

# SABBATH SCHOOL

## Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

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Level 5 • Unit 1 • Week 4

### FEAST OF TABERNACLES • LAST GREAT DAY

**OBJECTIVE:**

To realize that there is nothing better than the reality of the hope that we experience every year at the Feast!

**ATTENTION GETTER:**

Ask: What was the very best Feast-related experience that each of you has ever had? (Listen to each child explain completely. Allow about two minutes per child.)

Do: Choose one of the experiences that most easily transfers to a true world tomorrow experience and explain that in the world tomorrow it will be even better!

**BIBLE LESSON:**

WHAT WILL THE MILLENNIUM BE LIKE

Let's open our Bibles to Isaiah 11. [Have student(s) read verses 1-12.]

Ask: Who are we talking about? Who is the Rod that comes forth from the stem of Jesse?

[For verses 2-5, help the children understand Christ's greatness! He is to be King in the world tomorrow! For verses 6-8, be prepared to discuss with pictures and your own personal insight as to what wolves usually do to lambs, leopards might do to goats, young lions might do to calves.]

Ask: Why will all the animal natures change?

The answer, of course, is because it is God's will! It is the plan of God. And when people see this, and they will, it will be unmistakable, and they will pay attention to the Rod from Jesse, the Branch, the Root (verse 10) "who shall stand as a banner to the people." It is nice that animals are tame, but it is very important that people pay attention.

Let's turn to Leviticus 23:33-43. [Since you just said "pay attention," you can give them some instructions to pay attention to. Again, in a step by step, verse by verse manner, help them see what God wants all of us to do. Some fifth graders will understand these verses quite well, and others will need help. Explain about temporary dwellings and how by staying in motels and other temporary accommodations at the Feast, we learn to depend on God. We learn that our very lives are like the booths—we only live for a short time!

God put verse 43 here for us to learn something by observing the Feast. He is telling us that He brings His people out of this world spiritually at the Feast to picture the great coming out at the beginning of the Millennium. [Read Isaiah 11:11-12 and Isaiah 35:4-8.]

God will not leave His people wandering, lost or lonely in any foreign land! With this in mind, let's read Isaiah 11:16. In the same way that God brought ancient Israel out of Egypt, He will bring modern Israel out of Assyria/Germany. Let's read Isaiah 19:23-24. This almost sounds like a freeway!

Let's go on to that Last Great Day. Much of what we've talked about applies to those people who are alive when Christ returns, but what happens to all the people who have died never ever having heard the truth? Well, God has not forgotten them in His plan.

Is there anyone in your family or among your friends that you miss because they have died? What about your great-great-grand-parents, who died long before you were born? Wouldn't it be fun and interesting to talk to the first relative that migrated to the New World? You will! Turn to Ezekiel 37. [Start reading at verse 1, pause after verse 3.] This is speaking about the house of Israel. Ezekiel 37:11 specifically talks about the return to physical life of all those who ever belonged to the house of Judah or Israel. Think about it! That means many different generations of people alive at once. But as we said before, God is perfectly fair! Many people from Israel don't know they are of Israel (and therefore have never even considered the true God). But neither has the rest of the world. Many people have not yet been taught that they should worship Jesus Christ and believe and follow His Word, but they will during the White Throne Judgment period.

The Last Great Day symbolizes that time. Turn to John 7:37. [Read verse 37-39.] When Christ spoke to the Jews in John 7:37, it was "the last day, that great day of the feast." Probably 99 percent of those who heard Him were Israelite, but the time of which He spoke has not been reserved exclusively for Israelites. Consider Luke 11:31-32. Jesus said that the queen of the South and her peers, clearly many of whom were gentiles, would "rise up in the judgment with the men of this [Christ's] generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here." Likewise the gentiles in Nineveh.

God will resurrect to physical life all those from every generation who have never heard about God's truth. This will occur shortly after the Millennium, just as the eighth day of the Feast (what we have always called the Last Great Day) occurs right after the seven days of the Feast.

Isn't God's way great? He is perfectly fair to everyone, and kind and generous!

**LESSON APPLICATION:**

Have the students make a time line of the fall Holy Days.

**MUSIC:**

Select a hymn with a world tomorrow theme, such as "Great Is the Lord" (p. 4), "Behold, the Day Will Come" (p. 48), "The Lord God Reigns" (p. 62) or "The New Jerusalem" (p. 84), from the UCG hymnal.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

Isaiah 11:6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

# *family activity*

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**FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:**

Discuss world tomorrow scriptures with your children.

Read a Feast-related article from the *Good News* or other United Church of God publications.

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