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# Happy Feast Days!

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What a great time of year this is when we are 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. God wants you to spend time studying and discussing His Word. One way you can do this at the Feast is to talk to your family and friends about what you learn from your festival booklet, sermonettes, sermons and festival youth instruction. Remember, God wants to build a relationship with you and your family! So make sure not only to rejoice, but to also learn as much as you can about God and His plan for you!

Have a wonderful Feast season!

- *The Education Team*

# Feast of Trumpets

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It's that time of year again! The time of year when we are all revving up in excitement for the Holy Days that lead up to Feast of Tabernacles! Many just can't wait until this time of year. Is this your favorite time of year too?

**On the following lines list the names of the seven annual feasts of God. For clues, turn Leviticus 23. Remember, some of God's festivals have more than one name, so you can write both names down if you discover them. If you aren't sure of a name, make sure you ask someone for help.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16, 21)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 24)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 27)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 34)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 36)

We group these festivals into the earlier and latter Holy Days. Each feast 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.

To get started, recall where we are in God's plan at this point of the Holy Day season. The early Holy Days all picture the beginning of God's plan. Passover demonstrates the incredible love God has for us. 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 symbolizes 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. Leavened bread represents sin and the unleavened bread we eat during this time represents Christ's life within us.

The last of the earlier Holy Days was Pentecost. Pentecost serves as a reminder that God grants His Holy Spirit to the spiritual first fruits 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 next set of 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 Holy Days to celebrate, the Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement. Do you know what makes these Holy Days special in the plan of God? Take a moment to reflect on these Holy Days to remember why they are so important to God and His plan for all mankind!

### Feast of Trumpets

Begin by reading Leviticus 23:23-24 and using this scripture to fill in the blank spaces below.

“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.”

In this scripture, we can see that they commemorated this Holy Day with blowing of trumpets. Trumpets are very loud instruments which 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 trumpets used. God even had them design two special silver trumpets to be used by the priests to call the nation to attention.



**Family Discussion Points:** Read Numbers 10:1-10 and 2 Kings 9:13. Discuss with your child the different ways that the trumpets were used and who was responsible for blowing them. How does this connect with the meaning of Feast of Trumpets and the events that will occur in the future on this day?

The Feast of Trumpets is an exciting part of God's plan! The sound of trumpets being blown is a loud and piercing sound. The world is going to know without a doubt something is going to happen and God will have their attention! Now move forward in your Bible to the New Testament, here you can read that three major things will occur with the sound of a trumpet.

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 this 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

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When you think of Atonement, what comes to your mind? You might think, “We aren’t supposed to eat on that day!” It is easy to remember that this is the Holy Day when we go without eating (to fast) for the whole day. But why do we fast on the Day of Atonement? Take a look at Leviticus 23:27-32.

“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. We realize how much we rely on God to provide the food we eat and the water we drink. How much do we rely on God to provide for us and to help us in our daily lives? One of the ways that God helps His people, is in giving them the strength to stand strong against Satan and sin.

Satan tempts God’s people to sin, and then 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 all our sins will be placed back where they belong—on Satan, after they have already been removed from us (through 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 Points:** 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?

Read Revelation 20:1-3 and then answer these questions:

1. What two things is the angel carrying?

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

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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?

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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. Turn to Leviticus 23:33-35.

“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. But, there is an additional command for us to obey through the seven days of this Feast. Read Leviticus 23:42 and see if you can find it.

“You shall dwell \_\_\_\_\_ for seven days.”

Booths? What are those? Booths are another name for temporary dwellings. 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 might be a tent, motel or hotel today. 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.

**This passages from Leviticus 23:40 is another command from God about the Feast of Tabernacles—a command that is easy to do! To solve the puzzle, write the letters found in each column into the boxes directly above them to form words. The letters may or may not go into the boxes in the same order in which they appear. Once a letter is used, cross it off the bottom half of the diagrams and do not use it again. A black box indicates the end of a word, so no letter goes in that space. A couple words have been done to help you get started!**

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**Family Discussion Points:** 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?

Remember how it was mentioned that there will be a change in leadership on this earth? This is symbolized with the putting away of Satan for 1,000 years? That event kicks off the beginning of God's government. Those 1,000 years of Satan's imprisonment represent the time known as the Millennium (which means 1,000 years). It is this period that 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 place, the world will be a very different one to live in!

Read Isaiah 11:9 to get a beginning idea of what this new way of life will be 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 things or people that hurt or destroy will be like? Do you think there will be the same kind of news stories 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 below.**

### **Breaking News!**

This just in! We have reports that a \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) was seen \_\_\_\_\_ (verb with "ing") on the road to Jerusalem! Witnesses say it was the most \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) thing they've ever \_\_\_\_\_ (past tense verb).

**Now it's your turn to come up with a headline story yourself. Use the lines below to write a Millennium themed news report headline.**

## Special News Report!

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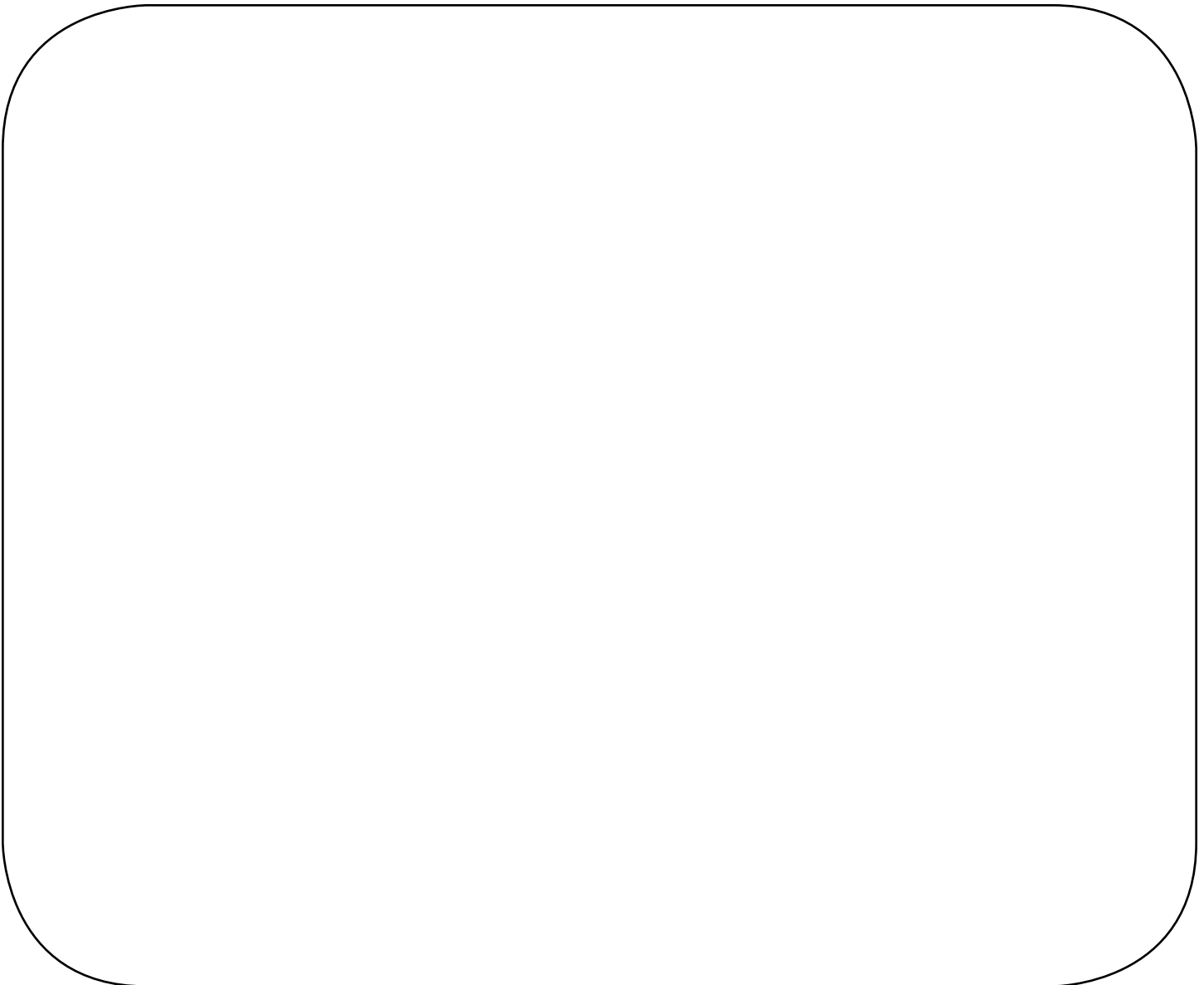
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Here is something else exciting about the Millennium. It pictures a great harvest of human beings for God's kingdom. A harvest? How do you harvest human beings? Do you remember how Pentecost symbolizes a calling of just a few—a smaller group of people into God's Church now? This group of people is referred to as the first fruits—the first to be a part of the gathering or "harvest" of God's people. Well, after Satan is imprisoned, God will bring understanding of His law and way of life to all of mankind still on the earth! We are talking *billions* of people! Remember the scripture you read? Isaiah 11:9 said that the knowledge of God was going to cover the earth and in Joel 2:28 God says "...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.

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, during the Millennium, to teach the billions of people on the earth all about God and His way—you could help too! Children who have never kept the Feast will be eager to hear your stories about how exciting all the feast days are! You could tell other children all about the blessings you and your family have received from living God's way.

### **A Changing of the Animals and the Earth**

Look in the Bible to get more clues about what the world will be like during the Millennium. Did you know there will even be peace and harmony among the wild animals?

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

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It's hard to imagine a time when natural instinct of wild animals will be so changed that you could walk through the house with a cobra around your neck, or sleep with an alligator without your parents going crazy!

**Think of a wild animal you would love to have as a pet some day. Use the space below to draw either the animal you would have, or a picture of what you would do with your new pet! Would you ride a dolphin? Race on the back of a cheetah? Swing through the trees with a gorilla?**

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**Family Discussion Points:** Help your children compare and contrast the way animals are now and how the scripture Isaiah 11:4 would change how animals act. You could also reference Genesis 1 and 3. Talk about how in the beginning, man and beast lived together peacefully. For further discussion, talk about how the sin of Adam and Eve affected even the animal kingdom.

The change of the animals' nature isn't the only incredible change to occur in creation at this time. 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. So much of it is polluted or destroyed because of mankind's endless quest to follow his own desires. However, Isaiah 35:1-2, 6-7 speaks about a healing of the earth.

**Read these verses and jot down a few things that will happen:**

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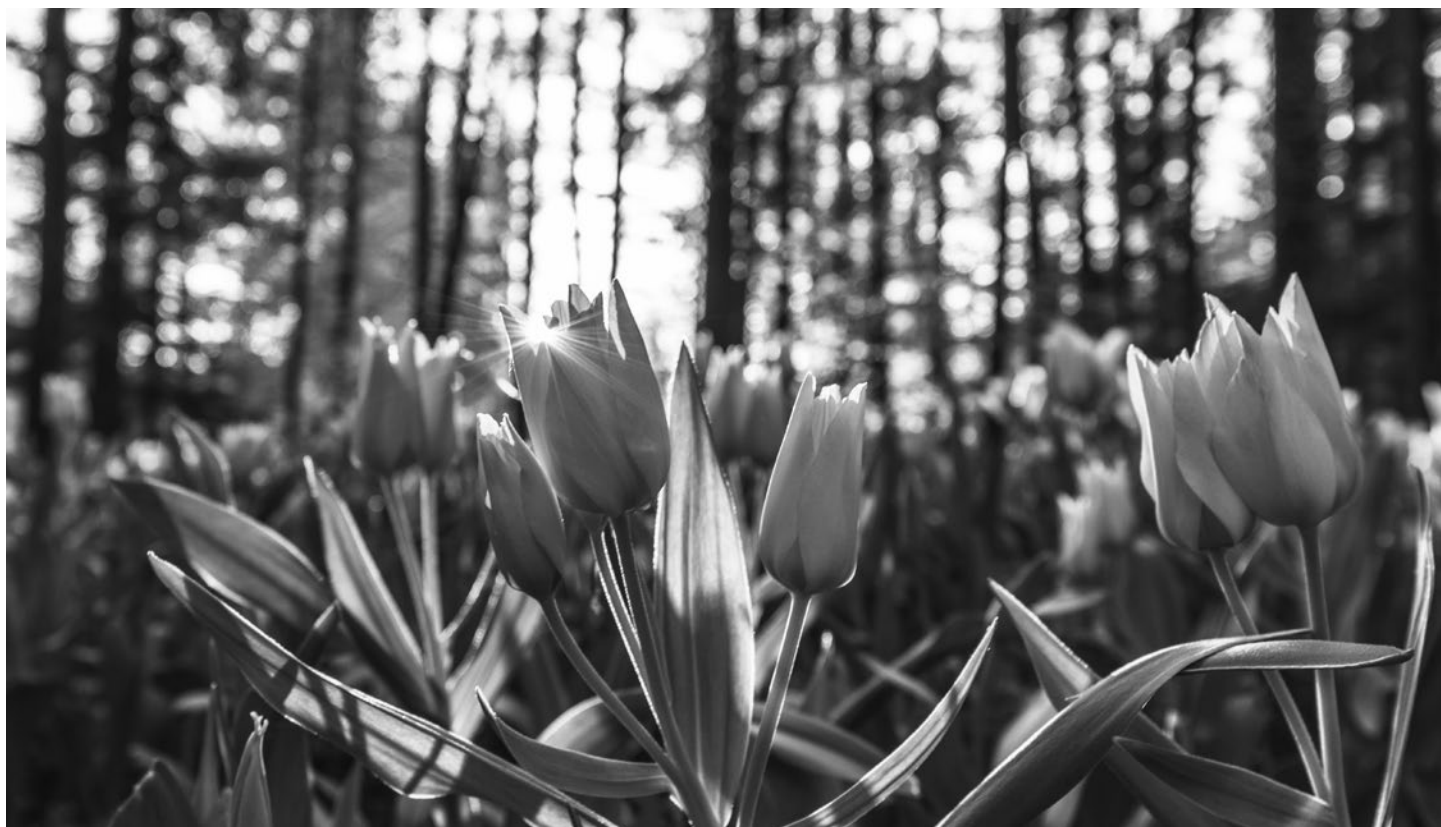
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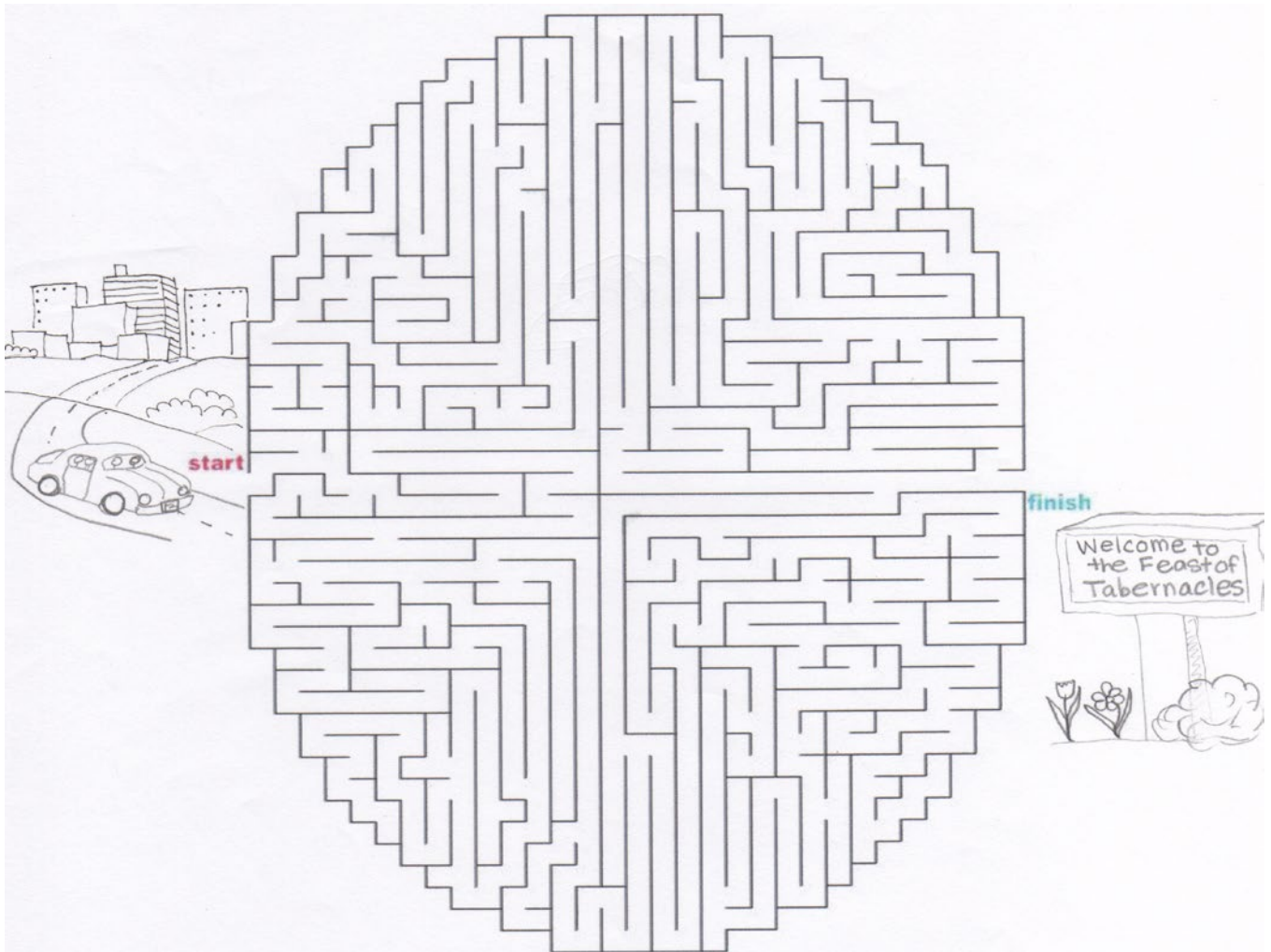


**Family Discussion Points:** Read Isaiah 35:1-10. Talk with your family about the physical healing that will happen for the people as well. What does this mean for people you know who deal with these handicaps? How will this healing help bring glory to God among the people who never knew God's way?

The world will be filled with God’s way of life from shore to shore and mountain to mountain. Can you imagine how exciting the first Feast of Tabernacles will be during that time? You won’t have to let your teacher know you are leaving to keep the Feast, because schools will be closing so everyone can go! And there will be no worries about restaurants serving unclean food—because everyone will be required to obey God’s food laws! Every day will be like Family Day at the Feast. You will have a chance to meet children 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 when Satan is bound, people will be given their opportunity to become a member 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. Because 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.



# The Eighth Day

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## The Eighth Day also known as the Last Great Day!

Have you ever wondered what happened to the Grandma you loved so much who died, never understanding why you didn't celebrate Christmas like she did? How about your great, great, great, great Uncle Jack who was a Pony Express Rider? 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 "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 that this large group of the people, "the \_\_\_\_\_ did not live again until the \_\_\_\_\_ (Millennium) were finished."

The world may have forgotten most of these people, but God remembers every 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, and 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.

We observe God's feasts every year so we can learn more and more about God's word and someday, we will get to teach that truth to this group of people! This means you will teach them too! Isn't that so exciting?

We have reached the end of our Holy Days, and we've seen how they all work together to explain God's perfect plan for mankind. Never forget God is there with a 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 get to experience a wonderful future

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

**Family Discussion Points:** Explain the difference between the first resurrection of the saints to eternal life and this 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. Scriptures to read and reference are: Hebrews 6:4-6, Hebrews 10:26-29 and Revelation 21:8.

# Sermon Notes

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