

The Holy Days and God's Plan

This is a simplified overview of God's Holy Days for younger children. Please check the lessons for older children for more information and for referenced scriptures that support the text.

The Holy Days are very special. We all look forward to them - especially the Feast of Tabernacles! But WHY do we keep them?

Well, it's because God tells us to! He wants us to keep the Feasts because they teach us about His Plan for us.¹ You see, God wants to make us part of His "Family"! He wants us to be His sons and daughters. The Feasts also teach us about the important part Jesus plays in this plan.

God tells us about these Feasts in the Bible. First there is the Sabbath, a WEEKLY Holy Day. The Sabbath reminds us that God created everything. This was the start of His Plan! The Sabbath also looks forward to the Millennium - the time when God's Kingdom will be on earth and we can be part of His Family.

The Spring Holy Days

Then, in the spring, we have the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. These are the first YEARLY Feast days. The Passover reminds us that Jesus is our Saviour. It's because of Him that we can live forever!

During the Days of Unleavened Bread we put leaven out of our homes and eat unleavened bread. This reminds us that God doesn't want us to sin and break His commandments. He wants us to live His Way of Life - the only way of life that will make us truly happy!

¹ The Bible reveals that God is creating a "family" and that His Plan is to make us part of that family. John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 6:18, Hebrews 2:10-11 and 1 John 3:2 reveal the "family" relationship that He wants to have with us.

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After the Days of Unleavened Bread comes the Day of Pentecost. This Holy Day reminds us that God will give us His Holy Spirit - His help - to live His Way of Life. This is something God wants us to do so we can live forever in His Kingdom. (People who don't live God's Way of Life won't be there.)

The Autumn Holy Days

Then in the autumn (or fall) we have the Feast of Trumpets. This day looks forward to the time when Jesus will return to be King over all of the earth! What a wonderful day that will be!

Next comes the Day of Atonement - the fast day - when your parents don't eat or drink. This Holy Day looks forward to the time when Satan is removed and the whole world can be "at-one" with God!

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day

And finally we come to the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. This is the time we all travel to keep the Feast together for eight days. It's a wonderful time when we have lots of fun with our family and friends. But of course we go to Church services too! This is something that God wants us to do on all of His Holy Days.

The Feast of Tabernacles looks forward to the Millennium - the time when Jesus will be King on this earth for 1000 years. It will be a wonderful time of peace and happiness. The Last Great Day looks forward to the time when God's Plan for mankind is nearly finished. The time when God's Kingdom will be established for ever and ever - and everyone can be part of God's Family! How wonderful it will be when it all comes true!