and collect the materials needed to create booths! I bet it was a very exciting time, and one where the whole family was involved! But as you can imagine, living in a booth made of branches and leaves would definitely have been more temporary than living in a tent. This was the point God made through the symbol of booths!

We are commanded to stay in temporary dwellings throughout the time of the Feast of Tabernacles—which is also referred to in the Bible as The Feast of Booths. Your temporary dwellings probably won't be branches and leaves, but they might be a tent, motel, hotel or a special rental house. We live in "booths" during the Feast to remember that we are not citizens of this world. The people in God's Church today are actually citizens of the Kingdom of God! Our permanent place is within the government of God with Christ as our king.

Here's what a Tabernacle might have looked like.



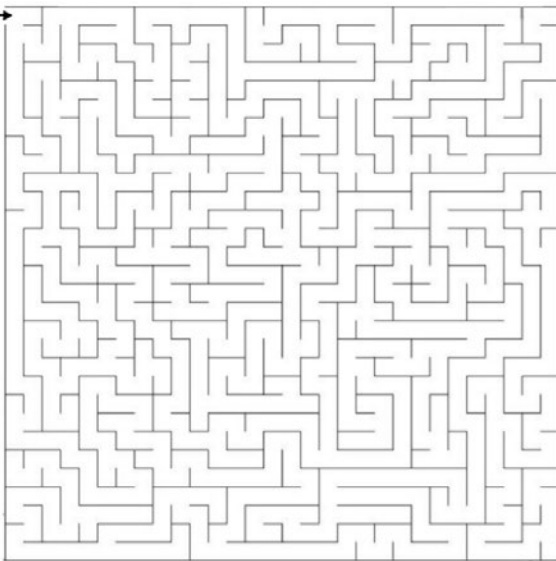
How many words can you make using the letters in the word: Tabernacle? Write your words below.

Tabernacle

Here are two examples: tab, learn.

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Can you find your way through the maze to reach the Feast at the beach?



Family Discussion Point: Look up some photos of what Israelite booths may have looked like. It may be fun to use twigs and leaves to make a mini booth with your children. Read Hebrews 11:13-16 with your children and discuss what it means to be strangers and pilgrims. What are some other scriptures where God reminds us to not be too attached to the world now? Why is it important to remember this?

Do you remember how we talked about there being a change in leadership symbolized with the putting away of Satan for 1,000 years? That event kicks off the beginning of God's government, with Jesus Christ ruling as King. Those 1,000 years are the time known as the Millennium (which means 1,000 years). This period is what the Feast of Tabernacles pictures, and those who understand God's truth eagerly look forward to the Feast because of this! Why? With God's government in order, the world will be a very different place to live in!

Let's read Isaiah 11:9 to get a beginning idea of what this new way of life will look like:

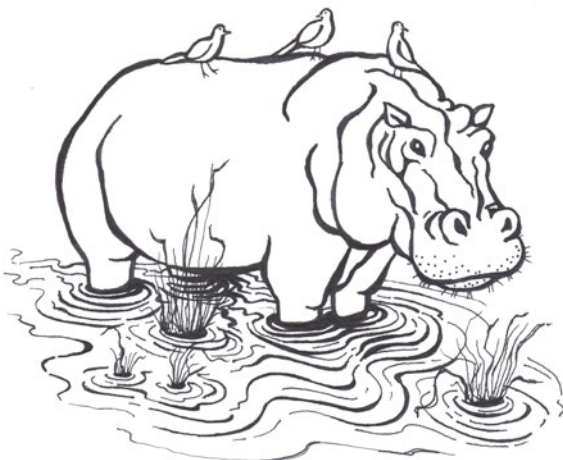
"They shall not _____ nor _____ in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the _____ of the _____ as the waters cover the sea."

Wow! Can you imagine what a world without animals or people who hurt or destroy will be like? Do you think there will be the same topics on the news during the Millennium that there are now? No! Instead of stories of robberies, murder, violence and poverty, the Millennium will be a time of peace, happiness and prosperity for everyone!

Can you think of some news that might make the headlines during this time period? See if you can create some millennium news and write your headlines on the space provided! To get you started, simply add in the words to fit the spaces on the first one!

Breaking News!

Beginning tomorrow at 5p.m., there will be a parade of creatures!
Anyone who has a _____ (land animal), _____ (sea creature), _____
_____ (flying creature), or a _____ (insect) to _____
(verb-action word) needs to meet in front of the _____ (a location) at 4pm.
Make sure you don't forget to bring _____ (a food) to share with everyone!



There are hidden words in the puzzle below. The words all have to do with the Feast of Tabernacles. Start with the letter at the top left of the page and circle it. Then start counting and circle every third letter. Write down the eight words that you find. The first word is done for you.

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Write the words you found below:

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Do you want to know something else exciting about the Millennium? It will be a time of a great harvest of human beings for God's Kingdom. A harvest? How do you harvest human beings? Do you remember how Pentecost symbolizes a calling of just a few—a smaller group of people into God's Church now? This group of people is referred to as the firstfruits—the first to be a part of the gathering or "harvest" of God's people. Well, after Christ returns and Satan is imprisoned, God will bring understanding of His law and way of life to all of mankind still on the earth! This will be *millions* of people! Remember the scripture we read? Isaiah 11:9 said that the knowledge of God was going to cover the earth and in Joel 2:28 we see God say, "I will pour out My Spirit in those days."

During this time period, the world will learn that God's way is the only way to bring about the good results men have been seeking for 6,000 years! God will bring the ultimate world peace. Can you imagine a world where *every* person is keeping the Sabbath? Where you don't ever have to worry about accidentally eating shrimp or pork? Where you no longer have to tell teachers that you need to be excused from school to keep the Feast? Just think—the whole school will keep the Feast, *even your teachers!*

But wait . . . where do *you* fit in to all of this? Well, when God's Kingdom is set up on the earth, you will get to enjoy the many blessings of God's rule! The people who have been faithfully obeying and following God, will now be working alongside our new King Jesus Christ in the new government. They will be working to teach the millions of people on the earth during the Millennium all about God and His way—you will get to help too! Children who have never kept the Feast will be eager to hear your stories about how exciting the feast days are! I bet you could tell other children all about the blessings you and your family have received from living God's way.

And let's not forget how during this time, we will be able to see the famous men and women of the Bible in *real life*! It's easy sometimes to forget that the Bible is a history of real things that have happened. During the Millennium brave men like King David, Abraham, Samson, Noah and Daniel, and the amazing women like Queen Esther, Deborah, Bathsheba, Ruth, Hannah and Mary will have been resurrected and will live among us!



Find the letters K-I-N-G in the picture of King David. Then color the picture.

Family Discussion Point: Have your child talk about the challenges of trying to obey God in today's world. What things are the hardest for them to do? What things are they eager to be different in the Millenium? See if they can create a list of things that will be changed once God's way is established.

Everyone at church has a favorite Bible character who they would love to talk to. When Christ returns and the people who have died believing in God are resurrected, we will all have that chance! Would you like to chat with Noah about his floating zoo? Or talk with King David about his fight with Goliath? Maybe Daniel can share stories of the lions' den? Would you like to know about Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego being in the fiery furnace? Or maybe what it was like for Queen Esther in the palace? Perhaps you'll want to talk to Rahab about being in Jericho when the walls came down? Maybe you would like to talk to the apostle Peter about what it was like to walk on water or ask the apostle Paul about when he was struck down blind by God?

So, *who* do you want to meet and talk to?

I would like to meet _____.

One of the things I would ask them would be _____

I would like to talk to them because _____

Change of the Animals and the Earth

Let's look in the Bible to get more clues about what the world will be like during the Millennium. Did you know there will also be peace and harmony among the wild animals?

Use Isaiah 11:6-9 to find the names of the animals mentioned and then unscramble them below.

lowf _____

gfltnia _____

baml _____

wco _____

pdrelao _____

rbae _____

toga _____

xo _____

lafc _____

baroc _____

onil _____

preiv _____

The animals' nature will not be the only incredible change to occur during the Millennium. There will also be a great healing of the land. Unfortunately, man has not properly cared for the earth as God instructed back in Genesis. Much of it is polluted or destroyed because of mankind's endless quest for more stuff.

Isaiah 35:1-7 speaks about a healing of the earth and the people. Read the passage and then fill in the blanks below to note what changes will happen:

The desert will _____

The eyes of the blind _____

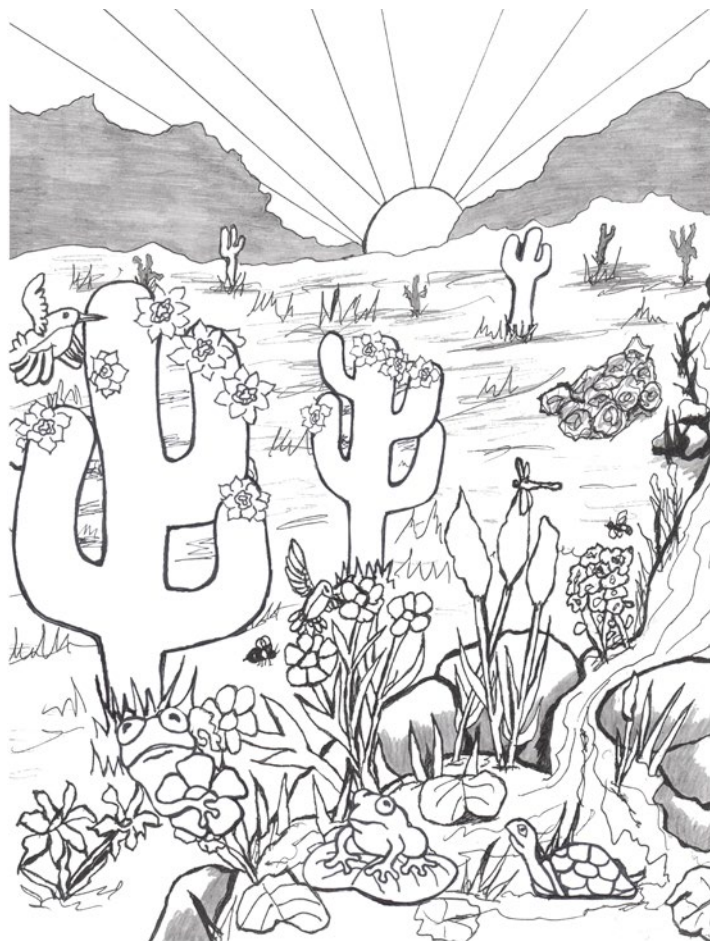
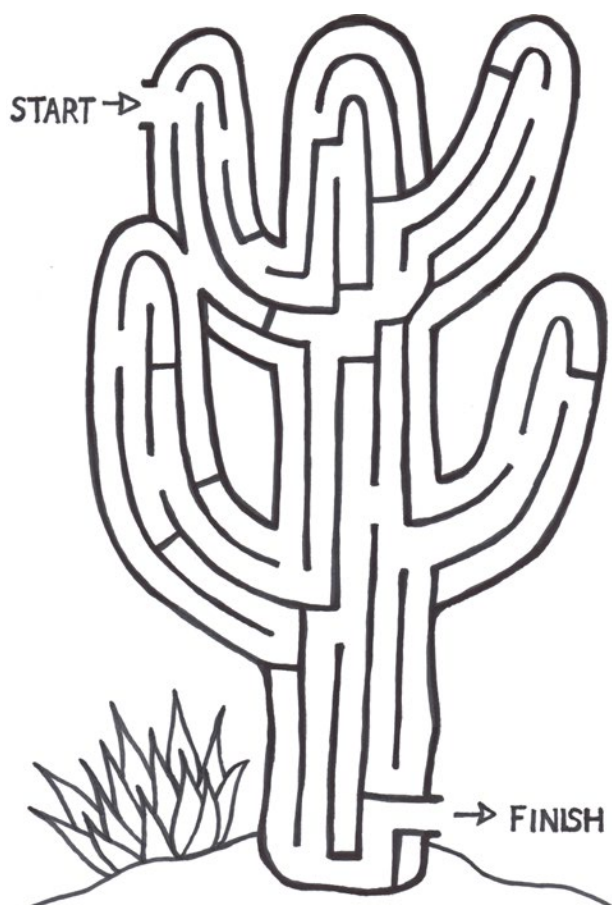
The ears of the deaf _____

The parched ground _____

The lame man _____

The tongue of the mute _____

Can you even imagine what this will be like? To see a desert no longer full of endless sand, but full of plants and flowers and water? What happiness there will be for the people who can't talk, hear, walk or see to be able to do all of those things!



Family Discussion Point: Talk with your children about the physical healing that will happen for people. What does this mean for people you may know who deal with handicaps? Do we or other people have friends or family who are handicapped who will be healed? How will this healing help bring glory to God from the people who never knew God's way?

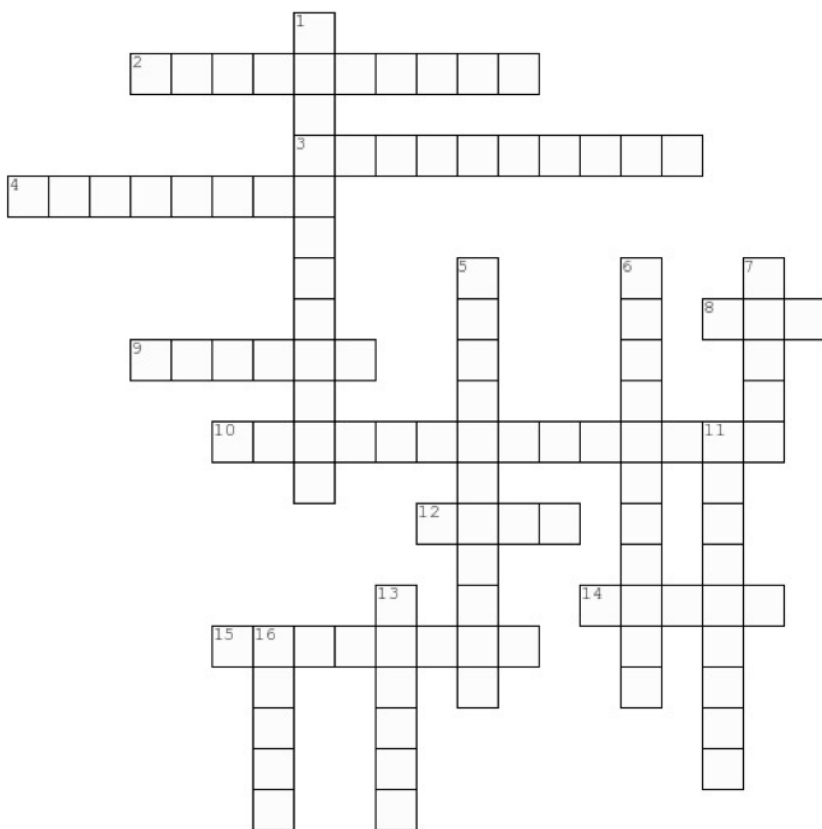
The world will be filled with God's way of life from shore to shore, mountain to mountain. Can you imagine how exciting the first Feast of Tabernacles will be during this time? Every day will be like family day at the Feast! You will have a chance to meet people from every nation and every language. Everyone in the whole world will know about the feast days—what a fabulous change that will be!

Throughout the 1,000 year period of time, people will be given their opportunity to become members of God's eternal Kingdom—just like those who have chosen to believe and obey God today. As you grow and learn to live God's way, as taught by your family and the Church of God, you are preparing to serve and help others in the Millennium—and to one day become a member of God's eternal Kingdom too.

But up to this point in God's plan, only a small fraction of the total number of people who have ever lived will have had their chance to learn about God and choose to become a part of God's family. *Billions* of people will still be dead at this time, never having known the truth of God. Since we know God is fair and will give every single person who has ever lived a chance to choose His way of life—we need to know the next and final step in God's master plan.

God's Festivals

Remember to skip a space for multi-word answers.



Across

2. A word that means 1,000 years.
3. We do not eat leavening during the Days of _____ Bread.
4. This is the first of the later Holy Days.
8. Satan will be thrown into a bottomless _____.
9. The _____ shall blossom like a rose.
10. Another name for the Eighth Day, which is the final step of God's plan (three words).
12. God commands us to do this on Atonement in order to learn to rely on Him.
14. There are _____ Holy Days.
15. The first of God's feast days.

Down

1. The Feast of Trumpets pictures a future event when _____ will return to take His throne (two words).
5. The Feast of _____ is the sixth Holy Day in God's plan.
6. This person was only allowed to go into the Holy of Holies once a year on Atonement (two words).
7. We can remember to count _____ when calculating the date of Pentecost.
11. A very solemn Holy Day; the only one where we fast.
13. Another word for temporary dwellings.
16. Resurrection means to be made _____ after death.

The Eighth Day

Have you ever wondered what happened to the Grandpa who you loved so much who died, never understanding why you didn't celebrate Christmas like he did? How about your great, great, great, great Uncle William who fought and died in the Civil War? What about him? What about all the millions and billions of others throughout history, who lived and died, not knowing God's way?

No worries! This Last Great Day or _____ as the Bible calls it in Leviticus 23:39, reminds us of God's plan for those people. The apostle Paul tells us that God "who desires all men to be _____ and to come to the _____ of the _____" (1 Timothy 2:4). What is the truth? John 17:17 tells us that God's "_____ is truth." This day teaches us of a time when they finally get that chance to know God's laws and commands . . . His word—the truth!

In Revelation 20:5 John writes about this large group of the people, "But the _____ did not live again until the _____ [the Millennium] were finished."

The world may have forgotten most of these people, but God remembers every single one and will bring them back to life at the conclusion of the millennium, and give them a chance to choose to live His way of happiness and peace. What a loving God we serve! He has a part of His plan for everyone! Nobody is left out. Every man, woman or child who has ever lived will have their chance to learn about God, His laws and His way. Will everyone choose to live God's way? Sadly, no. If they refuse God's way, He will deal with them with justice and mercy, and unfortunately they will not get to experience the wonderful future of eternal life in God's Kingdom.

God calls us to His feasts every year so we can learn more and more of His Word, and someday we will be able to teach the truth to this group of people! And that means you have the opportunity to teach too! Isn't that so exciting?

We have reached the end of God's festivals, and we've seen how they all work together to explain God's perfect plan for mankind. Never forget God has this glorious plan that you get to be a part of. Keep walking in His way and learning more about His laws and commands, and you will be able to experience a wonderful future

—*living with God and Christ forever in the Kingdom of God!*

Family Discussion Point: Explain the difference between the first resurrection of the saints to eternal life and the second resurrection to physical life. Ezekiel 37:3-6 is a great reference. Also, talk about how those who reject God's way will be destroyed, but not burn in hell forever and ever as this world believes. Look at Hebrews 6:4-6, Hebrews 10:26-29 and Revelation 21:8 for reference.





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