

THE FALL FEASTS

A long, long time ago when the young shepherd David was out tending his sheep, he loved to watch the beautiful night sky (Psalms 8:3).

When we look up at the night sky in the early fall of the year, it seems especially wonderful to those of us in God's Church. This is why: When the *crescent* shape of the moon appears at this time of year, we know it's the beginning of God's *seventh* month.

The seventh month in God's calendar is special. This is because it's just filled with feasts — and you know how we love God's feasts! We look forward to these times all year.

Well, when that thin crescent

shape called the new moon appears, the first of the fall feasts has begun!

In David's time a shofar was blown to tell the people it was time for the first feast. A shofar is a ram's horn. A ram is a male in the sheep family. Here is one. Look at that ram's horn! The ram's horn is blown like a trumpet.

The Feast of Trumpets

The first of God's fall feasts is called the Feast of Trumpets.

A few years from now another *much louder* trumpet will be blown. We are told in the Bible that Christ





will come again, this time with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God (I Thessalonians 4:16). This trumpet will be blown so loudly that it will be heard all over the earth! And the people who have died in God's Church from very early days until that time will be resurrected then! Do you know what it means to be resurrected? It means to live again, but this time forever. The Bible also tells us that all of God's people alive at the time Jesus returns will be changed to spirit and live forever! This will happen as fast as we can blink our eyes.

Has anyone ever heard a trumpet

call like that? No, certainly not! This one is special. This trumpet will tell the people that Jesus Christ is coming to rule the world. That is the meaning this Holy Day has for us. We do not do any work on this day, and there is no school for us either. We go to church on this important day.

The Day of Atonement

After Jesus Christ is here the world will not be as it is now. People will learn to be happy by obeying God. But first God will get rid of Satan because he is the real cause of the world's problems.

Satan used to be called Lucifer

and had an important job in God's government on earth. But then he turned wicked and God changed his name to Satan. Satan is still around. He can put wrong ideas and feelings in our minds. If we follow what he suggests, we get into trouble. That is why we must learn right from wrong and always do the right thing, even if we don't *feel* like it!

The Day of Atonement pictures

the time when God will make sure that Satan cannot cause any trouble for 1,000 years. God is going to take hold of Satan and put him in a place where he can't cause trouble. When Satan is gone, people will become truly close to God. They will obey Him and therefore become "at one" with Him. This is what the Day of Atonement shows us will happen. We do not eat any food or drink

any water on the Day of Atonement. Our bodies feel this. Our stomachs call for food and sometimes growl. Have you heard your stomach growl? It shows us how much we need God Who gives us the food we need to stay alive.

The Feast of Tabernacles

When Jesus Christ returns to earth, it will be time for the Millennium to begin. The Millennium will last a long time. It will go on for a thousand years! Do you know how long that is?

How many tens make 100? 10? That's right.



Now take another 10 tens, then another 10 tens. Do this 10 times.



Now you have 1,000. One thousand years is a long time, isn't it?



During this time children will grow up, get married and have children. Everyone will be happy because they will be obeying God. It will be a wonderful world with plenty of food and good things for everyone. People won't be doing evil things anymore. The wild animals will become peaceful and tame. Boys and girls will play in beautiful parks next to these animals and will pet them. We see this pictured by the Ambassador College seal. It will be a lovely time. The Feast of Tabernacles reminds us each year of this coming time of peace, happiness and plenty.

The Feast is seven days long. Seven is God's number to show that things are complete. The first day is a Holy Day. It begins on the fifteenth day of God's seventh month. Since this is the middle of the month, the moon is now round and full. You know the special things you do as a family at the Feast. You may go to parks, museums, go swimming or do many other things.

Write down your favorite Feast activities:

I like to _____

We often go	
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Draw some pictures of the things you like to do.

While at the Feast draw a picture of where you are staying this year. Below, draw a picture of your room.

When Jesus Christ is here and the Millennium has begun, people will be learning His truth each day.

Do we learn God's truth daily at the Feast? Yes, we do at each service. What are some of the things you are learning at this Feast?

On a separate sheet of paper write a story. Don't forget to start each sentence with a capital letter and put a period at the end.

First Tithe and Second Tithe

At the Feast we spend the second tithe we have been saving all year. Do you know how we save this?

If you have earned 10 cents, how would you know how much to tithe? One out of every 10 belongs to God. This is the *first* tithe. We give this to God's Church to be used in His Work. Put a purple ring around the first penny. This one belongs to God to do His Work.

Draw a green ring around the second penny. This one is your second tithe and is to be used at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Ten pennies make _____ dime.

_____ dollar, or _____ pennies (cents).



Here are some dimes. Put a purple ring around God's first tithe and a green ring around the second tithe. How much money has this child to spend at the Feast?



This child has \$20 that he earned during the year. How much second tithe should he have? Put a green ring around the second tithe.



The second tithe is one tenth of his money. One tenth is one out of 10.

You have already learned about one half (one out of two) and one third (one out of three) in school. One tenth is one out of every 10. The second tithe is the second one out of every 10. God tells us to put this money in our hands or pockets and take it to the Feast.

What have you used your second tithe for? Draw a picture below to

show how you used it.

Offerings

God tells us not to appear before Him empty (Deut. 16:16). This means we should give Him a gift, or offering, at each feast. This can be any amount we can give. But we should be very happy when we give it (II Cor. 9:7). This is because God is so good to us and gives us so many things that we are happy to give some back to him for His Work. List some of the good things God gives you. Start with your father and mother. You would not be here without them. List some of the things they do for you:

Thank God, too, for your brothers

and sisters, your grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Thank Him that you attend His Church. Thank Him for your home, your country, your health. You could go on and on.

At the Feast we give God a happy offering to show Him we love Him and are thankful for all His blessings.

The Last Great Day

After the Millennium, the next step in God's plan will take place. This great happening is pictured by the day that comes just after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Sometimes we think this last feast is part of the Feast of Tabernacles, but it is not! It is another one. This feast is called "the last day, that great day of the feast" (John 7:37) — the Last Great Day. It pictures the coming Great White Throne Judgment period.

This feast day shows the time

after the Millennium when all who have ever lived and were not in God's Church will be resurrected. After these people are made alive once more, they will be taught the truth about God's way of life.

Isn't this marvelous? Can you think of all the people you know who have died? Perhaps it is a grandparent or aunt or uncle or friend. You will see them again during this time! Every year we think of this when we keep the Last Great Day.

When sunset comes and this day is over, we have finished keeping all of God's feasts for the year. All together they show us God's complete plan for all people.

Then we go into the winter season and await the spring feasts. Each year God has us keep His Holy Days again so we will not forget them.



In the spring of each year As the ground begins to thaw God sends His special feasts And we learn about His Law.

Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread, Then Pentecost comes too. After summer's heat and rain The fall feasts we review:

The Feast of Trumpets, number four; Atonement, number five; Tabernacles, number six — Then *all* will come alive!

For the Last Great Day is number seven When all on earth will stand. What a happy time it'll be With God's truth throughout the land.

Who can say which feast is best? Each one of them needs all the rest! They all go together to tell the whole story Of the cycle of life which displays God's glory.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

(after you and your parents have read this lesson)

The fall feasts begin with the _____ ___ ____

This is the _____ day of God's _____ month.

Draw a picture of the moon at that time.

The next fall feast is the ______. We do not ______ or _____ on that day. It is the ______ day of God's ______ month. The feast that lasts ______ days is called the ______ _____. It begins on the ______ day of God's ______ month. The moon is full that night. Draw a picture of it as we begin God's holy day.

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MATCHING QUIZ

Connect the words or phrases on the left with the one that best matches it on the right.

David	1000 years
Shofar	new moon
Lucifer	first day of the seventh month
Millennium	1/10 of our money
Crescent	gift to God
Feast of Trumpets	shepherd
Atonement	male sheep
Feast of Tabernacles (First Day)	ram's horn
Last Great Day	Satan
Offering	at one with God
Tithe	sixth holy day
Ram	seventh holy day

WAYS TO TRAVEL TO THE FEAST

Unscramble these words. (Use the words below to help you.)

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	walk wagon	auto horse	bicycle bus	airplane train	

Draw a picture of each one.

WORD SEARCH

The words listed below are hidden in the puzzle and can be found written backwards, forwards, up, down, or diagonally. Can you find all 18 words?

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MY DIARY

What did you do at the Feast today? Write a story and draw a picture to show what you did each day.



Second Day:



Fourth Day:



Fifth Day:

Sixth Day:





Eighth Day:



Put your Feast souvenirs here!

A souvenir is something to help you remember fun times and special places you have been. Souvenirs can be postcards, photos, or napkins and matchbooks from restaurants. You can think of many other ideas for souvenirs as well — some may be very unusual! At the Feast we see many souvenirs. Place yours here each day. Keep them in the order that you collect them. That way you will have a fine record of this Feast of Tabernacles that you will enjoy looking at for years to come.















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