

COGWA Youth Instruction

Feast of Trumpets Lesson

Scripture Discussions

Note to Parents: Here is a list of scriptures regarding the Feast of Trumpets to read and discuss with your children. When reading and discussing the events surrounding the return of Christ and His taking control of the earth to set up His Kingdom, be mindful of the maturity of your children. Young children will not necessarily need all of this information during their early years.

Feast of Trumpets Observance Commanded

Leviticus 23:23-25; Numbers 29:1-6: On the first day of the seventh month, a holy convocation is to be held.

- *Explain the difference between the calendar we use today and the biblical calendar.*
- *Explain/define what a “convocation” is—a calling together; a group of people formally assembled for a special purpose.*
- *Explain/define what a “memorial” is—something designed to preserve a memory.*
- *Explain that the holy day is a Sabbath day—we attend church services, do not work, rejoice, etc.*
- *Talk about how Israel was to present an offering to God and how we give an offering in a different way today.*

When Will Christ Return?

Matthew 24:36-39; Mark 13:32-33: No one knows the day or the hour of Jesus’ return.

- *Discuss how mankind will be going about everyday life with no regard to the signs of Christ’s return.*
- *Some individuals put much time into trying to “figure out” the day and hour when Christ will return. Discuss the fact that we need to spend our time preparing ourselves spiritually rather than trying to predict His return.*

Note to Parents: Mark 13 and Luke 21 provide parallel accounts to Matthew 24 in the following passage.

Matthew 24:3: What will be the sign of Christ’s coming?

- *verses 5, 11—false prophets.*
- *verse 6—wars.*
- *verse 7—famines, disease, earthquakes.*

- *verse 9—persecution.*
- *verse 12—lawlessness, love of many will grow cold.*
- *verse 14—the gospel will be preached to the whole world.*

Note to Parents: While war, famine, disease and earthquakes have always plagued humankind, these troubles will increase in intensity as Christ's return nears.

Where Will Christ Return To?

Zechariah 14:4: His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.

- *Find Jerusalem on a map.*
- *Discuss the fact that Christ ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives and will return to the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-12).*

What Will Happen When Christ Returns?

Revelation 11:15: The kingdoms of the world will be taken over by the Kingdom of God.

- *Discuss how this will occur at the sound of the seventh trumpet.*

Matthew 24:29-31: The "sign of the Son of Man" will appear in heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52: True Christians will be changed into spirit beings at the last trumpet.

- *Discuss God's absolute power.*
- *How fast is a "twinkling of an eye"?*

First Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:21-23; 42-44, 50-57: Explain that there is an order of resurrections and that each one will occur in the proper order.

- *Explain/define "resurrection"—to stand erect (on one's feet) again; to stand again.*
- *Discuss that Christ was the first to be resurrected from physical death to eternal life.*
- *Explain/define the concepts behind corruptible/incorruptible; mortal/immortal; physical flesh/spirit being.*

Revelation 20:6: Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection.

- *Explain/define "holy."*
- *What things are holy to God? Sabbath, holy days, first tithe, His people, etc.*
- *Emphasize the special privilege of being holy to God.*
- *Explain/define "eternal."*
- *Explain "second death" (Revelation 20:14).*

Hebrews 11:13-16; 39-40: These people all died not having received the promise.

- *Discuss what "the promise" is.*

- *Choose one (or more) of the individuals listed and read about him or her in Scripture. Discuss the challenges each faced. What can you learn from his or her example?*
- *Have younger children illustrate a page for each of the individuals you learn about.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17: The dead in Christ will rise first.

- *Discuss that all who have remained faithful to their calling (whether dead or alive) will be resurrected or changed at the same time to become to eternal spirit beings.*
- *Using a piece of poster board, make your own family's "Heroes of Faith" list similar to the one in Hebrews 11. Here are a few suggestions: Include the names of faithful individuals that you knew from your childhood. Include the names of people your children suggest. Talk about and discuss the godly traits that these individuals possessed. Talk about how exciting it will be to be reunited with them and all those listed in Hebrews 11. Hang the poster up where it can easily be viewed by all. (Download "Heroes of Faith" supplement.)*

Parables and Stories Related to Christ's Return

Matthew 24:32-35, parable of the fig tree: We must be discerning the signs that show Christ's return is near.

Matthew 25:1-13, parable of the 10 virgins: This parable teaches the importance of constant readiness.

Example of Observing the Feast of Trumpets

Nehemiah 8:1-12: Ezra taught God's people on the Feast of Trumpets after they returned from captivity.

Memory Verse

Revelation 11:15: Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were great voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"