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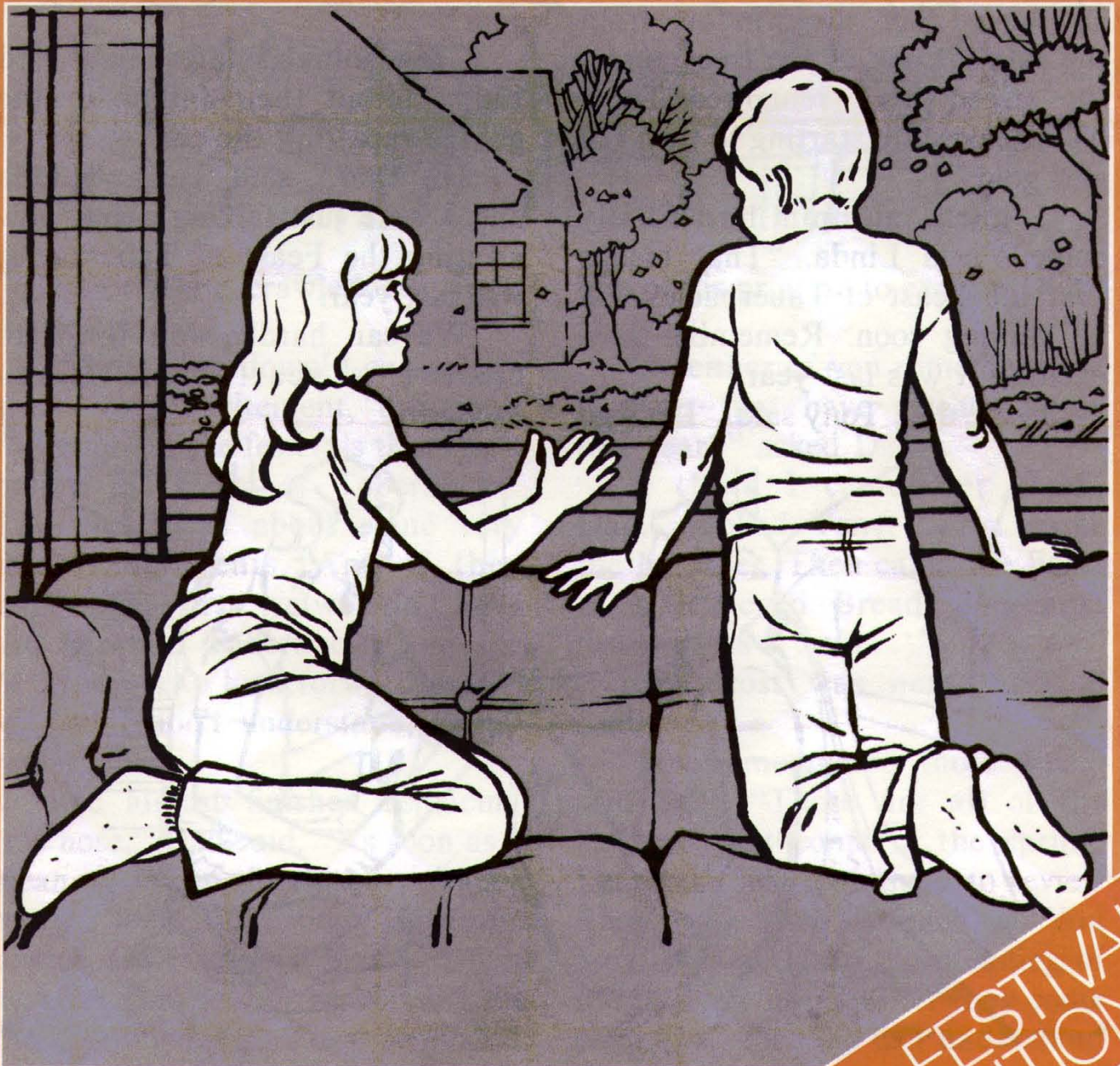
LEVEL 4

BIBLE

LESSONS



SPECIAL FEAST
LESSON



A Look Into Your Future

FALL FESTIVAL
EDITION

A LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE

The young boy and his sister looked out the window from the sofa. “Look at the trees across the street, Sis,” remarked Tony. “The leaves are starting to turn red and gold.”

“I guess autumn has finally come,” said Linda. “That means that the Feast of Tabernacles will be coming soon. Remember how exciting it was last year?”

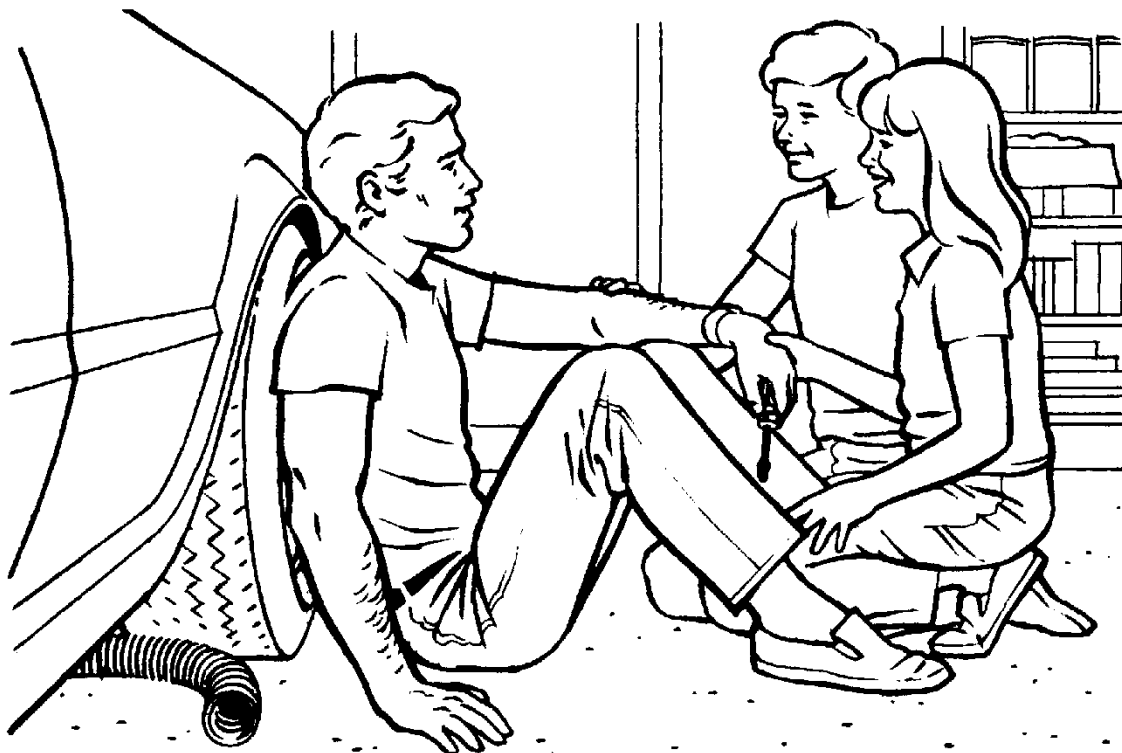
“I sure do,” Tony said. “Let’s go

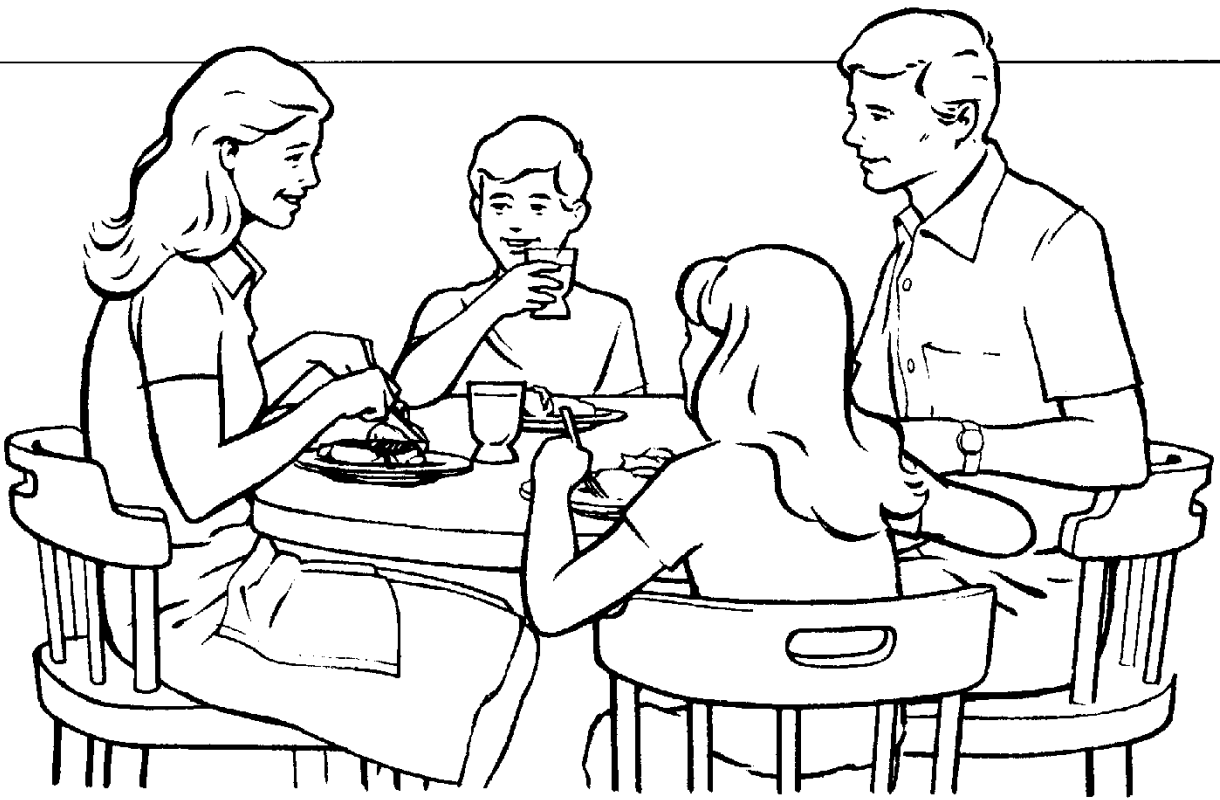
ask Dad about our plans for this year!”

A few minutes later Tony and Linda found their father in the garage repairing the car.

“Hi, Dad,” said Tony. “Linda and I were just talking about how exciting the Feast of Tabernacles was last year.”

“We can hardly wait for it to come this year!” said Linda excitedly.





Their father crawled out from under the car.

“Whoa! Slow down! I can understand your excitement, but don’t forget about the festivals that come before the Feast of Tabernacles. They teach us about some very important events. And if they didn’t come first, we wouldn’t have the Feast of Tabernacles and the Millennium to look forward to.”

“But I don’t understand, Dad,” replied Tony.

“I’ve almost finished replacing this hose,” Dad said. “As soon as I clean up, Mom should have dinner ready. We’ll talk about this over dinner, OK?”

After Dad asked the blessing on the evening meal, Tony reminded

him of his promise to explain God’s festivals.

“Do either of you remember the festivals that have already come this year?” asked Dad.

“I think I remember them, Dad,” replied Tony. “First came the Passover. Then came the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The next festival was . . . um . . .”

“Pentecost was next,” added Linda.

“You remembered those well,” said Dad. “Those are all of the festivals that come in the spring. Let’s take just a moment to review what those festivals teach us. You see, when we learn the meaning of the festivals in the order they come each year, then we can understand

God's plan for all mankind.

"Passover is an important occasion," their father continued. "It reminds us of the death of Christ. His death made it possible for us to be forgiven of our sins. And it gave us the opportunity to receive eternal life in the future."

Father then reminded Tony and Linda that the Days of Unleavened Bread picture putting sin, or Satan's way of "get," out of our lives.

"The Days of Unleavened Bread are followed by Pentecost," explained Dad. "It pictures the time that God's Holy Spirit first came to begin the Church of God. It pictures those people God calls into His Church in this age before Christ's return. God gives them His Holy Spirit to help them build character like His. Then they will be able to rule with Him in the

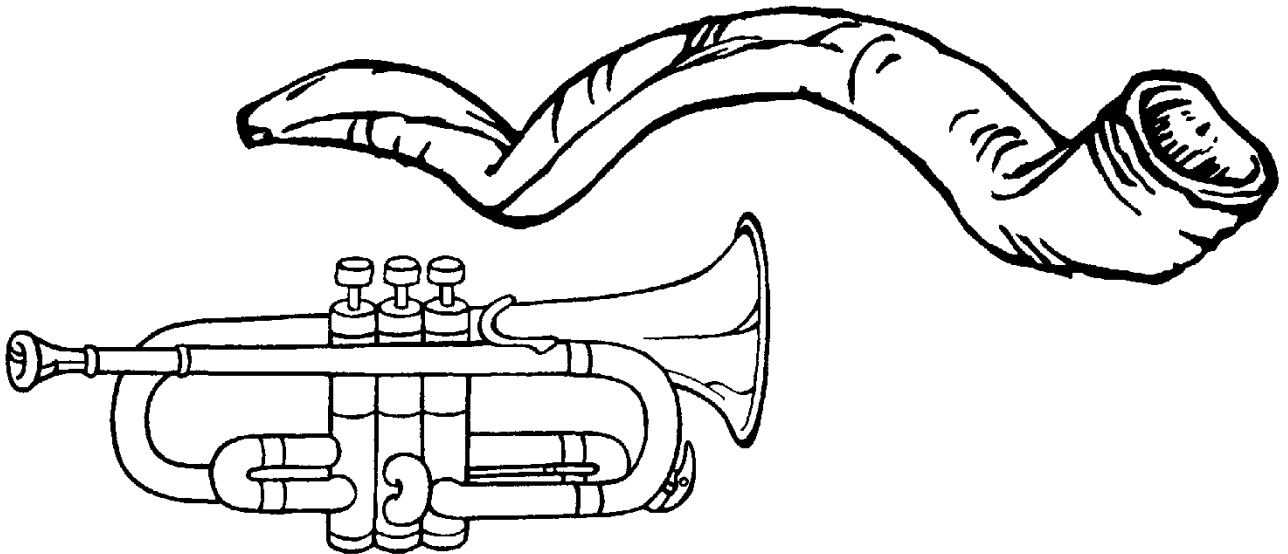
World Tomorrow. Your Mom and I are among this group of people.

"And that brings us to the rest of God's festivals, which come in the autumn of the year. They all picture events that have not yet happened."

"The first fall festival is the Feast of Trumpets, isn't it?" asked Tony.

"That's right, Tony," answered Dad. "In Old Testament times, this day was made known each year by the blowing of the shofar. A shofar is a horn made from the horn of a ram. It has a very loud sound and was often used as an alarm of war.

"When what the Feast of Trumpets pictures is about to be fulfilled, seven trumpets will sound. Christ will return at the sound of the last trumpet, but before that a terrible time of trouble is coming



on the people of the earth. World war and plagues will kill millions of people.”

“Will we be killed too, Dad?” asked Linda.

“No, we can escape this terrible time. God promises to protect those of us in God’s Church who obey Him. Just before this time, God will lead us into a place of safety. But all people on earth would be killed unless a very important event took place—the return of Jesus Christ at the sounding of the seventh trumpet.

“That trumpet sound will be heard around the world!” added Dad.

“Wow, I never knew how important the Feast of Trumpets was!” said Linda.

“But that’s not all,” continued Dad. “That is also the time when all the dead who received God’s Holy Spirit and obeyed His laws will be resurrected. Even those we have read about in the Bible will be raised from the dead—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David and all the others who obeyed God. Then just as fast as you can blink your eyes, your mother and I will also become spirit beings just like Christ!”

“Then comes the Feast of Tabernacles?” asked Tony.

“Not yet,” replied Dad. “After

Christ returns, He will set up God’s rule or government on earth. But if Satan could still cause people to want to fight and kill each other, we would not have the wonderful World Tomorrow that the Feast of Tabernacles shows. So the next step in God’s plan is to put Satan out of the way. This event is pictured by the Day of Atonement.”

Linda asked, “Isn’t that the Holy Day when we fast?”

Dad nodded as Linda went on: “Why do we fast on that day? I remember how hungry and weak I felt.”

“That’s exactly why God wants us to fast. We couldn’t live very long without food. Those of us in God’s Church are learning an important lesson. And that is, we cannot survive without God. With Satan put away, *all* people will have the opportunity to know God and His laws.”

Tony’s eyes widened. He was beginning to understand now. “I see,” said Tony. “When Satan isn’t around and everyone knows God’s laws, we can rebuild the earth the right way.”

“That’s right, Tony,” agreed Dad, “and that brings us to the Feast of Tabernacles. It is often called the Millennium because it

will last one thousand years.”

As Tony and Linda talked with their parents, they became even more excited. They never realized what an exciting future the Millennium promised them. Their parents would be spirit-born leaders with Christ then. And they would be human leaders. Just like Tony and Linda, you can have the opportunity to be a physical leader during the Millennium.

Tony and Linda began to think of all the ways that the World Tomorrow would be different from the world they live in today. One of those ways is described in Isaiah 11. Write the letter that comes before each letter you see. For example, the first letter is U. T comes before U in the alphabet so you would write T on the line above U. Do the same for each letter to unscramble the verse.

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UIF XPMG BMTP TIBMM
EXFMM XJII UIF MBNC BOE
UIF MFPQBSE TIBMM MJF
EPXO XJII UIF LJE BOE
UIF DBMG BOE UIF ZPVOH
MJPO BOE UIF GBUMJOH”

UPHFIUIFS’ BOE B MJUUMF
”
DIJME TIBMM MFBE UIFN

“Just think how happy a blind or deaf or crippled person will feel to be healed in the Millennium,” said Mother. “What a wonderful time it will be!

“It will be safe to take a walk at night too,” she continued. “People will not kill or steal from each other. They will begin to think about doing things to make others happy. We have a special opportunity to do just that at the Feast of Tabernacles. We can take people out to dinner or serve them in other ways to show them how much we love and appreciate them.”

Can you think of ways to make someone else’s Feast happier? List your ideas here. _____

“I think it’s fun to travel and meet other children in the Church,” said Tony. “I’m sure glad you’ve taught us to save second tithe.”

“Yes,” answered Dad, “God commands us to keep the Feast of



Tabernacles. And He knew we would need money for traveling and to use during the Feast. So He commands us to keep a tithe, or one tenth of our income, so we will be able to go to the Feast and enjoy it.”

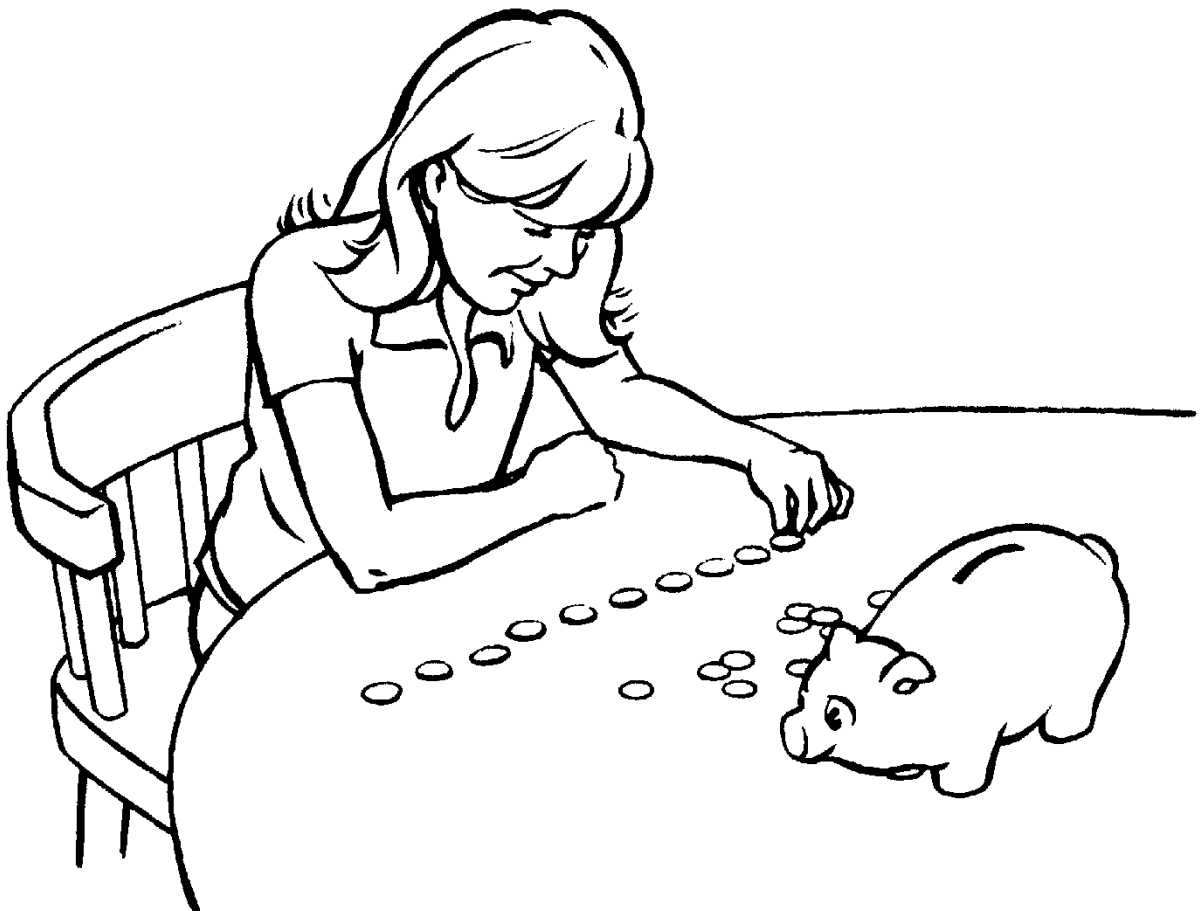
“It’s easy for me to figure out one tenth when all I have is pennies,” said Linda. “But Mrs. Tanner gave me \$3 for taking care of her plants last week while she was on vacation. And I can’t seem to divide it up the right way. Would you show me how?”

Linda brought her piggy bank from her bedroom and emptied many dimes onto the table.

“Let’s do it this way,” said her father. “You know that one dollar has 10 dimes. Put those dimes in a row.”

“Now take another 10 dimes and place one on top of each of the dimes in the row. Then do the same with the third dollar’s worth of dimes,” continued Dad.

“Oh, I see,” said Linda. “Each of the ten stacks has the same number of dimes. So each stack is



one tenth. The first tenth goes to God's Church to help do the Work. I'll put this second stack in my special second tithe box in my drawer," said Linda.

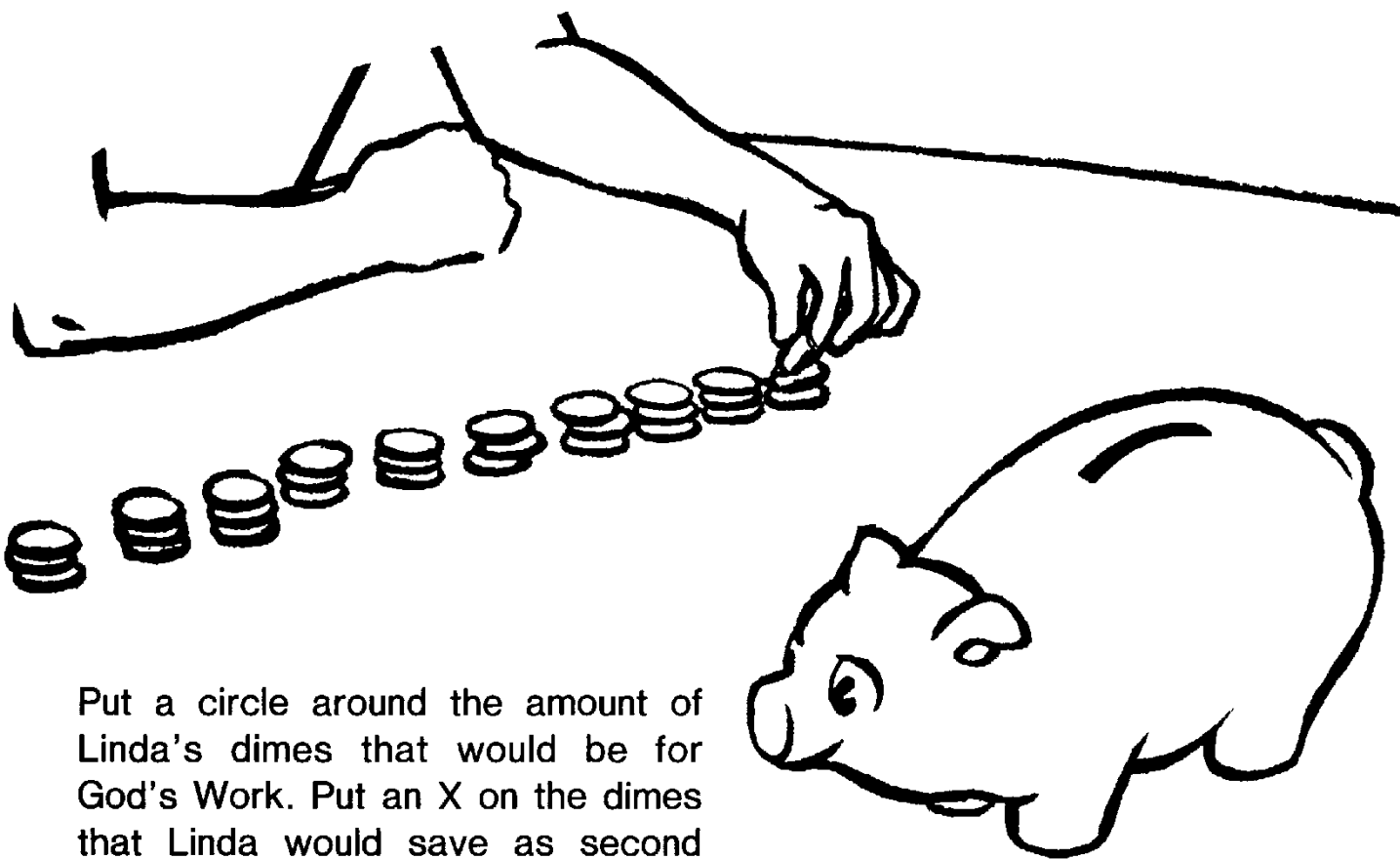
"We've talked about most of the festivals God has given us," said Dad, "but the Feast of Tabernacles pictures the sixth step in God's plan. God commands us to keep seven festivals each year. Do either of you remember what the last one is?"

"I think it's called the Last Great Day, but I don't remember

what it means," said Tony.

"Let's think about the Millennium," explained Dad. "During that time there will be billions of people who will obey God, receive His Holy Spirit and finally be changed into spirit beings. And then don't forget about those who will be resurrected at Jesus' coming. But what about all those billions of people who lived before the Millennium and died without knowing about God and His laws?"

"So the Last Great Day pictures



Put a circle around the amount of Linda's dimes that would be for God's Work. Put an X on the dimes that Linda would save as second tithe.

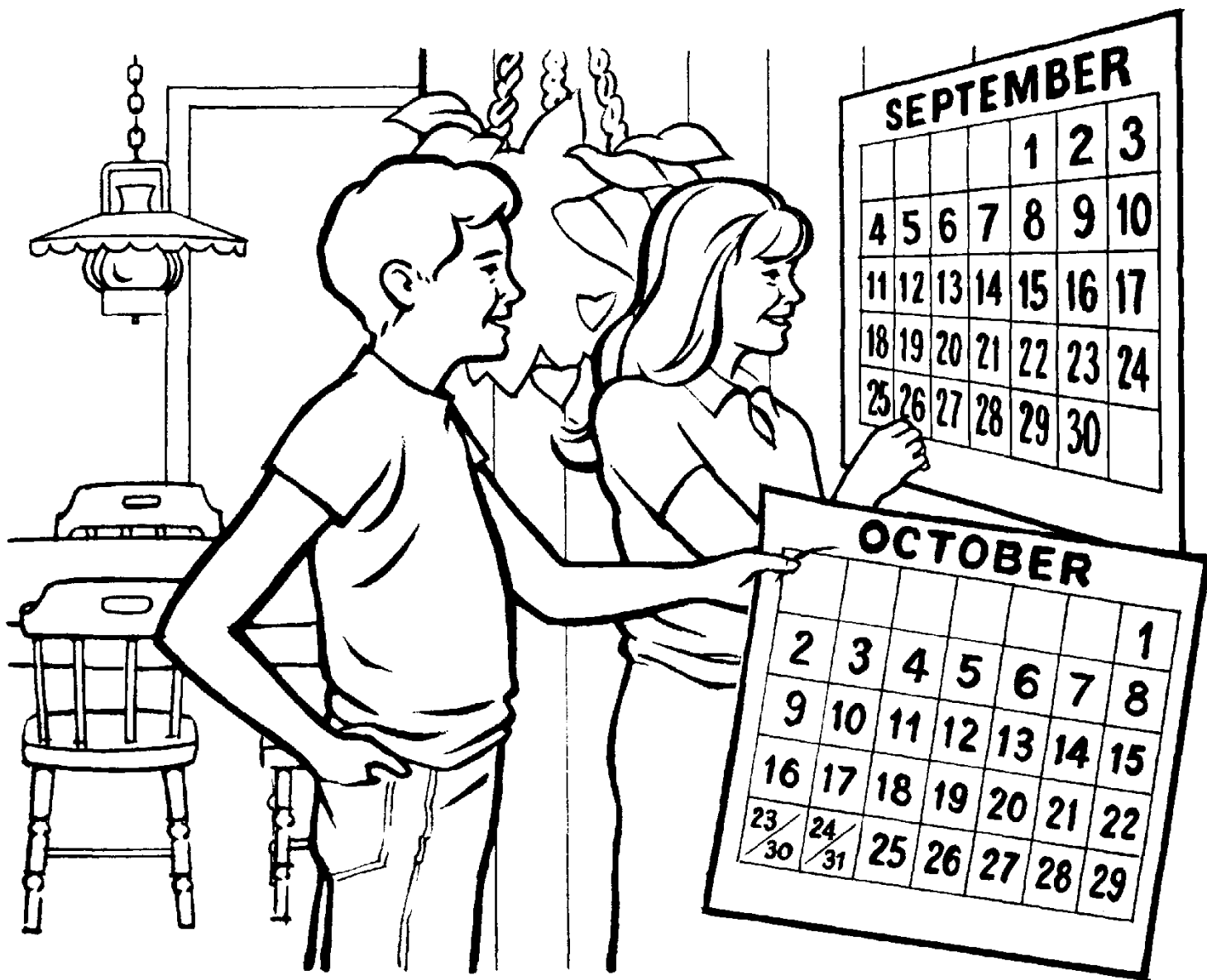
a time for all those people?" asked Linda.

"That's right," said Dad. "This festival pictures the resurrection of all those people to physical life. This time is called the Great White Throne Judgment and it will last 100 years. These people will now have the opportunity to learn God's way and how it leads to a life of

happiness. God wants everyone to have a chance to be happy and live forever!"

"Now that I understand God's festivals better," said Linda, "I can hardly wait for them to come!"

"Me too," agreed Tony. "Let's go find the calendar and see when the Feast of Trumpets will be this year."



FIND THE MYSTERY FESTIVAL

Directions: Answer each question and write the correct answer in the corresponding blanks of the puzzle. When you have filled in each answer correctly, the letters in the boxes will spell out the name of one of God's festivals.

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		2.	
3.		□	
		4.	
		5.	
		6.	
		7.	
	8.	□	
	9.	□	
	10.	□	
	11.	□	
	12.	□	
	13.	□	
	14.	□	

1. Which festival pictures putting sin out of our lives?
2. The last four festivals take place during what time of the year?
3. Which festival pictures the time when all the people who have ever lived and died without

knowing God's way of life will have the opportunity to live God's way of life and receive eternal life?

4. During the terrible time before Christ's return, God promises to lead those who obey him into a _____ .

5. The tithe that God commands us to pay to help do the Work is called the _____ tithe.

6. During the festival described in Leviticus 23:27 God says, "... ye shall _____ your souls"

7. Tithe means a _____.

8. In Old Testament times, a trumpet made from a ram's horn was called a _____.

9. The fifth festival pictures _____ being put away.

10. The tenth of our income that

we are commanded to save for the Feast of Tabernacles is called the _____ tithe.

11. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures a period of time called the _____.

12. On each of God's holy days we are commanded to give an _____.

13. How many festivals do we observe each year?

14. During the fifth festival we are to _____, which means to go without food and water.

HOW LONG IS A MILLENNIUM?

Here is how to find the number of years in a millennium. Look up the scriptures to find the right numbers and write them in the spaces provided to the right. Then just follow the direction to add or subtract.

Write down the age of Methuselah found in Genesis 5:27. _____

ADD: The number of festivals God commands us to keep each year.

+ _____

= _____

SUBTRACT: The number of days until Pentecost minus 10 (Lev. 23:16).

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= _____

Continue on next page

Write down the last number from page 13 _____

SUBTRACT: The day of the month God commands us to keep the Day of Atonement (Lev. 23:27).

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ADD: The number of years in the Great White Throne Judgment period (Isa. 65:20).

+ _____
= _____

SUBTRACT: The day of the month which begins the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:34).

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SUBTRACT: The number of days we are to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:34).

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= _____

SUBTRACT: The day of the month we are commanded to keep the Feast of Trumpets (Lev. 23:24).

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SUBTRACT: The number of seasons of the year during which we are to bring special offerings to God (Deut. 16:16, 17).

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Equals the number of years in a Millennium!

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NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

Today and Tomorrow

Look at the newspaper headlines below. Are all of them like what we see in today's newspapers? Or are some waiting to be written in the newspapers of the World Tomorrow? What will be the exciting news when Jesus Christ rules the earth?

Put an X in the column where each best fits.

HEADLINES	TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS	TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPERS
PEACE TALKS FAIL, WAR BREAKS OUT		
DISEASE EPIDEMICS TAKE LIVES OF MILLIONS		
FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER NOW		
DIVORCE RATE SKYROCKETS		
MILLIONS STARVE AS DROUGHT WORSENS		
PERFECT WEATHER EVERYWHERE		
NATIONS AT PEACE, NO MORE WAR		
BAD WEATHER RUINS CROPS AGAIN		
NO NEED FOR HOSPITALS, EVERYONE HEALED		
CRIME RATE DROPS TO ZERO		
COUNTRIES REPORTING BUMPER CROPS, PLENTY OF FOOD		

Now write a headline that you would like to see in a newspaper during the Millennium:

MY FEAST SCRAPBOOK

DAY 2

WORD SEARCH CHALLENGER

See how many of the words in the list below you can find in the Word Search. They are hidden across, down, and diagonally. There are even a few written backwards for you Word Search experts.

Autumn	Y	D	M	N	W	B	P	A	C	A	F	P	B	C	C	L	Q	F
Feast of Tabernacles	K	A	J	S	O	M	U	I	N	N	E	L	L	I	M	A	E	K
millennium	S	Y	U	A	R	Y	O	B	C	D	A	A	D	N	B	A	L	C
festivals	M	O	T	X	L	C	A	T	D	E	S	C	M	B	S	J	A	D
character	P	F	W	D	D	U	F	E	E	J	T	E	A	T	F	E	S	F
Feast of Trumpets	G	A	K	F	T	H	Z	R	O	L	O	O	G	I	R	T	E	
motel	E	T	V	U	O	I	A	A	V	O	F	F	E	R	I	N	G	D
resurrection	U	O	M	J	M	F	Z	M	N	L	T	S	M	N	K	G	R	S
Day of Atonement	T	N	F	H	O	Y	M	C	H	A	R	A	C	T	E	R	E	E
World Tomorrow	R	E	E	H	R	J	T	K	B	S	U	F	N	H	J	R	A	C
second tithe	R	M	S	T	R	A	V	E	L	T	M	E	W	N	V	G	T	O
offering	O	E	T	I	O	W	R	K	O	H	P	T	O	I	F	H	D	N
Last Great Day	W	N	I	X	W	N	J	L	B	I	E	Y	C	R	O	A	A	D
airplane	N	T	V	S	A	S	T	V	S	P	T	E	P	O	P	Q	Y	T
auto	X	V	A	C	C	H	R	I	S	T	S	R	E	T	U	R	N	I
shofar	G	J	L	S	U	O	B	K	L	R	M	O	Q	N	K	R	O	T
ram	R	E	S	U	R	R	E	C	T	I	O	N	O	D	Q	L	V	H
place of safety	S	M	N	T	Z	A	E	N	A	L	P	R	I	A	R	M	U	E
Christ's return																		
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