

# The Feast of Tabernacles

## When Jesus is King

*The referenced scriptures support the text and are for your information. They do not need to be read aloud to your children.*

Every year in the autumn (or fall), God's people pack their bags and travel somewhere to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. It's an exciting time - especially if we are going to fly on an airplane and travel to a different country! But why do we do it?

Well, it's because God tells us to! The Holy Days are God's Feasts and He wants EVERYONE to keep them (Leviticus 23:1-2; Deuteronomy 16:16; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8). He wants us to keep them because they teach us about His wonderful plan for mankind. They teach us about the things that need to happen before we can become part of God's "Family".<sup>1</sup>

The seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles are very special Holy Days. They show us what the world will be like when Jesus Christ returns to be King. He will set up God's Kingdom on this earth and rule for 1,000 years. We call this period of time the Millennium.

When Jesus is King, EVERYONE will learn to keep the Sabbath and Holy Days. And EVERYONE will learn to obey the Ten Commandments (Isaiah 2:2-3). Then everyone will be happy.

When Jesus is King, people won't steal from each other or kill each other any more. There won't be any more wars! Instead, people will make their weapons into gardening tools! (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:1-3). The world will be a safe place (Micah 4:4).

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<sup>1</sup> The Bible reveals that God is creating a "family" and that His Plan is to make us part of that family. You can find more information about this in "The Holy Days and God's Plan" lesson in this series.

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### A Safe, Happy Place

When Jesus is King, He will live in a city called Jerusalem. And God's people will live there with Him. It will be safe in that city for old people to walk along the streets. It will be safe for children to play outside by themselves - even at night-time! No one will have to worry about bad people who do wicked things - because no bad people will be there! (Zechariah 8:3-5).

When Jesus is King, wild animals will be tame and little children will play with them. Wild animals and farm animals will live together peacefully. Leopards will lie down to rest with goats. Wolves and lambs will eat together. And lions will eat hay! (Isaiah 11:6-9).

When Jesus is King, people who are sick will be healed. Deaf people will hear again and blind people will see. No one will ever be hungry because there will be plenty of food for everyone. Rain will fall in the desert so food will even grow there! (Isaiah 35:5-6a).

When Jesus is King, there will be peace and happiness on earth because EVERYONE will learn to live God's Way of Life. And we will teach them! We will help Jesus teach people that the only way to be really happy is by obeying God. We will help Jesus turn the whole world into a beautiful and happy place.

Won't it be wonderful when Jesus is King? He will be the best King this world has ever had!