



Sabbath Keeping Youth

Name That Hymn!

In which Hymn do you find the following words?

1. Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee; and hail Him as thy matchless King thro all eternity.
2. Come to Gods own temple come and raise the song of harvest home.
3. Yes the bird has found it's home, built a nest to lay her young. O that I may find thine alters my Lord my King my God.
4. Let all the earth unto the Lord send forth a joyful noise. Lift up your voice aloud to Him sing praises and rejoice.

These words are from Hymns found in our maroon Hymnal. The Feast of Tabernacles is a special time of year and these hymns express meaning for the season.

Answers:

1. #11, 2. #228, 3. #125, 4. #136

One Of A Kind Creations



Some kids look in the mirror and see a person who is nice-

looking, smart, good at sports, and has lots of friends. Other kids don't like to look in the mirror because they are not happy with themselves. They see a person who is ugly, clumsy, bad at sports, and has no real friends. The way you feel about yourself is called self-esteem. God wants everyone to have high self-esteem and to think nice thoughts about themselves. Friends and family play a big role in how you see yourself. That's why it's important to surround yourself

with Christian kids and adults who make you feel good about yourself and about God. Another important key to self-esteem is understanding God wants you to know you are special, and He wants you to love yourself. In Genesis 1:27 it says, "God created man in His own image." Wow! We are all created in God's image! How cool to think that God created you to be like Him. Nothing else was created like that.

God considers each one of you so special He took the time to make you unique from every other person in this world. So, the next time you look in the mirror and start to complain about the color of your hair or the shape of your nose, remember God had a special plan when He made you just the way you are. In God's eyes you are special. As the old saying goes, "God doesn't make JUNK!!"

The Parents Corner

Parents play a vital role in the development of a child's self-esteem. Here are some activities you can use to boost your child's self-image.

- Let your child make decisions that affect the whole family. (Examples: What would you like to eat tonight? What game would you like to play? What activity would you like the family to do this weekend?)
- Leave encouraging notes for your child in surprising places. (Examples: Lunch sacks, pockets, school books, on toys, pillows, etc.)
- Love is the key to building high self-esteem. Start expressing that love today through hugs, encouraging words and lots of time spent together.
- For no special reason, do something you know your child will really enjoy.

Feast of Tabernacles

In ancient times, long before our Savior Jesus was born as a baby and walked on the earth, there was a great nation of people whom God highly favored. He had chosen this group of people as His People and He made a Covenant with them. If they would obey His commandments and His laws, God would take care of all their needs, heal them when they were sick, prosper their lands and flocks and keep them safe from all their enemies.

This nation was composed of a group of people that were descendants of a man named Jacob. God changed Jacob's name to "Israel" (which means Prince of God), and his descendants were called Israelites. Israel had 12 sons and they multiplied and grew into a large nation. Before they became a great nation of people, while they were still a small family, a severe famine went through their land. They went into Egypt to seek food and as the years went by they became slaves to the Egyptian people.

The Israelites were in bondage to the Egyptians for about 430 years. During that time, they were severely afflicted and beaten down by their master. Still, their nation kept multiplying and growing. They remembered God, and started crying out to Him for deliverance. God looked down and saw their many afflictions and heard their cries. He chose a man named Moses to deliver them. Through many miracles of God, Moses finally led the Israelites out of Egypt. At last, after so many long years, Israel was free of the Egyptian master-- free to do as they pleased and free to worship God.

As they wandered in the wilderness, the Israelites began sinning against God. God allowed them to stay in the wilderness for 40 years until that evil generation died. Their children were finally brought forth into the Promised Land. God had blessed this land and filled it with good things for them.

While they were in the wilderness, God wrote down His Commandments on two tablets of stone, which Moses showed to the people. God also gave other laws and commanded Israel to keep and celebrate certain Holy Days during the year along with the weekly Sabbath. God told Israel when they went into the Promised Land, they were to observe and celebrate a festival called the Feast of Ingathering, which was to last for seven days. The first day is a Holy Day and no work is to be done. During those seven days, they were to take branches and make booths (temporary dwellings), and live in them for seven days. This was to remind Israel of the time they lived in the wilderness and had no permanent home to live in. They had dwelt in tents for those 40 years and often they took their tents and moved to another place. Another name for this festival is the Feast of Booths. Eventually, this festival was called the Feast of Tabernacles, which means tents

temporary dwellings.

Israel celebrated this festival each year, in the fall, after their crops were harvested. They went to the place where God chose (through His servants), and rejoiced before God for seven days. This was a time for thanksgiving for all God had done for them; for delivering them out of slavery, for the abundant land and crops and for the peace and security they had in the Promised Land. All their families and friends went with them. All Israel celebrated and rejoiced before God at the Feast of Tabernacles!

The Feast of Tabernacles today pictures a time in the future when Jesus Christ will return to the earth and set up the Kingdom of God. All good things will be restored, and the whole earth will rejoice— all mankind, all animals and all living things. The air, water and food will be pure and healthy again. People will live in a safe world full of peace, love and happiness. Those who are Christ's when He returns will receive a new body made out of spirit. We will no longer have the temporary body we live in now. Our new body will live forever and it will never get sick, be hurt or die. Everyone will be obedient to God's Commandments and will keep His Holy Days. Jesus Christ will be the King of the whole earth, and will rule for one thousand years (called the Millennium). All nations will keep the Feast of Tabernacles at that time.

God commanded this Feast to be observed and celebrated forever. We are to worship and honor God. Rejoice before Him and thank Him for all blessings.

The Fall Feasts of the Lord

Cultures all over the world celebrate holidays. Holidays may commemorate special events, births or deaths of heroes or are designed to observe religious beliefs. The Holy Days God established for man is far more significant. The Hebrew word “feasts” means appointed times. The seven Holy Days of the Lord are discussed in both the Old and New Testaments and are God’s “appointed times.” The chronological lists of God’s holy days are found in Leviticus 23. These seven annual holy days were ordained by God, kept by the ancient Israelites and continued by the early New Testament Christians and Jesus. These “appointed feasts” picture God’s plan of salvation for man. As we enter into the Fall Festival season, take the time to teach your children the importance of each Holy Day. Below is a short description of these Holy Days.

Feast of Trumpets

The Feast of Trumpets was celebrated by the blowing of trumpets on the first day of the seventh month (*Tishri*). The Old Testament significance of this day had its origins in the trumpet sound of alarm used to call people to a state of general warning or preparation for war (Ezekiel 33:1-16). Today this Feast pictures the intervention of God and the return of Jesus Christ. Christ comes at the sound of the seventh trumpet (Revelation 11:15; I Thessalonians 4:16). Before man self-destructs, God will step in and cease to let man go his own way. The time will come to save not just a few in His church, but all people. This Feast also symbolizes the resurrection of all who died in Christ. “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (I Corinthians 15:52).

Day of Atonement

The word “atonement” means covering. On the Day of Atonement, the high priest would offer a series of sacrifices (Leviticus 16). This was the only time of year the high priest entered the Holy of Holies. To begin, he would purify himself with a ceremonial bath and by putting on white garments. He would sacrifice a bull as a sin offering for him and the other priests. The blood of the bull would be sprinkled on the Ark of the Covenant. Two goats were brought to the temple. One was sacrificed as a sin offering for the people and some of its blood was sprinkled in the Holy of Holies. Over the head of the other goat, the priest would confess the sins of the people and then send the goat into the wilderness. When the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. animal sacrifices ended. In Isaiah 53:10 we are told that God provided a Messiah for the sins of man. Today, the Day of Atonement symbolizes the reuniting of God and man through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of mankind, and the binding of Satan. Jesus Christ is our atonement (Romans 5:11; Titus 2:14). Because Christ was perfect and never sinned, He could pay the price for all of man’s sins. Today this Holy Day is kept by a complete fast (no food or drink) from sunset to sunset.

Feast of Tabernacles

On the following page a lesson is given which teaches about the Feast of Tabernacles.

Last Great Day

In spite of a thousand years of peace and happiness, millions have lived and died without ever having the knowledge to understand salvation. The Last Great Day represents the time when they shall be resurrected and given that chance. The Last Great Holy Day of God pictures the greatest period of salvation for mankind—the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15). This day represents the culmination of the plan of salvation. Death and destruction are now no more; human history is at an end. The Kingdom of God has become eternal.



Feast of Trumpets Leviticus 23:23-25

Test yourself on how much you know about the Feast of Trumpets.

_____1. God gave Moses instructions in Numbers 10 on the making of special trumpets. How many were to be made and what were they to be made of?

- (A) One; gold (B) Two; silver (C) 12; rams horns

_____2. The trumpets were used for several purposes. Select the one purpose the trumpets were not used for.

- (A) Warning (B) Signal (C) Music

_____3. The Feast of Trumpets takes on special meaning in the New Testament. It is to be kept in order to remember a certain event. What is it?

- (A) The Exodus (B) The Return of Christ (C) War

_____4. In I Corinthians 15:51, 52 there is a “mystery” explained.

- (A) Resurrection of the Saints (B) Death (C) Baptism

_____5. Revelation 11:15 pictures the Return of Christ at the end of the loud blast of a trumpet. Which angel sounded?

- (A) Third (B) Fourth (C) Seventh



Day of Atonement Leviticus 16: 29-30

The following words fit in the blank spaces below. If you have trouble, turn to Leviticus 16:29-30 in your Bible.

Lord, statue, clean, forever, sins, seventh, cleanse, tenth, deny, work, no Atonement

God told Moses, “This shall be a _____ to you _____. In the _____ month, on the _____ day of the month, you shall _____ yourselves, and shall do _____. For on this day _____ shall be made for you, to _____ you; from all your _____ you shall be _____ before the _____.”

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Activity Page

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Leviticus 23:33-43

Find the words in the puzzle below. They are hidden up, down, across, backward, and diagonally.



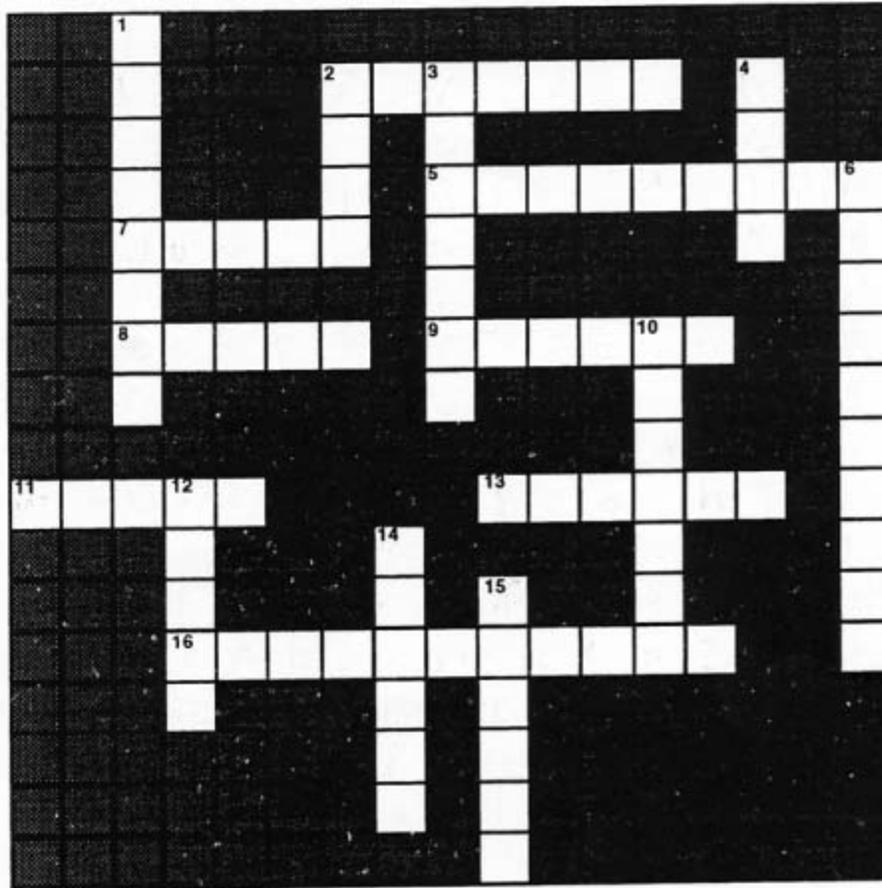
CHILDREN	SERVILE	DAY	DELIVERED	GENERATIONS
ISRAEL	SACRIFICE	FOREVER	LORD	FIRE
FEAST	GIFTS	DWELL	REJOICE	FIFTEENTH
TABERNACLES	VOWS	BOOTH	FAMILY	MOSES
HOLY	FREEWILL	STATUTE	CHOOSE	KEEP
CONVOCATION	SEVEN	MILLENNIUM	ETERNAL	JERUSALEM
OFFERING	EIGHTH	EGYPT	SIN	EARTH

Activity

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Leviticus 23:33-43

Read the scriptures. They will help you solve the crossword below.



Across

2. Without ending.
5. Ancient holy city for Jews, Christians, and Muslims.
7. To live or stay as a permanent resident.
8. Moses led the children of Israel out of _____.
9. To select from a number of possibilities.
11. The prophet who delivered the Law from tablets of stone.
13. Temporary shelter of boughs.
16. Feast of _____
(Houses of God).

Down

1. Offspring.
2. The season that follows summer.
3. To feel joy or gladness.
4. Hallowed.
6. A time of peace, happiness, and abundance after Christ's return.
10. Permanent rule established to govern.
12. This planet we live on.
14. Name given to Jacob.(Genesis 32:28).
15. Group of related individuals or things