

Festival Activity Book



People I've met this Feast:

Name:

Something I learned about this person:

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Happy Feast of Tabernacles!

Dear Children (and Parents!),

Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles! This activity book was made just for you. It will help you have fun, learn about God's plan and be part of the Feast each day.

Use the book one day at a time. Every day has a special theme, along with Bible verses, questions, puzzles, coloring pages and activities. Some pages may be easy for you. Others may be a little harder. That is okay! Do what you can, and ask a parent for help when you need it.

This book is not only here to give you something to do during church. It is here to help you listen, learn and understand why the Feast is so special to God and to us.

Each day has a "My Feast Notes for Today" page at the end, where you can:

- Listen for the word of the day.
- Write down one thing you learned.
- Draw a picture about what you heard.

You do not have to write a lot! One sentence, one verse or one picture is enough.

The Feast is also a great time to make new friends! At the front of the book, there is a page where you can write the names of people you meet. Can you fill every space before the Feast is over? Do your best!

Parents can help by reading with you, explaining harder parts and talking about the theme for each day. Or, if you see younger children that are not able to read yet, you can offer to help read or explain parts to them so they can enjoy it too—God loves to see us help each other.

You do not have to finish every page or get every answer perfect—just do your best, have fun and remember: God invited you and your family here! You are an important guest at God's Feast of Tabernacles, and we are all so glad to be together with you, celebrating His Holy Days.

We hope this book helps you rejoice, learn and have a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles!

Steven Britt, Member Services



Rejoice Before God

“And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days” (Leviticus 23:40).

Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles! This special time is one of rejoicing and good news as we look forward to God’s Kingdom.

These days are special, and we gather before God to worship Him. Rejoicing is different than ordinary entertainment. Rejoicing doesn’t require physical belongings. It doesn’t mean everything has to go perfectly. You can rejoice even when difficult things come. You might feel tired this week or miss some of your friends who are not at the Feast with you, but you can still rejoice because of the meaning of these days.

The Feast points to a time of ultimate rejoicing, the Kingdom of God! We are able to experience a sample of what it will be like during these days and practice living in peace and learning about that time to come. Let’s start with a joyful heart!

Questions

1. What are some ways you can rejoice this Feast?
2. How is regular entertainment different than the kind of rejoicing we’re asked to do at the Feast?
3. Why is it important not to be too attached to the world as it is now?
4. What are some ways you can help others rejoice at the Feast this year?

Today’s Activity

One of the best ways to rejoice is to share our joy with others! Today, make it your goal to meet two people you do not know yet. If you need a conversation starter, ask them where they are from and what they are most excited for at the Feast this year.

A Time of Rejoicing

Read Leviticus 23:40 and fill in the scripture with the words from the word bank below.

Word Bank

seven

rejoice

LORD

you

“And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and _____ shall _____ before the _____ your God for _____ days.”



Rejoice With Music

One of the ways we can rejoice before God is to make music! Do you or someone in your family play a musical instrument? You can also make music with your voice by singing.

Here is one example of how you can make your own musical instrument.

Tissue Box Ukulele



Materials

- Empty tissue box
- Empty paper towel tube
- 4 rubber bands with plenty of stretch
- Tape or glue
- Popsicle sticks and pom poms (optional)
- Crayons, markers and stickers
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Remove the plastic covering the tissue box opening.
2. Hold one end of a paper towel tube against one of the short sides of the tissue box and trace a circle with a pen or marker.
3. Use scissors to cut out an opening where you traced the circle.
4. Insert the paper towel roll into the circular opening and fasten with tape or glue.
5. Stretch four rubber bands lengthwise along the tissue box (see picture).
6. Use crayons, markers, stickers and your imagination to decorate your ukulele!

Alternate options:

- Add six strings to make this instrument a guitar.
- If a paper towel tube is not available, you can make your own by rolling heavy paper into a long cylinder and taping it in place.
- Add two pom poms on each side of the top of the tube (see picture) to look like tuning pegs.
- Glue popsicle sticks or pencils at each end of the box behind the strings to enhance the sound when the strings are plucked.

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 passage 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 of words have been completed to help you get started!

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My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **rejoice**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "rejoice" or "joy" used by a speaker.

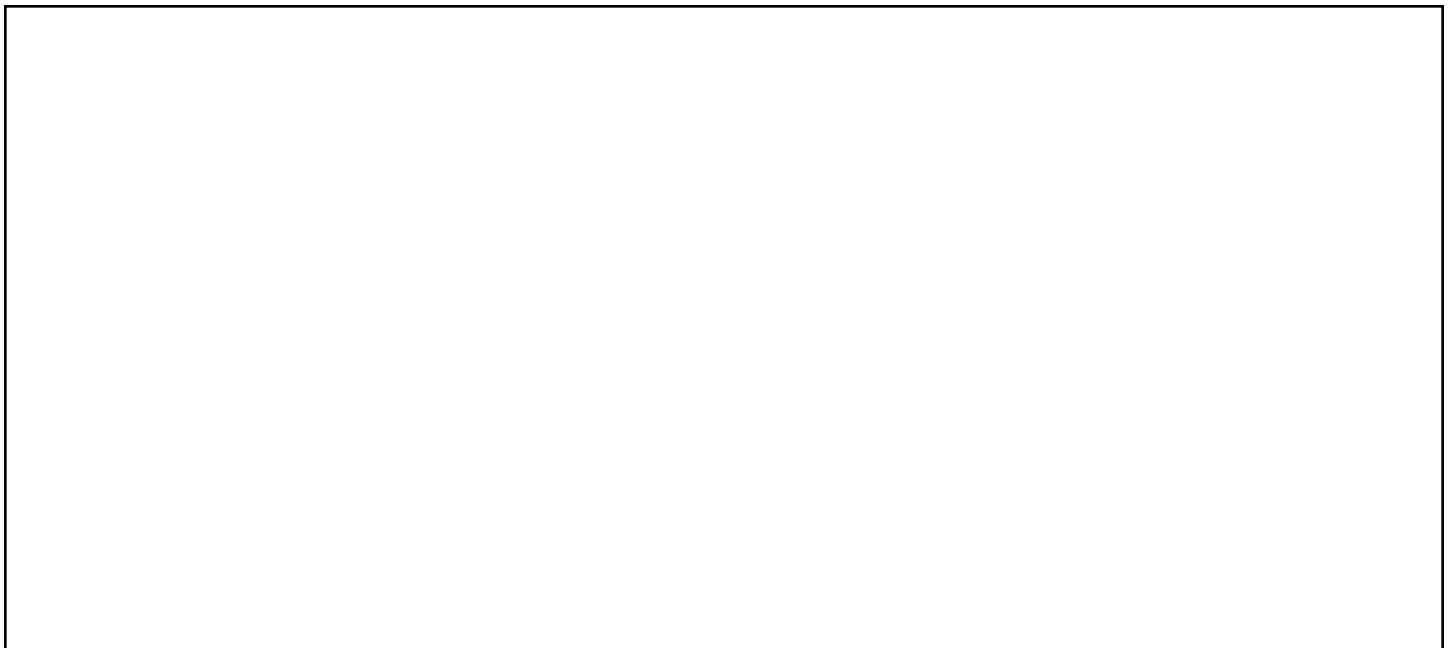
Rejoice _____ Joy _____

"I didn't know that before!"

No matter how many times you hear about the Feast, there's always something new to learn! Challenge yourself to find something in the messages today you didn't know before. Summarize in the lines below:

Draw What You Learned

Use your creativity to illustrate something that stood out to you in today's sermonette or sermon. You may draw a Bible story, a place, an object or another idea mentioned in the message.



Jesus Will Rule on Earth

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6-7).

The Millennium is not just a dream. It begins with real, righteous government under Jesus Christ. Jesus will be King, and His rule will be fair and good. His government will bring real peace that lasts.

Human kings have great riches, and they usually keep their wealth for themselves. Jesus will be the kind of king who shares and uses His wealth and power to care for people. Human kings often make rules because they like to be in charge. Jesus will make rules that are fair and result in peace.

Rulers today are imperfect. Whether it's a king, a prime minister or a president, our governments make mistakes because they don't have God's perfect law or character. We look forward to a world with a perfect King, Jesus Christ.

Questions

1. How will the world change when there is only one King over the whole world?
2. What will happen to wars when Jesus is King?
3. What kind of rules would a perfect king make?
4. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. How will government and peace increase without end?

Today's Activity

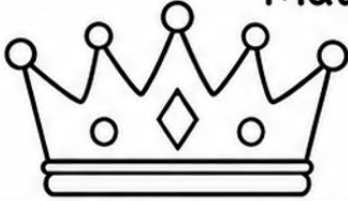
Jesus will be the kind of King who cares for His people. One way we can be like Him is by showing care for one another. Your Feast site may have a table of cards for people who are not able to attend in person. When you are at services today, take the time to sign these cards so you can share encouragement with others. If you don't have a card table at your Feast site, write a card of encouragement to send someone you know who is sick or unable to attend.

Jesus Will Rule the Earth



Draw a Line to Match

Match each word to its meaning.



King



Peace



Government



Justice

No fighting.
Calm and safe.

A ruler over
a kingdom.

Doing what is
right and fair.

The way people
are ruled.

In the News

Remember how it was mentioned that there will be a change in leadership on this earth? This is symbolized by Satan being put away 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 place to live!

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. Use the lines below to write a Millennium-themed news report headline.

Special News Report!

My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **king**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "king" or "rule" used by a speaker.

King _____ **Rule** _____

Discover Something New

No matter how many Feasts you have attended, God's truth always has more to teach us. Challenge yourself to find one new idea or insight in today's messages and summarize it below.

Picture the Message

Think about today's sermonette or sermon. What caught your attention? Draw a picture of a Bible story, place, person or object that helped bring the message to life.



Everyone Will Learn God's Way

“Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3).

Can you imagine a world where everyone wants to learn about God and His ways? Church would be crowded and your Sabbath school class would need a bigger room!

Scripture tells us that people from all over the world will go to Jerusalem to learn God's way. They'll be excited to learn what is right and worship Him like we're learning to today.

People won't just go to school to learn math, science and history—they will want to learn about the Bible! Some people may have read it, but didn't understand what God was saying in Scripture. They will finally be able to understand! Other people will be reading the Bible and learning about God's commands for the very first time—and they will have lots of questions!

Learning about God's way is a blessing. That's why it's important to pay attention to what God is teaching us today at the Feast, on the weekly Sabbath, and every day when we read His Word.



Questions

1. What are some ways people can learn about the Bible?
2. What will it be like for someone who reads the Bible for the first time?
3. How would you explain the Sabbath to someone who has never heard about it?
4. Read Zechariah 14:16-19. What will happen to families who disobey God?



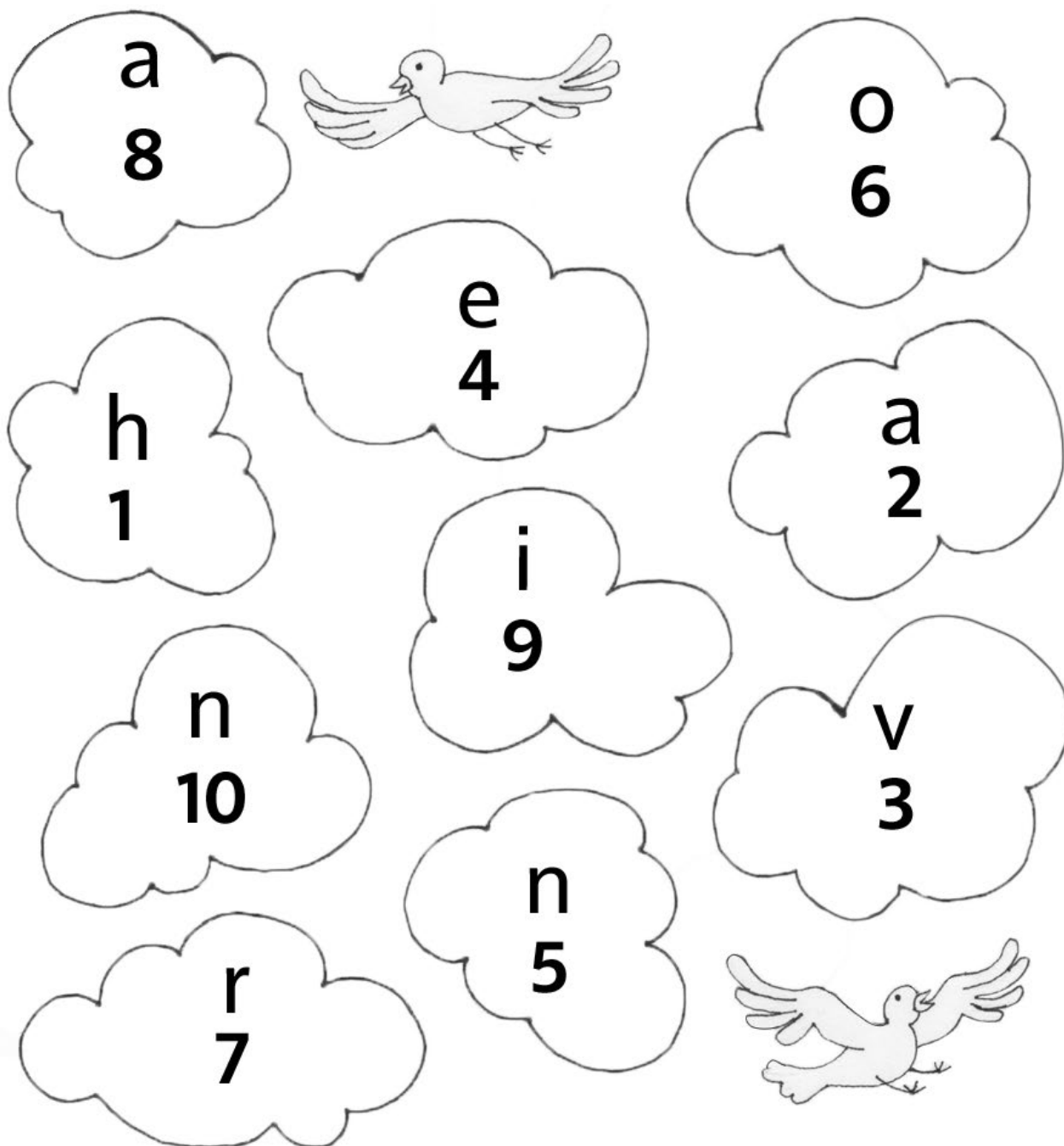
Today's Activity

One of the best ways to learn God's way is to memorize Scripture. Find a favorite verse—it can be long or short—and work on learning it by heart. Start by reading it a few times, then read it again, covering up a word to see if you can remember it. Cover up a few more words each time until you are able to say the whole verse by memory!

Go to Jerusalem!

What does God say will happen if the families will not go up to Jerusalem to keep the Feast in the Millennium? Read Zechariah 14:18.

Match the letter in the cloud to the number under the blank space to find the answer.



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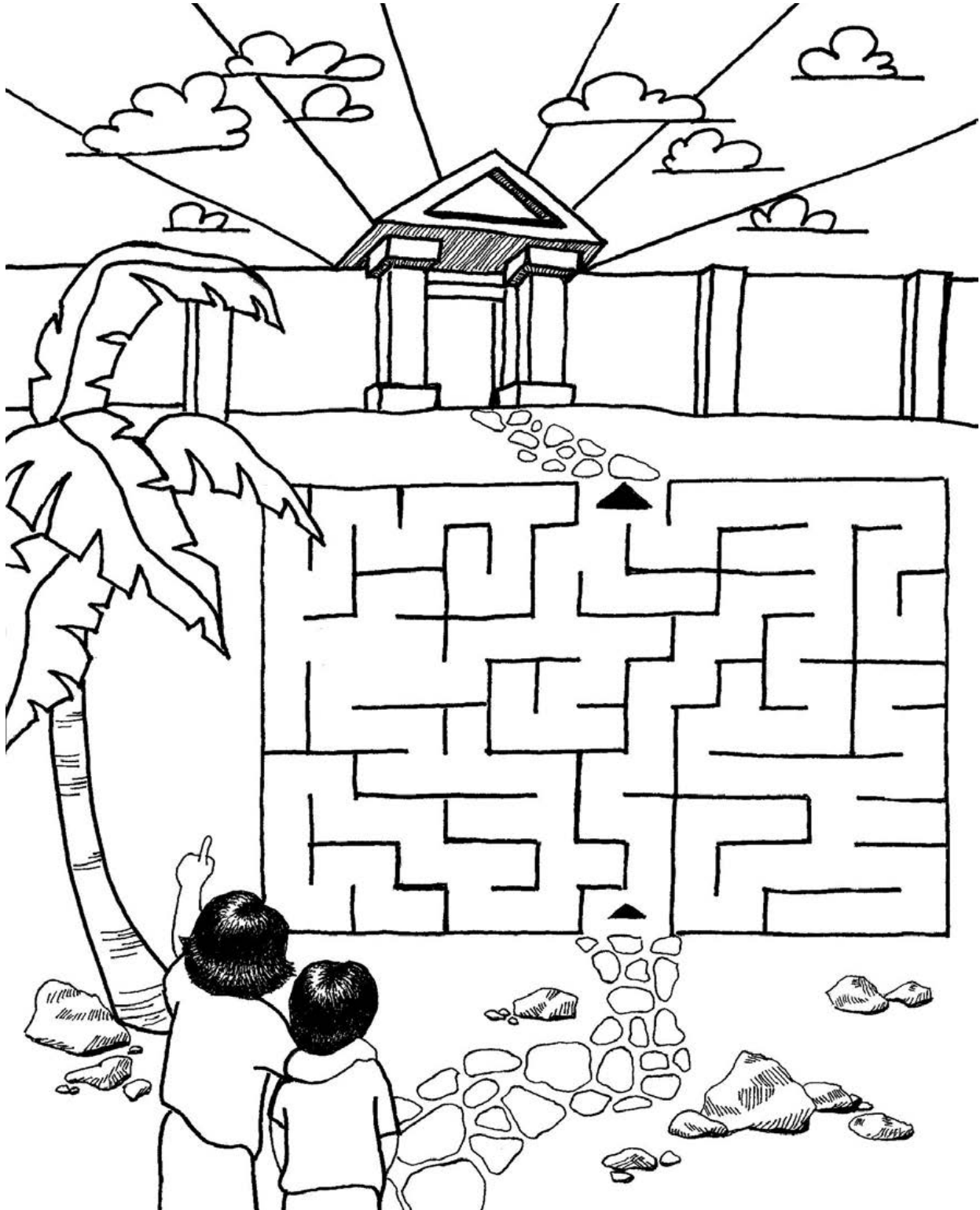
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Finding the Way

Today we keep the Feast of Tabernacles where God places His name. When Jesus Christ returns to the earth, all people will come to know the one true God and all of His ways. God the Father will require all people to go up to Jerusalem to worship Him and keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Can you imagine the whole world keeping the Feast at the same time? How exciting it will be!

Follow the path below to the temple in Jerusalem.

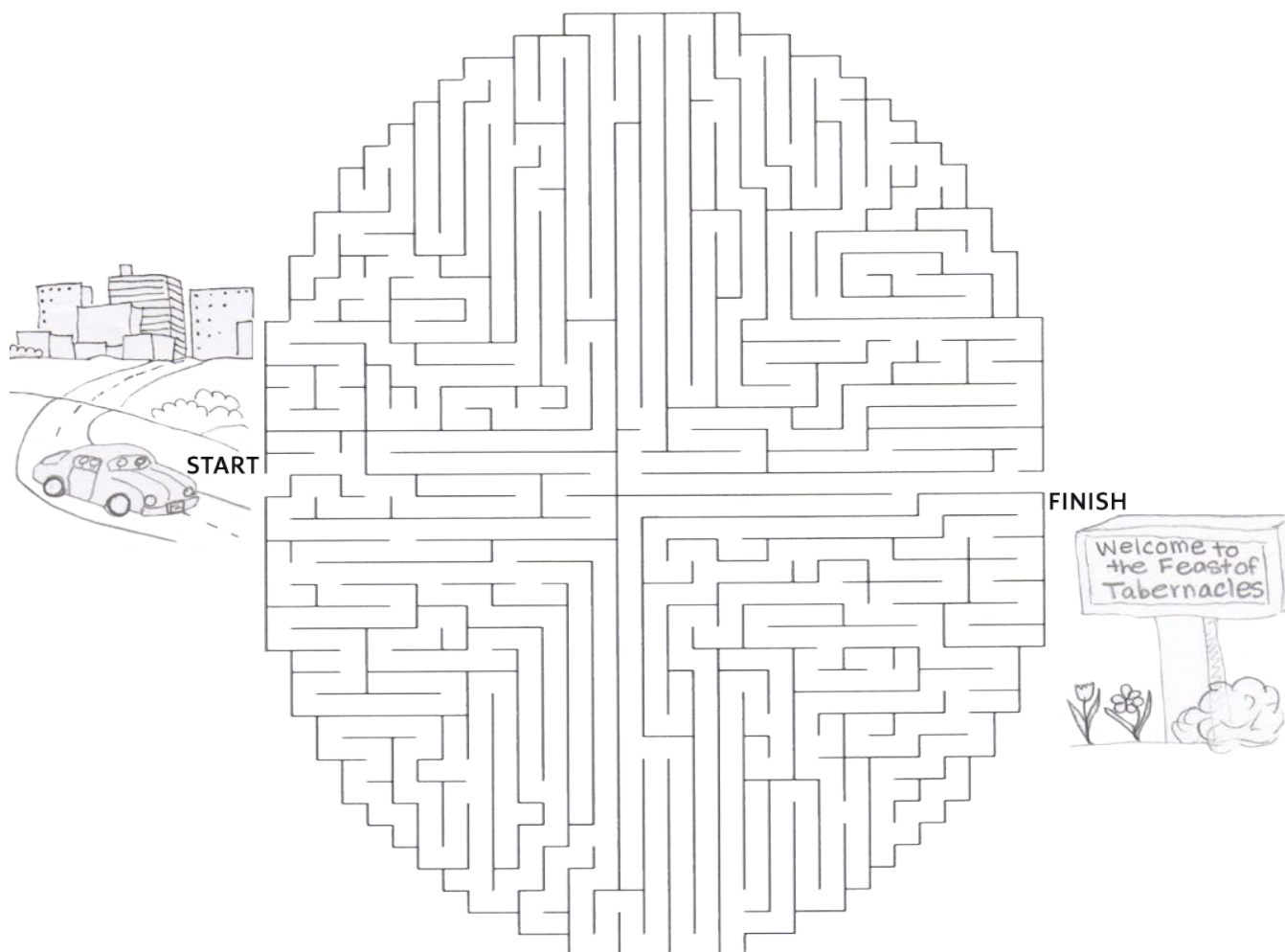


Finding the Way

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 obeying 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. 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.



My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **teach**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "teach" or "learn" used by a speaker.

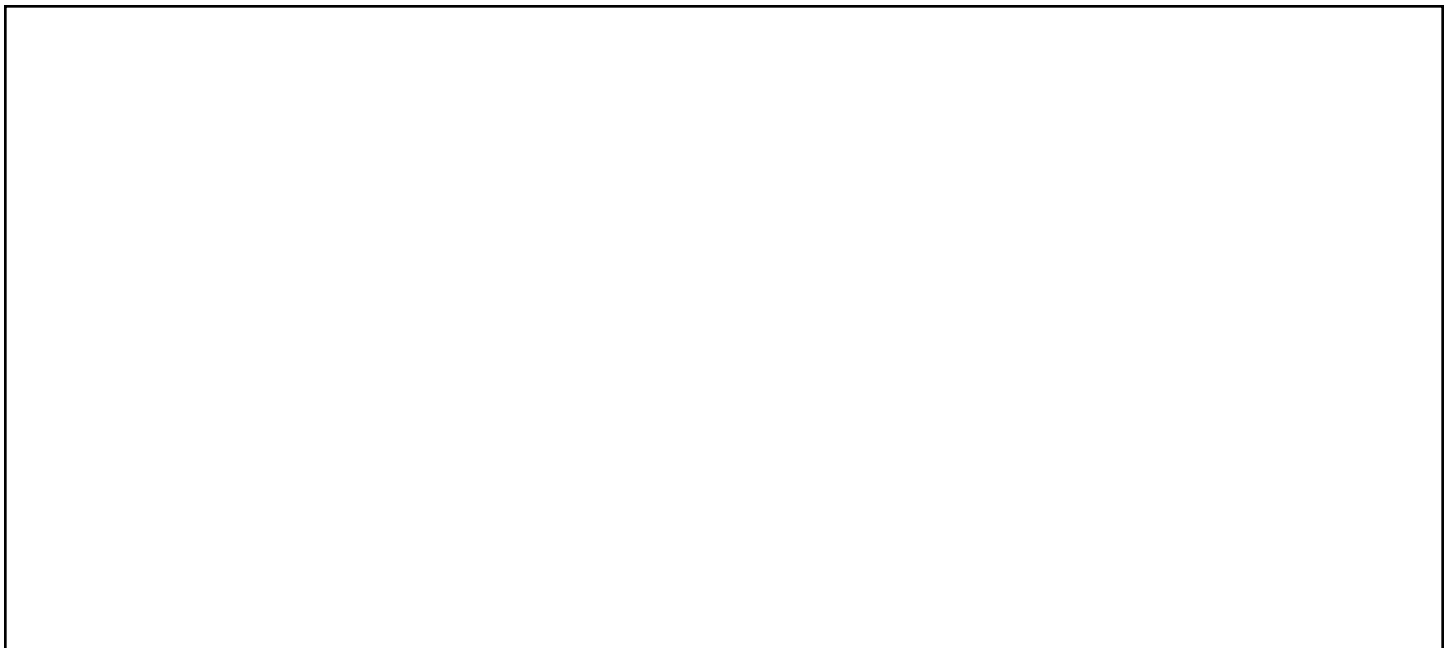
Teach _____ Learn _____

What Did You Learn Today?

Keep your ears open during today's messages! Listen for something new, surprising or especially meaningful. Write below what you learned and why it stood out to you.

Be a Sermon Artist

Now it is your turn to be the artist! Draw something memorable from today's message. It could be a Bible event, a special place, an object or an important lesson.



We Get to Help!

“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years” (Revelation 20:6).

In God’s Kingdom, His people will help Jesus teach, serve and care for the world. This is a lot of responsibility, and that is why God begins training us now! When we learn to obey, serve and make wise choices, we are preparing to be kings and priests in God’s Kingdom.

Think about what a king or a queen does for work. Yes, it’s work, not just sitting on a throne, dressed in fancy robes and wearing a crown! The job requires a lot of wisdom and means making important decisions that keep people safe and setting rules that are fair.

Think about the job of a priest. In many ways, it’s like what ministers do today, looking after their congregations and teaching them God’s way. A priest serves God and helps others to serve God too. Just like a king, a priest must make wise decisions.

Questions

1. God’s instructions for a king include writing a copy of God’s law (Deuteronomy 17:18-20). Why do you think it’s so important for a king to know God’s law?
2. What will people in the Millennium need to be taught about God?
3. Name at least one king and one priest you have read about in the Bible. What are some wise (or unwise) decisions they made?
4. What is one of God’s laws that you look forward to people keeping in the Kingdom of God?

Today’s Activity

Some of the best people to learn from are those with years of experience! Can you find someone at your Feast site who has been to the Feast 50 or more times? Ask him or her what they most look forward to in the Kingdom.

Future Kings

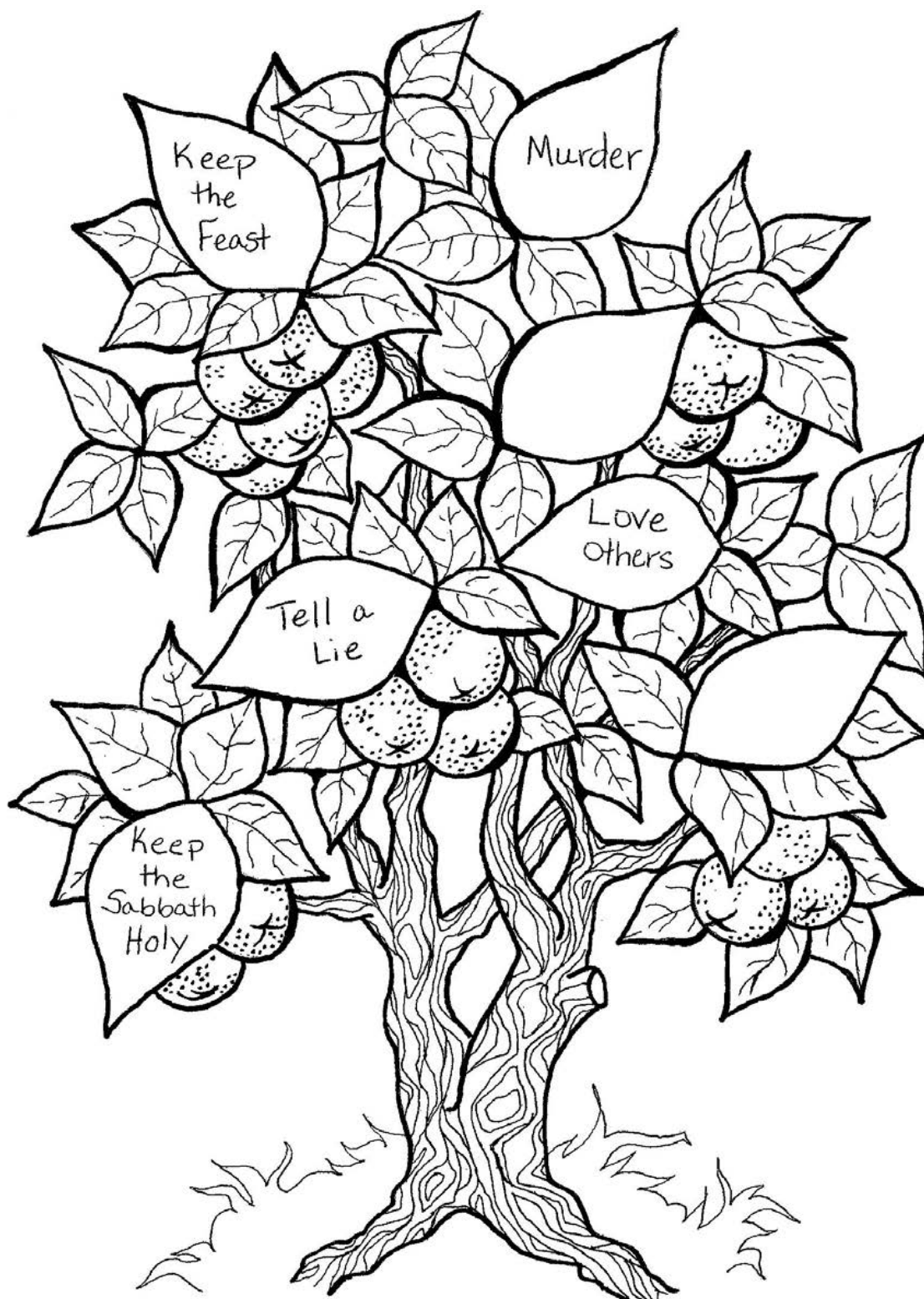
David was an ancient King of Israel. He will live again when he is raised in the First Resurrection. God has a special job for him to do. He will rule as King over all Israel under Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God. Find the letters K-I-N-G in the picture of David. Then color the picture.



Teaching God's Way

What do you think you could teach others about God?

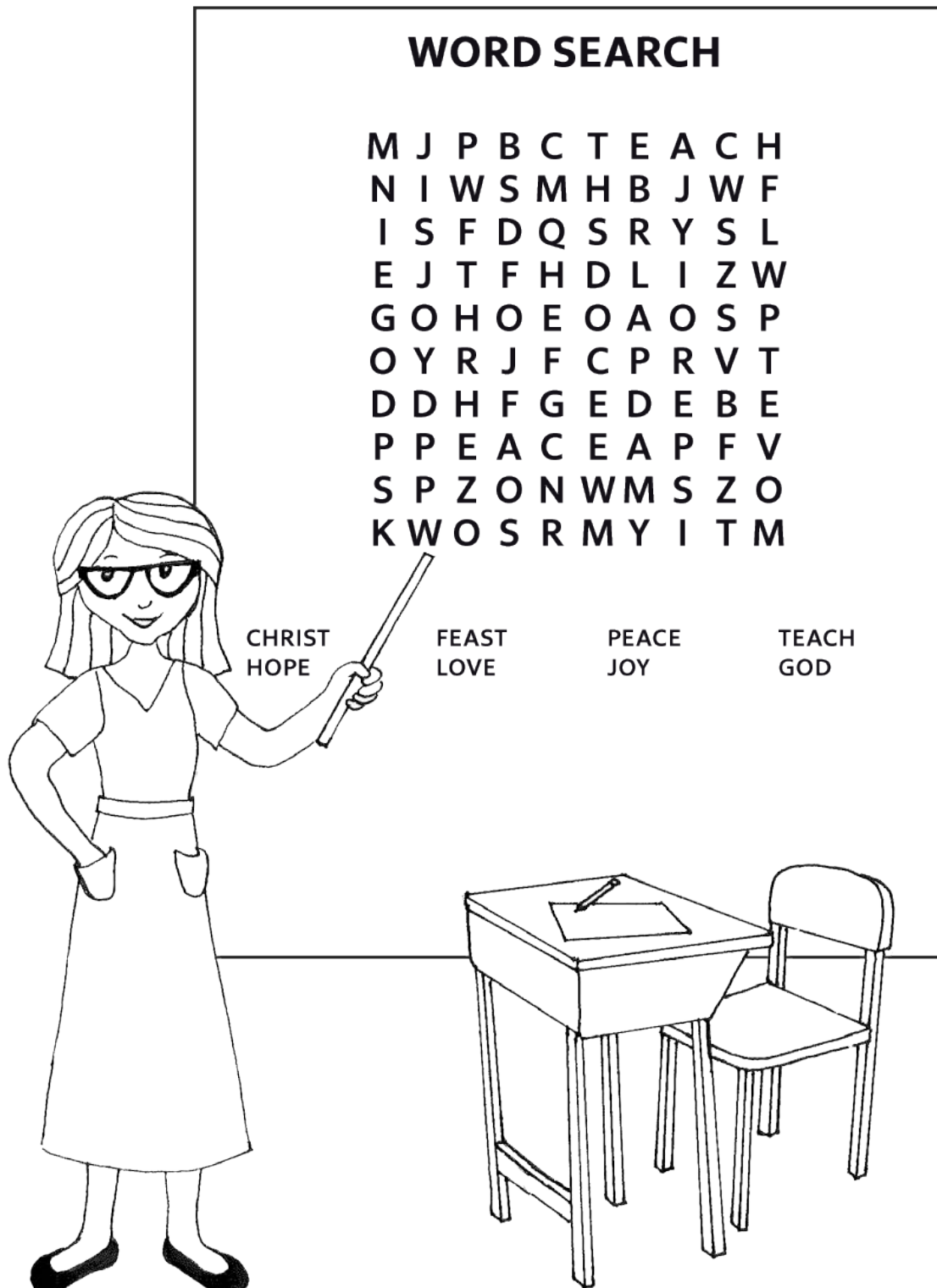
The tree below has leaves which state some of God's ways and some that do not. Color the leaves that show God's way **green**, and color the leaves that do not show God's way **red**. Two leaves have been left blank for you to fill in yourself.



Future Kings

Just as God has a special job for King David in His soon coming Kingdom, He also has a special job for you. We are learning God's laws, festivals and Holy Days now so that we can teach others about God in the Millennium!

Find the words in the word search. Circle the words you find.



My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **help**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "help" or "serve" used by a speaker.

Help _____

Serve _____

"I never knew that!"

There is always something new to learn at the Feast. Listen carefully to today's messages and write down something you learned or understood for the first time.

What Stood Out to You?

Choose something from today's sermonette or sermon that you found interesting or meaningful. Create a drawing that shows the story, place, object or lesson you remember most.



The Earth Will Be Healed

“Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes” (Isaiah 35:6-7).

Have you ever visited the desert? Let’s paint a picture for a moment: dry ground, very few plants, many cacti. Now think about a garden: beautiful flowers, running water and green grass. In God’s Kingdom, a desert will look more like a garden. Dry, broken, barren places will become full of water, life and beauty.

Creation won’t just be beautiful; people will take care of it. If you go to the park today, you may see trash that someone left behind. There are some lakes and beaches that aren’t safe to swim in because of pollution. Sadly, people make mistakes that can poison creation. But we don’t have to worry—God has a plan to heal what mankind has neglected.

Not only will God heal creation, but He will also heal people! Think how wonderful it will be when everyone can walk, talk, see, hear and enjoy every aspect of the beautiful creation God has made!

Questions

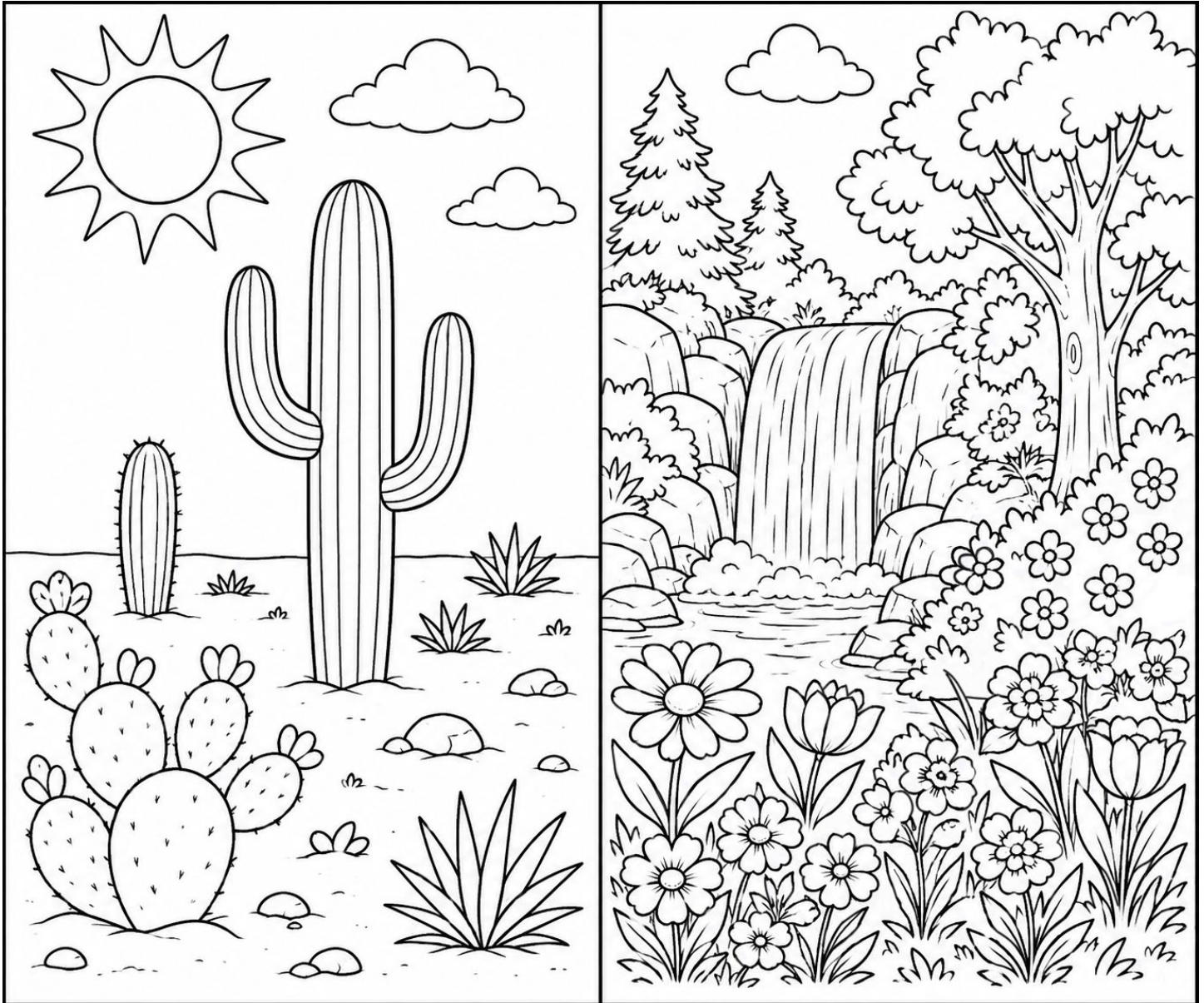
1. Read Isaiah 35:1-10. What will healing mean for the people described here?
2. Imagine you are given a desert to renovate. What types of flowers, plants and natural features would you like to add?
3. How will adding plants and water to the landscape help people?
4. How will a healthy earth help animals?

Today’s Activity

In the Kingdom, people who cannot run, see or hear will be healed, but for now, you can find ways to show you care by helping. You can open a door for a person at church services, help by picking up trash or even sit down and talk to an older person.

The Earth Will Be Healed

These two pictures show what deserts look like today and what they might look like in the Kingdom of God. Can you tell which is which? Color the picture that shows the earth during the Millennium.



“The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose” (Isaiah 35:1).

You're the Artist, Draw the Millennium

In the Millennium God's
Commandments will be taught
to everyone. What do you think
the Millennium will look like?



Look it up: Isaiah 11:6-9

The Desert . . . Transformed!

During the Millennium, there will 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. Fill in the missing words in these verses. Then look for these words in the word search below!

Isaiah 35:1-2

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the _____ shall rejoice and _____ as the rose; it shall blossom abundantly and _____, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the _____ of the LORD, the excellency of our God.

Isaiah 35:6-7

Then the lame shall leap like a _____, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The _____ ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land _____ of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be _____ with reeds and rushes.

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desert

rejoice
parched

springs
grass

deer
glory

My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **heal**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "heal" or "care" used by a speaker.

Heal _____

Care _____

My New Feast Insight

Even familiar subjects can teach us something new. Listen closely to today's messages and write down one new insight that helped you better understand God's truth.

Turn the Message Into a Picture

Think about what you heard in today's sermonette or sermon. Use the space below to create a picture that represents one part of the message.



Even Animals Will Be Peaceful

“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,’ says the LORD” (Isaiah 65:25).

One of the big changes to come in God’s Kingdom is the nature of animals. Lions, bears and other animals that are dangerous now will be peaceful in God’s Kingdom. It will be safe for children to climb on the back of a leopard or play with a snake. Wolves will be just as gentle as your family dog and you will be able to pet the fur of a full-grown panther and hear him purr just like your cat!

But peace isn’t just for the animals! People will also learn how to be at peace. Soldiers will put down their weapons and recycle them into farming equipment. People will be able to leave their doors unlocked without fear of being robbed.

People will be taught God’s way of peace, and we get to help teach them! That is why it’s so important for us to learn peace today.

Questions

1. What type of wild animal do you most look forward to meeting in the Kingdom?
2. How do the world governments today compare to God’s future government in the Kingdom? (Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3)
3. What will life be like without the crimes and wars we see today?
4. Even animals we consider “tame” today will experience change in the Kingdom. What are some ways they will be different when their nature is changed?

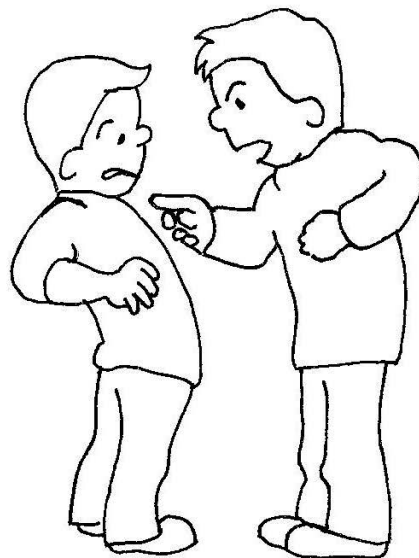
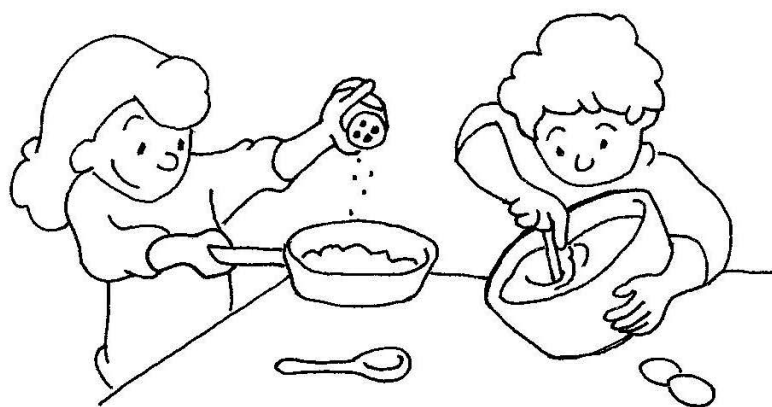
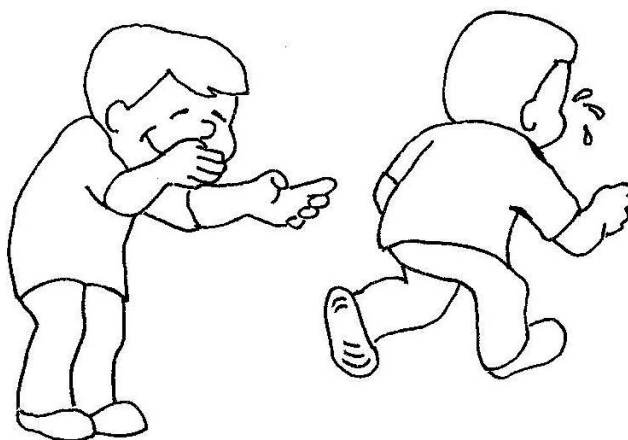
Today’s Activity

Can you find five different types of animals in the wild? They could be as large as a giraffe or as small as a bee. Today, look for five animals and write down how you think each one will be different in the Kingdom.

At Peace With Others

Jesus Christ will return to set up God's government on the earth once and for all. He will put an end to fights and wars.

Observe the pictures below and color the pictures which show peace and people getting along with each other.



Peace: What it Looks Like

Once Jesus Christ has defeated the kingdoms of this world, He will establish God's Kingdom, which will reign on Earth forever. He will put an end to fights and wars. There will be no more sadness. The world will be at peace.

An acrostic poem is a poem you make from a word. Below you will find the word "Peace." Think of a word or phrase that starts with each letter in PEACE to make an acrostic poem. The first letter has been done for you.



People will keep God's commandments.



A Changing of the Animals

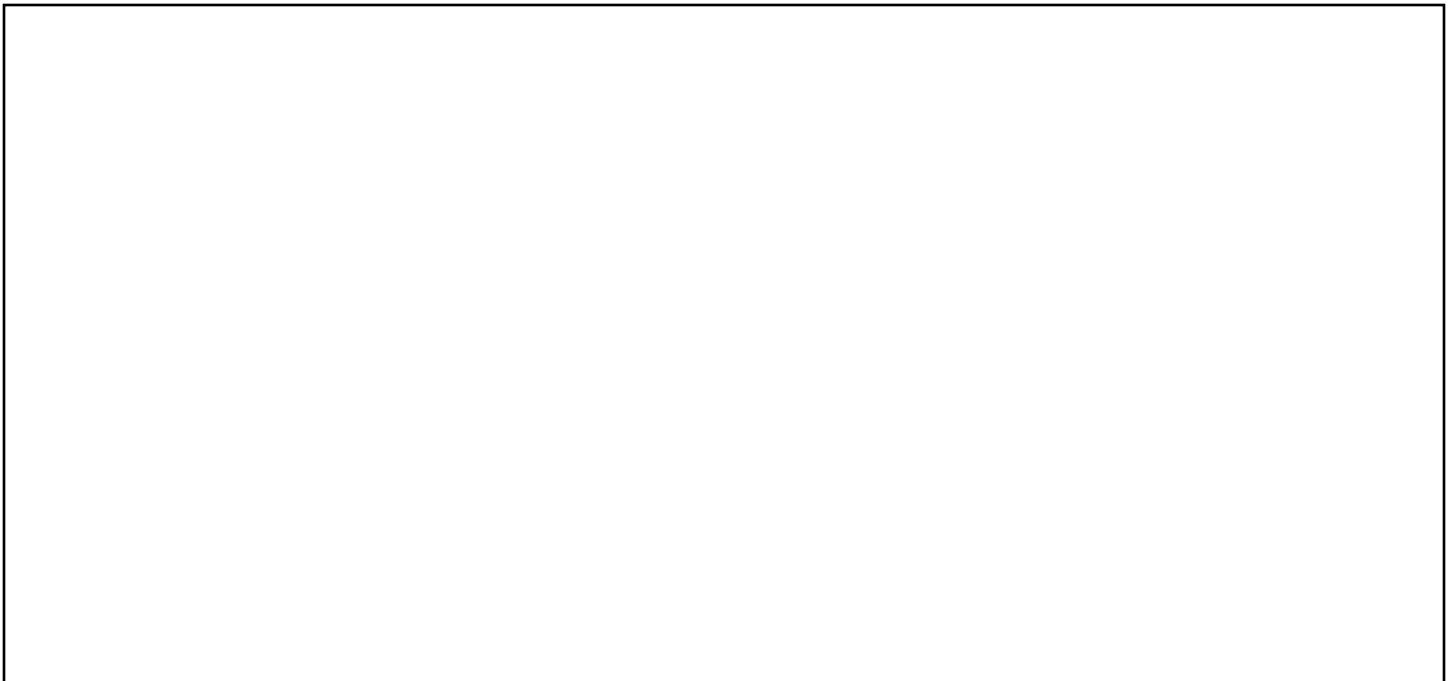
Look in the Bible to get more clues about what the world will be like during the Millennium. Did you know there will even be peace and harmony among the wild animals?

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

LOWF	_____	GFLTNI	_____
BAML	_____	WCO	_____
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TOGA	_____	XO	_____
LAFC	_____	BAROC	_____
ONIL	_____	PREIV	_____

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

Think of a wild animal you would love to have as a pet someday. 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?



My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **peace**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "peace" or "safe" used by a speaker.

Peace _____ Safe _____

Listen for Something New

Each Feast message offers an opportunity to learn and grow. As you listen today, identify one thought, lesson, or scripture that is new to you. Summarize it below.

Sketch Your Favorite Thought

Which idea from today's message did you enjoy or remember most? Draw a scene, symbol, person or object that helps show what you learned.



What Is a Tabernacle?

“You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God” (Leviticus 23:42-43).

During the Feast of Tabernacles, we stay in temporary dwellings. This might be a house, a tent, a hotel room or even a camper! A temporary dwelling reminds us that this world is not our permanent home. We look forward to God’s Kingdom, which will be permanent!

Staying in a temporary dwelling is also an opportunity to appreciate the blessings God has given us. When you pack your suitcase for the Feast, you can’t bring all of your clothes and toys. Going without some of your favorite things for a week reminds us that we are like travelers and helps us learn to trust God for our needs.

The Feast is also a time of many special blessings. Even though we are not in our usual homes, we have an opportunity to experience a sample of what God’s Kingdom will be like. Our normal homes and physical belongings are not as important as the permanent blessings God plans to give us. Be thankful for the physical blessings, but even more, be thankful for the spiritual blessings!

Questions

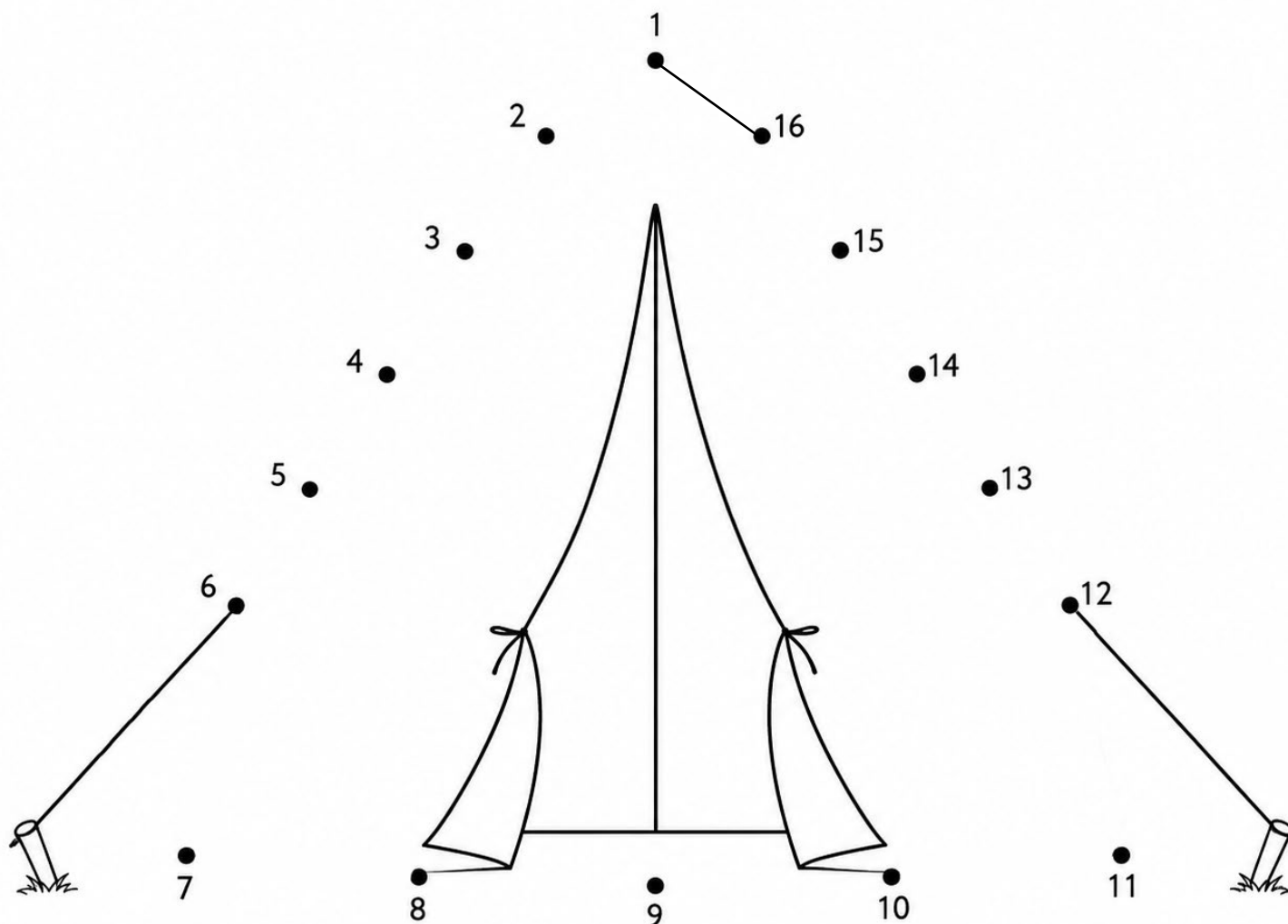
1. What type of temporary dwelling are you and your family staying in?
2. Staying in a temporary dwelling helps remind us of the blessings God gives us. Make a list of 10 things you are thankful for this Feast.
3. A pilgrim is a word used for someone who is traveling toward their permanent home. How are God’s people like pilgrims? (Leviticus 23:42-43)
4. What aspects of your temporary dwelling remind you of God’s Kingdom?

Today’s Activity

It’s time for a scavenger hunt! What is something special and unique about your temporary dwelling? Draw or take a picture. (Examples: a special kind of flower, an animal that’s native to this area, or the view from your hotel window).

Connect the Dots

During the Feast of Tabernacles, God asks us to stay in temporary dwellings. Below is a picture of one kind of temporary dwelling. To find out what it is, draw a line between the dots in the numbered order. Then, write what it is in the blank below to complete the scripture.



“The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the _____s of the righteous;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly” (Psalm 118:15).

Temporary Dwellings

The Feast of Tabernacles is one of the special Feasts that God made for us. The Bible tells us in Leviticus 23:41-42 that we are to keep this Feast year after year, and that each generation should observe it as well. So that means grandparents, parents and children too!

The children of Israel stayed in booths during the Feast. Today we stay in motels, tents or other types of temporary dwellings.

Read the sentences and write the answers to the riddles in the blank space.

I was made with leaves.

I was used by the Children of Israel.

What am I?

I am made with wood or brick.

Sometimes I have a pool.

What am I?

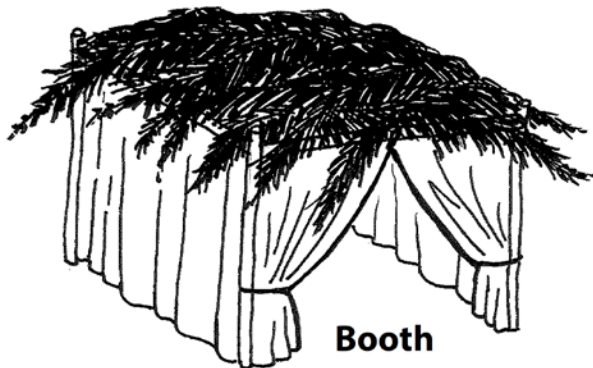
I am made of cloth.

I can be moved from place to place.

What am I?



Hotel



Booth



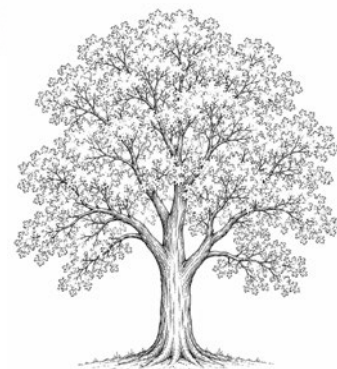
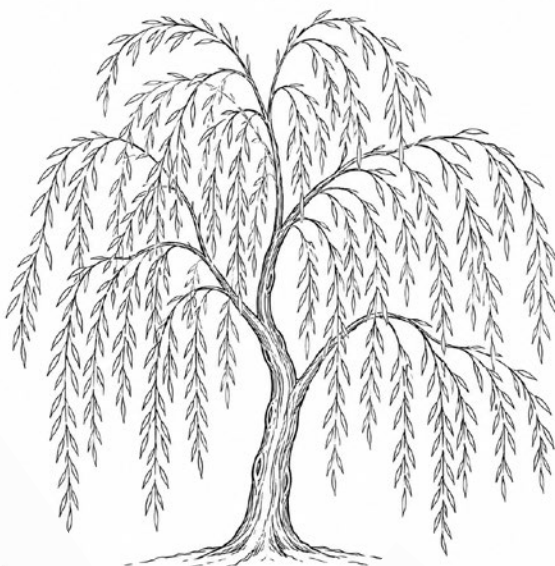
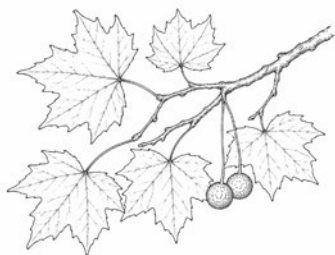
Tent

Building a Booth

“And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days” (Leviticus 23:40).

Two of the trees the Israelites were instructed to use in building their booths were palm and willow. The branches created a shelter where they could observe these special days.

How well do you know your trees? The picture below contains several types of foliage. Find and color all the palm and willow branches you see!



My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **temporary**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "temporary" or "dwelling" used by a speaker.

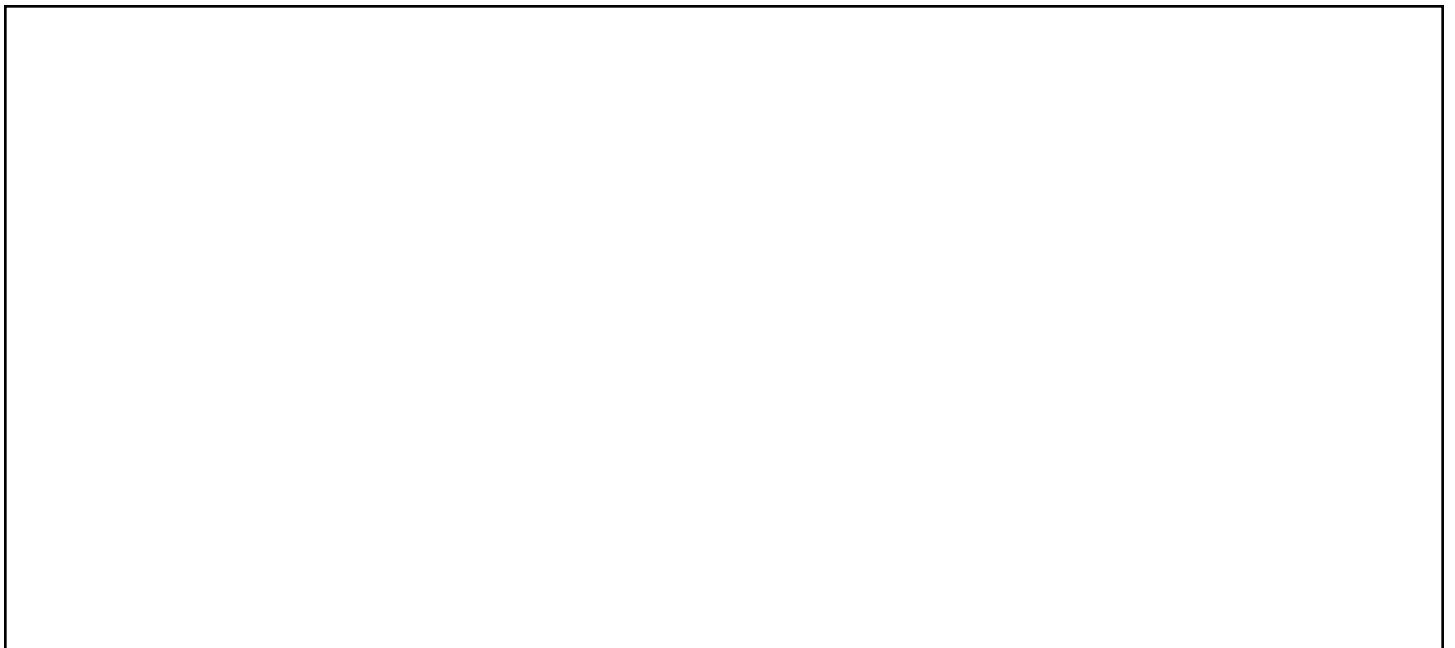
Temporary _____ **Dwelling** _____

A Lesson to Remember

What will you remember from today's messages? Choose something you had not thought about before and explain what you learned in the space below.

Capture the Sermon on Paper

Bring today's message to life through art. Draw something connected to the scriptures, examples, stories or lessons that were shared.



God Will Wake Them Up

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (John 5:28-29).

On the Eighth Day (sometimes called the “Last Great Day”) God will raise the rest of the dead and give them the opportunity to know Him.

Remember, the First Resurrection will happen when Jesus Christ returns. This is for the saints, and they will have eternal life. They will no longer be physical human beings; they will instead be spirit beings like God the Father and Jesus Christ.

The Second Resurrection is different. The people who are raised up on this day will become physical humans again. They will be made alive so they have a chance to learn about God and His way and to choose what is right.

Maybe you have family members who died before they had a chance to learn God’s truth or know a neighbor or a friend who died without learning God’s way. The Eighth Day is special, because you will have a chance to see them again and teach them the wonderful things you are learning now!

Questions

1. Whom do you look forward to seeing again at the Second Resurrection?
2. What is different about the First and Second Resurrections? (Ezekiel 37:3-6)
3. What will happen if someone is resurrected but says “no” to God’s way of life? (Hebrews 6:4-6, Hebrews 10:26-29 and Revelation 21:8)
4. What does the Second Resurrection tell us about God?

Today’s Activity

Read the Bible with your family! Pick a favorite verse you heard at the Feast and read it aloud to your family or ask a parent to read it to you. Give everyone a chance to read their favorite Feast Scripture.

The Eighth Day

The Eighth Day is a special Holy Day after the Feast of Tabernacles, which pictures the Second Resurrection. Many people call it the Last Great Day. Color each numbered section using the key below.

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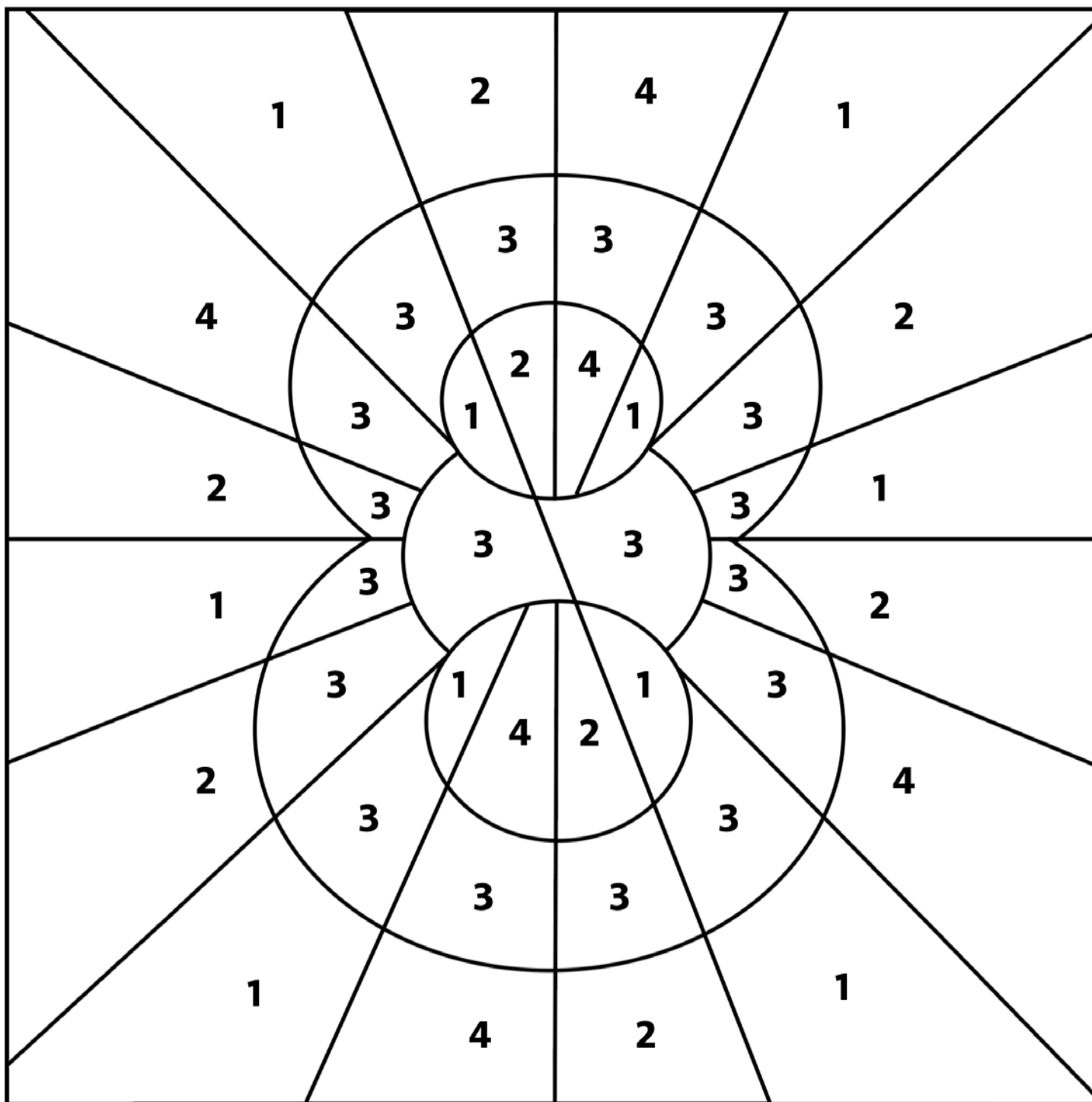
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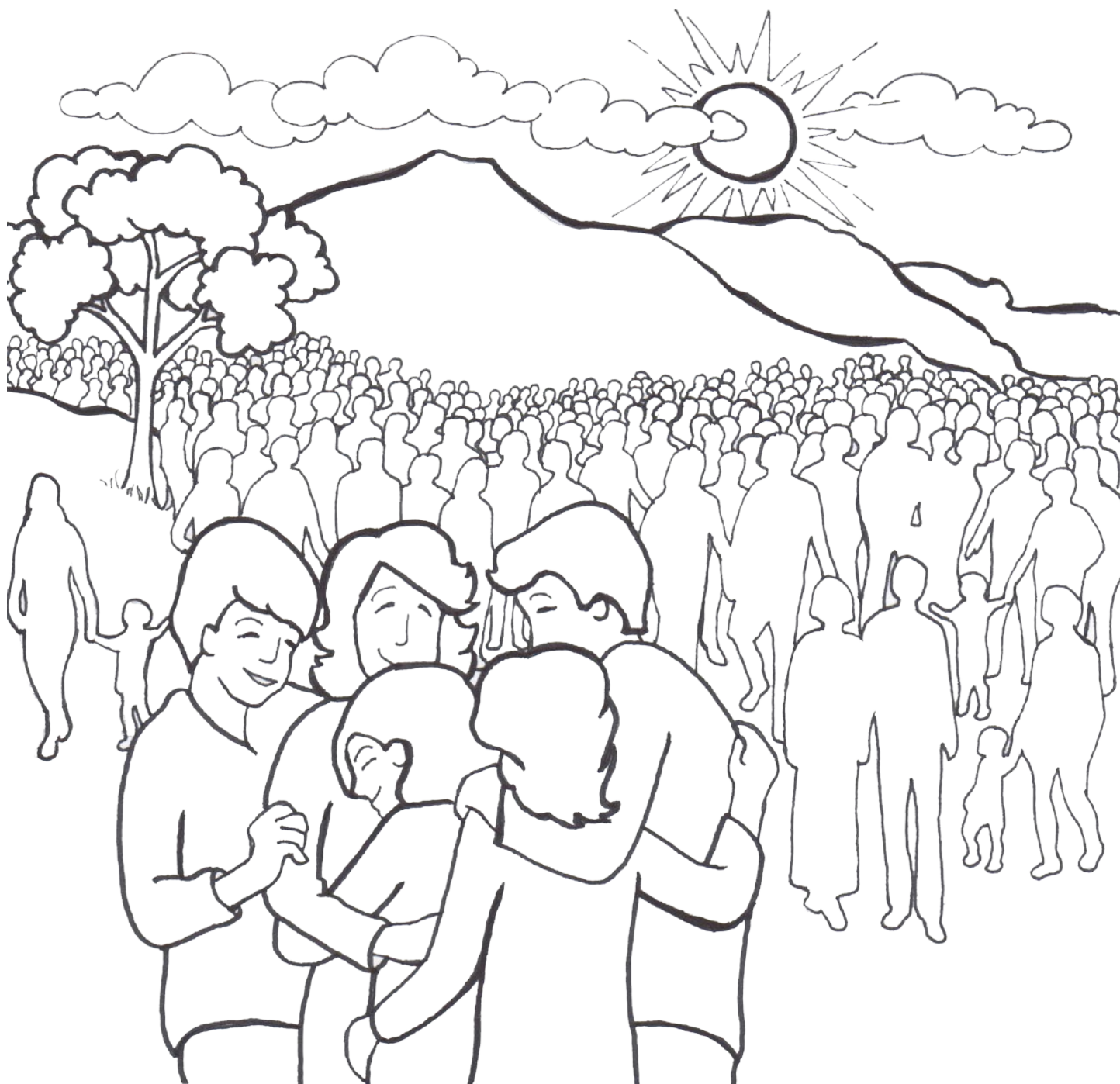
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The Eighth Day

Those people who are raised in the Second Resurrection will need help getting to know God and His way of life. You will be able to help guide them and teach them about God. What a wonderful job God has for you to be a part of His plan!

Color the picture below. This picture depicts the Second Resurrection.



The Eighth Day

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 about this large group of 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 that God has 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!

My Feast Notes for Today

Word of the Day

Today's word is **resurrection**. Listen to the messages today and see how many times you can hear the word "resurrection" or "eternal" used by a speaker.

Resurrection _____ **Eternal** _____

Growing in Understanding

God wants us to continue growing in knowledge and understanding. Look for one new lesson in today's messages and briefly describe it below.

Show What You Remember

Without using words, show one thing you remember from today's sermonette or sermon. Your drawing can be simple, detailed, serious or fun!



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