



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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HOLY DAYS #9 FEAST of TABERNACLES



GOD HIMSELF CAME TO TABERNACLE WITH MEN AND HE IS COMING AGAIN!

Leviticus 23:39-42 “Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. ⁴⁰ And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. ⁴¹ And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² Ye shall dwell in booths seven days....”

1 Timothy 3:16 “...God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

John 2:19-21 “Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰ Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? ²¹ But he spake of the temple of his body.”

1. INTRODUCTION: God Wants to Dwell With Us and In Us!

At the Feast of Tabernacles **we rejoice that our God came to tabernacle with men!** It is called the **Festival of Booths** because **the people of God lived in tents or booths around the holy place of the Tabernacle** where God dwelt in their midst! God came to Tabernacle in Jesus Christ, and **He is coming again to rise us up to live with Him forever!**

ORDER OF SERVICE:

1. Light Candles & Pray
2. Kid Songs/Story/Gospel Intro
3. Adult Fellowship Break
4. Prayer & Worship Set
5. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer
6. Blessing Songs & Benediction

2. GOD CAME TO DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE IN THE TABERNACLE, AND HE CAME IN FLESH AS REDEEMER



Exodus 25:8 “And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.”

Exodus 29:44-45 “...I will meet you, to speak there unto thee....⁴⁵ And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.”

Tabernacles reminds us, like the Israelites, that our life here on earth is temporary, and to always look to God, to show us where to go.

Numbers 9:15-17 “And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. ¹⁶ So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. ¹⁷ And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.”

Every morning the first thing they saw was the cloud of God’s glory descending from heaven into the Tabernacle, and they saw the pillar of fire at night. God spoke with Moses from the cloud of His glory in the Tabernacle, as He dwelled in the midst of His people.

Exodus 25:21-22 “And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. ²² And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.”

God waits to speak with you every day just as He spoke with Moses. In the fullness of time God came in Christ, and He is coming again!

Galatians 4:4-5 “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”



3. THE SAME GOD IS COMING AGAIN TO DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE ON THE NEW EARTH FOREVER!

God shall come again to gather His people to Himself for 1000 years in heaven, then He shall dwell forever with them in the New Jerusalem on earth. This feast is not about the booths, but about the tabernacle of God who is the Lord Jesus Christ, God with us! When Jesus walked the earth, He claimed to be the same Spirit as the Father, who came to earth in human form, and He told His disciples how urgent it was for them to believe that He is HE:

John 8:23-27 “And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. ²⁵ Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. ²⁷ They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.”

How could Jesus be the same God of Spirit who is the Father? Because God created the world by speaking the word of His own Spirit breath of His own mouth, Jesus is that same Spirit incarnate.

Psalms 33:6 “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”

John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

And Jesus is that same God of Spirit who shall come again, in His body, to earth ‘IN’ the glory of the invisible Father!

Revelation 21:3 “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”



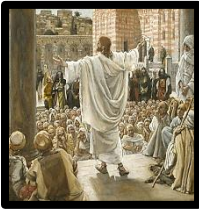
This Feast of Booths reminds us that we are awaiting His appearing!

4. THE JEWS EXPECTED THEIR MESSIAH TO APPEAR DURING THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES – AND HE DID!

The Jews expected the Messiah to appear at the Feast of Tabernacles. Not only was Jesus born on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, but this is why Jesus's half-brothers expected him to attend the feast.

John 7:2-3 “Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand. ³His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.”

What was the basis of the expectation that Jesus was the Messiah?



Jeremiah 23:5-6 “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. ⁶In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

Jeremiah said the Messiah would be a "Branch from David's line". Zechariah prophesied the Branch will wipe away guilt in one day:

Zechariah 3:9 “For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.”



Jesus came to build the temple of the Lord which is His people:

Zechariah 6:12 “And s peak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD.”

The line of Mary and Joseph through whom Jesus was born, reveals that Jesus is the branch of David. and that He came to fight against the wicked in the same way that He fought against those nations of old: by the presence of His Spirit in the Ark of the Tabernacle! Jesus came to build the Temple - of spiritual stones who receive Him in the same way as Peter, and together we are His church, the Temple!

1 Peter 2:4-5 “To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ⁵ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

5. BEFORE JESUS CAME, GOD SAID NATIONS WOULD GATHER AGAINST ISRAEL – AND THEY DID.

Zechariah 14:3 “Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.”

The Lord had fought battles by His person present in the Tabernacle of the Ark that the Israelites carried into battle. **Jesus came to battle and conquer sin**, to save His people, **in a Tabernacle of flesh**: God’s people were in need of a Savior, and God set the stage for the Messiah to come to a world who spoke one language, Greek. It was God who gathered the nations to come against Jerusalem in judgment, dispersing them to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Zechariah 14:1-2 “Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. ² For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.”

DIASPORA: For their disobedience, God said nations would gather against Israel at Jerusalem, and half the city would go into captivity. Rome and Greece led the battle against the Jews at Jerusalem, dispersing them out to territories where they were forced to speak Greek.



From the Jewish Virtual Library: *“After two centuries of serving as a vassal state to Persia, Judah suddenly found itself the vassal state of Macedonia, a Greek state. Alexander the Great had conquered Persia and had, in doing so, conquered most of the world. For most of the world belonged to Persia; in a blink of an eye, it now fell to the Greeks...Alexander quickly united the Greek cities and formed the League of Nations, of which he became president...Between 319 and 302 BCE, Jerusalem changed hands seven times.”*

The universal language of Greek, made it possible to carry the Gospel to both Jews and Gentiles, into all the world!

6. THE LORD CAME TO CONQUER the ENEMY OF SIN BY COMING TO TABERNACLE IN HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.



Revelation 6:2 “*And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”*

When Jesus the King was crucified, shedding His blood once for all to conquer sin, the Mt. of Olives was split in two by an earthquake.

Zechariah 14:4 “*His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west; there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*”



Tertullian (A.D. 145–220) wrote: “*“But at night He went out to the Mount of Olives.’ For thus had Zechariah pointed out: ‘And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives’ [Zech. xiv. 4].”*

When Jesus stood upon the Mt. of Olives to bring living water, He caused a division in the Jewish nation, who took opposite directions, **half the Jews believing** upon their Messiah and **half turning away**.

Zechariah 14:8-9 “*And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”*

The living waters of the Gospel went out from Jerusalem, half to the former sea of Jews, and half to that remnant in Jerusalem - and the name of the Lord is One, for Jesus is king over all the earth to all who believe! Interpreting Zechariah’s prophecy, we understand there are two ‘days of the Lord’, with two comings to redeem His people that include earthquakes. The prophecy is confirmed by the teachings of Jesus in Matthew, and the prophecies of Daniel. This prophecy also foretold of no rain causing continued famine in Egypt.

7. THOSE LEFT IN EGYPT (from the dispersion) WHO DID NOT COME TO WORSHIP THE KING BORN AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES, SUFFERED CONSEQUENCE OF NO RAIN.

Zechariah 14:16-19 “And it shall come to pass, that **every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem** shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁷ **And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain....** ¹⁹ **This shall be the punishment of Egypt,** and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”

THE SAHARA DESERT WAS ONCE LUSH AND POPULATED



"The climate change ... which turned most of the [3.8 million square mile] large Sahara into a savannah-type environment happened within a few hundred years only,

certainly within less than 500 years, ".Frolicking in pools In the Egyptian Sahara, semi-arid conditions allowed for grasses and shrubs to grow, with some trees sprouting in valleys and near groundwater sources. The vegetation and small, episodic rain pools enticed animals well adapted to dry conditions, such as giraffes, to enter the area as well. Humans also frolicked in the rain pools, as depicted in rock art from Southwest Egypt. In the more southern Sudanese Sahara, lush vegetation, hearty trees, and permanent freshwater lakes persisted over millennia. There were even large rivers, such as the Wadi Howar, once the largest tributary to the Nile from the Sahara." **Quote from study team member Stefan Kroepelin of the University of Cologne in Germany to Live Science.**



Again, and again, it is amazing that God always keeps His word! We can absolutely be sure that every prophecy of scripture that has not yet come to pass, will certainly come to pass even as God said.

8. WE CELEBRATE GOD BRINGING HIS LIGHT INTO DARKNESS BY HANGING LIGHTS IN THE SUKAH.

The gospel of John begins with references to light that is another clue Christ was born at the Feast of Tabernacles!

*John 1:4-5 “In him was life; and **the life was the light of men.** ⁵And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not.”*

In the wilderness God led His people in a pillar of light, and God led men by the pillar of light to Himself, the Light of the world.

Isaiah 19:19-20 “In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

*²⁰And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and **he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.**”*



At the Feast of Tabernacles is the lighting of lights in the temporary tent-called a Succah, reenacting the coming of the Shekinah glory of God in the Tabernacle of the wilderness! In the family Succah of today, we welcome God’s Shekinah glory by lighting the lights. In Temple ceremonies, each afternoon of the seven days, priests and pilgrims gather where four large lamps are lit to illuminate the Court!

Illumination From These Lamps Symbolizes Two Things:

1. The Shekinah (visible presence) of God which filled the Temple
2. The Ha’or Gadol (the Great Light) that would come and bring light to those who were spiritually dead and dwelling in darkness.

*Isaiah 9:2 “The **people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:** they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.”*

God’s people were looking for the shekinah glory light of the Messiah come to redeem His people. Jesus claimed to be that light.

9. GOD SET AN EXACT TIME TO COME AS the MESSIAH.

There are five distinct keys in scriptures that together make it possible to determine the year and date of the birth of Jesus Christ.

These 5 time keys are:

- 1. Dates of priestly service reveal the conception date of John.**
- 2. The year Tiberius first began to rule 12BC is historical record.**
- 3. Census preceding Herod's death with Quirinius Gov. Syria.**
- 4. The documented date of death for King Herod.**
- 5. The age of Jesus was 30 years when Herod's Temple was 46.**

1. Dates of priestly service reveal the conception date of John.

“So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.”

1 Chronicles 24:3, 7-19 relates that David separated the priests into 24 divisions for their appointed order of ministering by scheduled weeks. The **eighth week was assigned to Abijah.** Zechariah a descendant of Abijah, conceived John the Baptist after his service.

(Also See 'Dating Birth Of Jesus' Chart in Holy Days)

The Passover month of Nissan, March and April on our calendars, starts the counting of the months, the feast seasons, and the priestly duty periods in the temple at Jerusalem. Each priestly division served for one week. During the feasts of the Holy Days' pilgrimage, all 24 divisions had to serve in the temple.

So the priest Zechariah, a descendant of Abijah, could not return to his wife until the end of the feast of Pentecost when John would be conceived. This confirms that **Elisabeth conceived John the Baptist at the end of the 3rd month of Sivan after the feast of Pentecost.** Six months later, at the end of the 9th month (Kislev) Hanukah, **Elisabeth would have been in her 6th month of pregnancy when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was about to conceive of the Holy Ghost,** and was already pregnant when the angel told Joseph. Jesus would be born after a normal human gestation of 280 days, which would be the seventh month, at the feast of Tabernacles. The date of the 1st Day of the Feast of Tabernacles that year, was Tishri 15–21, 3757, **Sabbath, September 14, 5 BC**



10. THE YEAR WHEN TIBERIUS BEGAN TO REIGN WITH AUGUSTUS WOULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LUKE.

Luke 2:1 "It came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be registered."

Luke 3:1-3 "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip ... the word of God came to John son of Zechariah..."

2. The year Tiberius first began to rule 12BC is historical record.



Though coins were minted for **Roman emperor Tiberius 14-37 A.D** after the death of Augustus Caesar, it would have been common knowledge in Rome, recorded by Suetonius, that **Tiberius began his reign in AD 12**, counting his reign from the day of the ceremony declaring Tiberius to be co-ruler with Augustus:

“However, according to Suetonius, after a two-year stint in Germany, which lasted from 10–12 AD,^[35] "Tiberius returned and celebrated the triumph which he had postponed... "Since the consuls caused a law to be passed soon after this that he should govern the provinces jointly with Augustus and hold the census with him, he set out for Illyricum on the conclusion of the lustral ceremonies."^[37] Thus according to Suetonius, these ceremonies and **the declaration of his "co-princeps" took place in the year 12 AD**, after Tiberius return from Germany.” Suetonius *Tib.* 21.1; Vell. 2.121.1.

Luke 3:21-23 “Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. ²³ And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph...”



Counting 15 years inclusively from 12 AD, we find that 26 AD was the 15th year of Tiberius’ reign, and the year that Jesus began to be 30 years old. Counting back 30 years, places **Jesus’ birth in 5 BC**.

11. THE CENSUS of AUGUSTUS CAESAR DOCUMENTED BY THE ROMANS AS 5 BC, ALSO DATES JESUS' BIRTH.



Tiberius had been installed as his successor and, by AD 13, was virtually emperor already. In AD 4 he had received grants of both proconsular and tribunician power, ... renewed as a matter of course whenever they needed to be; in AD 13, Tiberius's imperium had been made co-extensive with that of Augustus.^[54]

Encyclopedia of Roman Rulers Tiberius's position: Copyright © 1999, Garrett G. Fagan

3. Census preceding Herod's death with Quirinius Gov of Syria.

"He revived the office of the Censor which had long been disused and whose duty it had formerly been to take an account of the number of people." - Seutonius Roman Historian Augustus 23 Lives of the Twelve Caesars

"This contained the number of citizens, subject kingdoms and taxes. All these details Augustus had written with his own hand" - Tacitus Annals Bk 1

Roman Historian *"The question concerning Quirinius also involves the date of the census described in Luke 2. It is known that Quirinius was made governor of Syria by Augustus in AD 6. Archaeologist Sir William Ramsay discovered several inscriptions that indicated that Quirinius was governor of Syria on two occasions, the first time several years prior to this date."* [4. Robert Boyd, *Tells, Tombs, and Treasure* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1969), p. 175].

4. History documents the date of death for King Herod. The following incidents happening concurrently, confirm the Bible account of Jesus being born in the fall of 5 BC, **about 3 months old when Joseph was warned to flee to Egypt before Herod's death.**

*Antipater, (died 4 bc), son of Herod the Great...was tried for plotting against Herod and Pheroras, Herod's brother, and was executed five days before his father's death. Biography, Antipater, Son of Herod the Great Encyclopedia Britannica Most scholars have agreed that Herod died at the end of March or early April in 4 BCE. "Affirmation of Herod's Death in 4 B.C.", *Journal of Theological Studies* ns 34 (1983), 526–531. Herod's sons, between whom his kingdom was divided, dated their rule from 4 BCE,^[46] Josephus, Wars, 1.631–632⁽⁴⁷⁾ Josephus, Wars, 2.26⁽⁴⁸⁾ Josephus tells us that Herod died after a lunar eclipse.^[49] He gives an account of events between this eclipse and his death, and between his death and Passover. An eclipse^[50] took place on March 13, 4 BCE,^[17] about 29 days before Passover, and this eclipse is usually taken to be the one referred to by Josephus.^[45] Josephus, Antiquities, 17.6.4*

12. THE BIRTH OF JESUS WAS BEFORE HEROD'S DEATH IN 4 BC, AND JESUS WAS KNOWN TO 30 WHEN HEROD'S TEMPLE WAS IN ITS 46TH YEAR OF BEING BUILT.



Matthew 2:13-15 “And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.”¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod...”

5. The age of Jesus was 30 years when Herod's Temple was 46.

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It was 46 years from the date King Herod began the building of the temple, on that Passover when Jesus was known to be 30 years old.

THE MAJOR RENOVATION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE BY HEROD “THE GREAT” 20 BC After 18 years as “King of the Jews” in Jerusalem, Herod (53 yrs) felt the need to completely renovate the Jewish Temple. Before being able to do so he had to convince the vast majority of Jews to grant him permission for such an ambitious project. Josephus recorded his appeal to them. Antiquities 11.11.1

Herod began the rebuilding the Temple project in the 18th year of his reign (20-19 BC), so the 0 day counting begins at 20 BC inclusively, arriving at 46 years in 27 AD, thus why the Jews told Jesus on Passover of 27 AD, that it had been 46 years since Herod began building the temple, so that going back 46 years to the 18th year of Herod's reign, the date would be 20BC, which also matches the previous 4 time keys for dating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Feast of Tabernacles in 5BC, confirming His age to be 30 years old on Tabernacles of 26 AD, and on Passover of 27 AD.

13. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME

1. God's desire has always been to dwell with and in His people.
2. God came to dwell with men in the Tabernacle, in Christ, and shall gather His own to live forever with Him on the new earth.
3. Jews expected the Messiah to appear at the Feast of Tabernacles and He did, first by birth in a Sukkah, and then at the Feast.
4. Jesus is the branch of David's line, the stone the builders rejected who came to build the 3rd Temple with living stones of His people.
5. All nations were gathered against Jerusalem before Jesus came.
6. Jesus came to conquer sin, and in that day, prophecy was fulfilled that His feet stood upon the Mount of Olives.
7. Egypt still suffers famine, because Jews from the dispersion did not come to worship Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles.
8. We celebrate God bringing His Light into darkness by hanging lights in the Sukkah at the Feast of Tabernacles.
9. History records the dates of Jesus birth that confirm our Bible.
10. We can trust God's word that prophesied accurately of His coming to save His people, and the time of His coming again!

Leviticus 23:42 "Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths."

During Sukkot, Jewish families and those believers like us, who observe the Feasts of God as He told us to do, construct a dwelling called a "Sukkah" or booth. Setting up booths looks back to when God dwelt with men in the wilderness, reminds us of when God came to earth as Messiah, and looks forward to the future when God shall dwell with His people in the Heavenly City. Booths remind us that this earth is not our home but we look for our Savior, who is coming to dwell with us forever!



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Dear Father in Jesus Christ, thank you for coming to tabernacle with men in the wilderness, and became a tabernacle of flesh as a baby, to show us who you are, and die on the cross for sins. Thank you that we can come boldly to your throne for grace and just to say we love you. We humble our hearts before you and pray that we may all be ready when you come to call us home, to live forever with you in that Heavenly City on earth. **In Jesus name, Amen.**

14. CHILDREN’S STORY: Believe and Be Blessed



Adam, Jason and Bobby were friends at school and they all had the same favorite baseball player. One day at school, Jason told Adam and Bobby that his dad was bringing their favorite baseball player home with him on Friday, to take him and his friends to a party to meet the whole team! Wow, they would get to meet their favorite star player, and all the baseball players! Jason was very excited and asked if Adam and Bobby would like to come.

Jason forgot to tell his friends that his dad was the Publicity Manager for the baseball park, so that is how his dad really did know the baseball players! Bobby did not believe such an amazing story and he laughed, “Yeah, sure Jason, that is a funny joke. I’ve never seen any baseball players at your house, and I’m not going to let you play your joke on me!” But Adam believed and said, “Wow, Jason, I believe you, can I come?” Jason tried to convince Bobby and even showed him a picture of his dad with the official title but it was no use and Bobby missed out because he didn’t believe. But Adam believed and had a very exciting time meeting some famous baseball players at the party that he would remember it for the rest of his life!

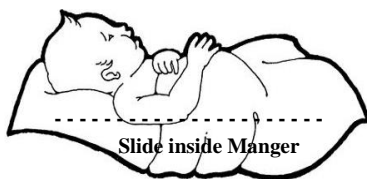
Bobby only missed out on something special that would not happen again in his lifetime. But if we don’t believe in the amazing story of redemption that Jesus tells us in our Bibles, we will miss out on getting to be with Him when He comes, and forever. Jesus’ disciples and everyone who believes that Jesus is the Almighty Eternal God who became visible as a man for us, that he shed His blood on the cross for our sins, that He died and was buried, that He was raised from the dead on the third day and rose again to heaven, and receives Him, even though we have never seen Him - will be born again and live forever with Jesus for all eternity!





GOD CAME TO MEET WITH MOSES
IN THE TABERNACLE OF THE WILDERNESS

GOD CAME TO MEET WITH ME IN THE
TABERNACLE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



Directions:

1. May be enlarged to 8 ½ x 11 and make color copy on white cardstock.
2. Cut out around outside of the Ark in the Tabernacle, and the Sukkah.
3. Carefully cut a straight line along the dotted line in the hay.
4. Color baby Jesus, then cut out & slide baby Jesus inside the Hay.
5. Fold the card in half to show how God came to dwell with His people.

GOD CAME TO LIVE WITH US IN HIS TABERNACLE



Matthew 1:23 “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”