

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level 2 • Unit 1 • Week 2

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

OBJECTIVE:

To show how God uses trumpets to announce His victory against His enemies.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Do: Place the chairs to be used for the children in a semicircle. Have the children walk around the chairs being careful not to make a sound with their mouths.

Say: At the sound of a trumpet everyone must sit! [The trumpet sound can be a tape recording, a toy trumpet, a real trumpet or the teacher's voice.]

Do: After the children are seated show them pictures of trumpets. If possible include a picture of the ram's horn or shofar and explain that this was the kind of trumpet used in the story they are about to hear.

Ask: Can anyone guess what our story will be?

Say: Today we're going to hear the story of the battle of Jericho. It can be found in the book of Joshua, chapter 6.

BIBLE LESSON:

Read the story of the battle of Jericho with enthusiasm. Have the children sit in two rows. Row one will be the trumpeters, and will pretend to blow trumpets using their hands and mouths whenever you read the part with the priests blowing the trumpets. Row two will be the people. They will be completely still until you read the part where Joshua commands the people to shout. At this point they will shout. The teacher will surprise everyone by falling like the walls of Jericho did.

Say: In the same way that Joshua's army won victory over its enemies by the blowing of trumpets, Jesus Christ will win the final victory over earth's enemies. The book of Revelation tells us that

seven trumpets will sound before Christ comes. The sound of each trumpet brings us closer to good news. When the last trumpet sounds a wonderful announcement will be made.

Ask: Does anyone know what this announcement will be?

Say: Loud voices in heaven will say: "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Say: At Christ's return there will be the sound of a trumpet and loud voices will be heard from heaven. Christ will destroy His enemies and will win the battle over the Devil and the evil of this world. The kingdoms of this world will become His, and He will begin a time of peace.

Ask: Can anyone tell me which Holy Day reminds us of Christ's second coming to this earth?

Say: The Feast of Trumpets helps us to remember that Christ will come again, and that He will win the battle over the enemies of this world.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Supplies Needed: Purple, brown and yellow crayons/colored pencils for each student.

Do the art activity on the following page. Color the stones in the "Victory Wall" according to the instructions.

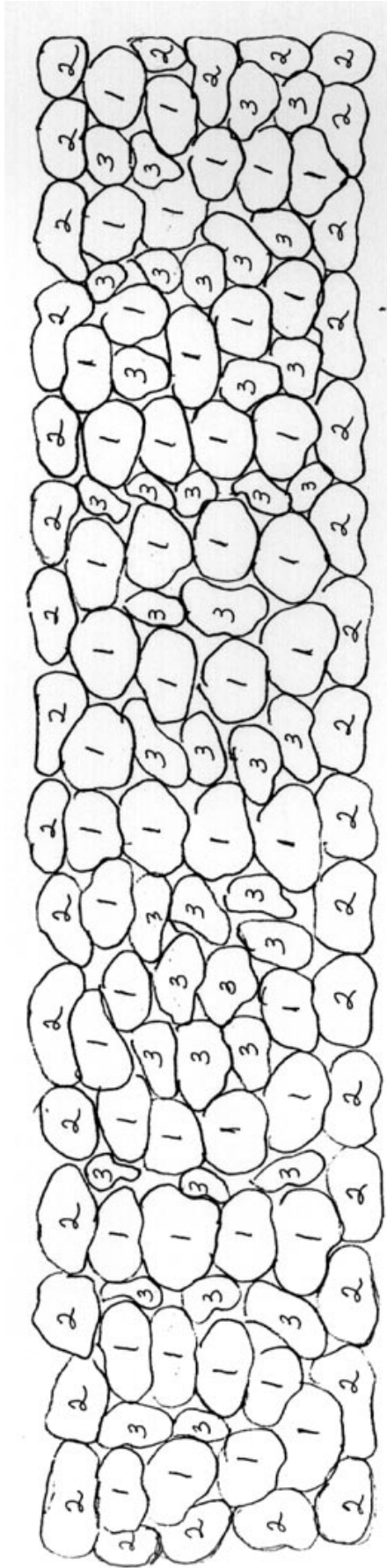
What did God give to Joshua and the Israelites?

To find the answer, color the stones in this wall.

Color #1 rocks purple.

Color #2 rocks brown.

Color #3 rocks yellow.



Music:

Sing the following original words to the old tune of "Clementine." You may want to put the words on a poster for the class or hand out the words to the parents ahead of time so they can assist the children in learning the song.

Sound the Trumpet

Sound the trum-pet, blow the trum-pet.
Blast the trum-pet se-ven times.
God has gi-ven vic-to-ry for
Josh-u-a and Is-ra-el.

Sound the trum-pet, blow the trum-pet.
Hear the trum-pet loud and clear.
Christ will bring the vic-to-ry and
He will reign for ev-er-more.

(On third verse, cup hands to mouth and
make a trumpet sound to hum the tune
while marching around the room.)

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Thessalonians 4:16a "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God."

family activity

THE POINT:

God will use trumpets to announce His coming victory against His enemies!

ASK ME...

What does God use to announce victory?

How did Joshua's army win the battle of Jericho?

How many trumpets will be blown before Christ returns?

What does the Feast of Trumpets help us to remember?

Who will lead God's armies to victory in the end time?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Discuss the uses of the seven trumpets in Revelation 8, 9 and 11. Be sure to emphasize that this is a time when Christ will be winning victories over the enemies of His people. The enemies will be punished. His final victory over His enemies will come after the blowing of the seventh trumpet.

Listen to various musical selections and try to identify the sound of a trumpet.

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