



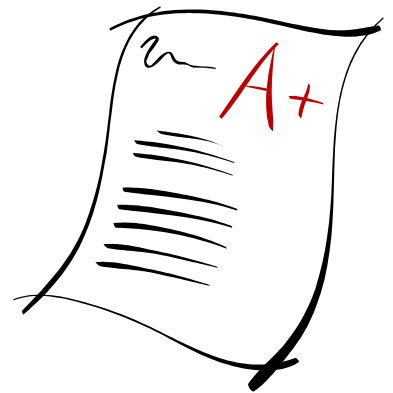
Sabbath Keeping Youth

Have you ever prayed for a little help from God on an English test? Would you believe that the Bible confirms that God is completely able to give you “knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning?” That’s straight out of Daniel chapter one. The Bible says, “To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.” So now you’re wishing you were one of those four men. Well, guess what? You can have the same help from God they did. In order to do so, you must first understand why God chose to bless them in such a way. Then you must apply the same principles in your life that Daniel and his friends applied in theirs.

First of all, Daniel was obedient to God. When the king’s officer tried to get Daniel to eat meat that had prayers to false gods offered over it, Daniel decided he would not dishonor God by eating it. Your words and actions at school and at home must bring honor to God. Bad jokes, cursing, and fighting are just a few of the things that dishonor God and keep you from receiving His help with learning. Decide to obey God and let your actions bring honor to Him through obedience of His word. Keeping God’s Feast of Tabernacles is one way to honor Him.

Next, Daniel had faith in God. Daniel convinced the king’s officer to let him and his friends eat vegetables for ten days. After that, Daniel told the officer to treat them based on what he saw. If they didn’t look healthier, their lives were probably going to be in danger. That’s quite a risk, but Daniel trusted God. After ten days they looked healthier than all the other men who had been eating the meat offered to false gods. Daniel’s trust and his obedience caused God to bless him with knowledge and wisdom. Be obedient to God and trust Him even when someone makes fun of you. You might just find yourself in the same spot as Daniel. The Bible says the king “found none equal to Daniel” and his friends.

Daniel Receives an



The Parents Corner

Beating the Homework Hassles at the Feast of Tabernacles!

Here are a few tips from Dr. Sal Severe’s book “How to Behave so Your Children Will Too!”

- Make sure your child knows it is his responsibility to complete his homework. Don’t make the mistake of doing it for him.
- Be informed. Talk to your child’s teacher about the amount and frequency of homework she will be giving. This helps you get a homework plan.
- Schedule enough time for homework to be completed. You may have to eliminate some other activities.
- Set up a specific place for homework to be done. Have all the needed supplies close by.
- Be good example. Read and study God’s word in front of your children while they do their homework.

To Go, Or Not To Go!

By the time the Fall Holy Days begin, many students are well into their studies. It is around this time every year students discuss whether they should leave school to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. After all, this is an entire week of missed lectures, quizzes, lab work and tests.

In addition to the panic that strikes a young person thinking about the repercussions of missing classes, there seems to be the idea their presence at the feast is not that important. Along with this belief, there is the notion there is no way they can be excused from class and be allowed to make up missed work.

God expects the presence of our children and young people at the feast. A very import aspect of the feast is rejoicing. Deuteronomy 14:26 says not only is the head of the house to attend the Feast and learn to fear God, but the entire household is to rejoice before Him. If our youth are not in attendance, we are not obeying or rejoicing before the Lord as He commanded.

Here are a few tips to help both parents and college students handle religious excusals from public schools.

1. Know the laws about religious freedom. Having the facts about what is and is not allowed is crucial.
2. Find out the policy on notification of days off for religious purpose. Keep in mind the school does not deem whether your religion is valid. If they did, it would be a violation of your civil rights.
3. August 1995, Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education, sent every school Superintendent in the nation a statement of principles addressing the extent to which religious expression and activity are permitted in our public schools This was on the list:

Released time: Subject to applicable State laws, schools have the discretion to dismiss students to off-premises religious instruction, provided that schools do not encourage or discourage participation or penalize those who do not attend.

(<http://www.ed.gov/Speeches/08-1995/religion.html>)

4. For the grammar school student, parents should write a letter to the teacher at least two weeks in advance asking for the work that will be missed.
5. For high school, parents should write a letter to each of their student's teachers two weeks in advance.
6. For the college student, if you find the college or university you attend does not have a policy that will allow you to reschedule exams and turn in assignments due to religious conflicts, go to each professor individually.
7. Should you need it, the church has a letter, which is signed by a minister requesting you be excused.

My personal experience with religious excusals with my children has been positive. There were a few times we encountered opposition from a teacher or college professor who did not want to reschedule a test or accommodate our religious beliefs. Respectfully interceding on my child's behalf, the teacher always provided the missed work and allowed the test to be taken at a later date. When it came to college, my children would go to their professors and for the most part, found them very understanding.

I hope each parent and member of the church encourage our young people to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Our future harvest is our youth. I invite all of our youth to please come to the Feast and rejoice before the Lord.

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Healthy Fear

Malachi 3:1-4:2

The story is from the last book in the Old Testament. It is named after the man who wrote it, Malachi (MAL-uh-kie). Malachi was a prophet, which means he was chosen by God to deliver His messages to the people of Jerusalem. Malachi wrote the book asking a lot of questions. He may have done this to make the people think about their lives. The story takes place after the Jews had been restored to Jerusalem and had re-established their worship place. At first, under strong leadership, all went well. When the leadership changed, the people became lax about following God's laws.

It was the job of the priests to teach and lead people in worship, but they allowed inferior sacrifices to God and didn't honor God adequately (Malachi 1). The people were not obeying God's laws about marriage (Malachi 2). They had stopped tithing and were speaking against God (Malachi 3:6-15). Malachi told the people that through their actions, they were saying there was no benefit to serving God.

God promised to send a messenger to prepare the way for the "messenger of the covenant," whom they claimed to desire. But through Malachi, God cautioned them, "But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears?" (Malachi 3:2). God promised that judgment would come and be swift. He explained that the reason Israel was not destroyed was because God was the unchanging Lord.

"Return to me, and I will return to you," God said (Malachi 3:7). The few people who feared the Lord talked to each other about Him. God heard them and wrote "a scroll of remembrance" about them (Malachi 3:16). He promised that they would be His and He would spare them from His angry judgment as a man would spare his obedient son. Then all would know the difference between the righteous and the wicked.

Malachi preached about judgment and at the same time reminded the people about the love God had for them. The book of Malachi begins with "I have loved you, says the Lord." The book ends with "But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise, with healing in His wings" (Malachi 4:2).

God's awesome power and justice is what should motivate each of us to fear Him. Fearing God does not mean you are terrified of Him. Your healthy fear of God turns into awe. You learn to reverence Him for his great mercy. Take to heart the warning Malachi was giving the people of his day. Although we each deserve severe judgment for our sins, God has decided to show love and mercy to all who seek to obey Him.

Glorify God at His Feast of Tabernacles. Stand in awe of the incredible plan He has created. It is a plan full of purpose for every man, woman and child.



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Malachi told the people of Judah they were doing several things wrong.

Solve these clues to find what 4 of these things were.

Clues
1. The opposite of cooling is _____.

Add a "c" to the beginning of the word.

2. If you aren't "for" it, you're _____ it.

3. The opposite of taking is _____.

4. An early automobile was often called a horseless _____.

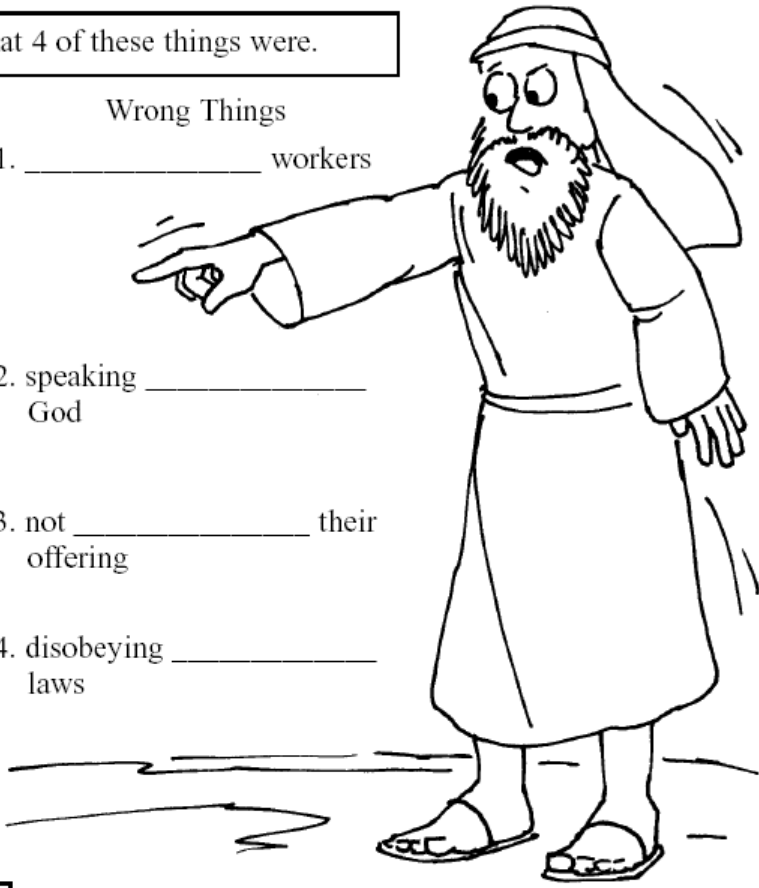
Change the "c" to an "m."

Wrong Things
1. _____ workers

2. speaking _____ God

3. not _____ their offering

4. disobeying _____ laws



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