

# SABBATH SCHOOL

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## Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

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Level 1 • Unit 1 • Week 2

### FEAST OF TRUMPETS

#### OBJECTIVE:

Jesus Christ, the Son of God the Father, will return to earth one day soon to rule as King. His return will be exciting, and God will use the sound of trumpets to announce Christ's return.

#### MATERIALS:

Paper towel rolls (one per child, plus a few extras just in case)  
Toilet paper rolls (two per child, plus a few extras)  
Lots of large colored buttons (about four per child)  
Small paper plates (one per child)  
Brown or gold construction paper (precut to cover the paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls)  
Tape/glue

#### PREPARE BEFORE CLASS TIME:

To save class time it would be helpful to precut brown or gold construction paper and cover the paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls. Use tape or glue to fasten the construction paper around the middle and on the ends.

#### ATTENTION GETTER:

**Do:** Have a member of the congregation who knows how to play a trumpet come into the room and play a trumpet call. If this is not possible, perhaps you could get a tape or CD with some trumpet music on it.

**Say:** On the Feast of Trumpets the Israelites were supposed to blow the trumpet. It reminded them that the fall Holy Day season was beginning. In Leviticus 23:24-25 it says: "Speak to the children of Israel: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.'" Trumpets will also be blown in the future when Jesus Christ returns to earth as King. [You may want to hint to the children that they will be able to make a trumpet of their own a little later.]

## **BIBLE LESSON:**

Ask: How many of you have been part of a fire drill at your school? Why do you think schools have fire drills? [Take suggestions.]

Say: Your teachers want you to know exactly what to do in case there would be a fire. It's very important to follow directions to line up and file out of the school quietly, isn't it? The Feast of Trumpets is like that for us in the Church. The trumpet blast signals the return of Jesus Christ to earth. Just like with fire drills we need to be ready when Christ returns. Jesus Christ will be looking for people who live God's way of life when He returns.

Ask: What kinds of things do you think Jesus will look for in you?  
[Possible answers: Fruit of the Spirit, wanting to do God's will, living His way of life.]

Say: The most wonderful thing that will happen is for Jesus Christ to return to earth. He will be King of all the earth, and He will be a very kind, honest and fair ruler. Sometimes we hear of bad things happening, and we might even get a little afraid. Jesus Christ will make this world a safe and happy place to live.

Ask: What are some things you would like to see changed when Christ returns?  
[Take suggestions.]

Say: Do you know what else will happen when Jesus Christ returns? It's talked about in the book of Revelation, the very last book of the Bible. There will be some people who will try to fight Jesus Christ when he returns. There will be a very big battle—probably the biggest battle that has ever been fought. But who do you think will win this big battle? Christ will! Because God has had a plan all along for Jesus to return to earth, and nothing will stop Him!

Say: Another exciting thing that will happen is that all the firstfruits will be resurrected. Do you know what a firstfruit is? A firstfruit is someone who follows God's way, who loves and obeys God with all his heart. God's people who have died will be brought back to life when Christ returns. Won't it be wonderful to see all of those people who have been in a deep sleep for a long time? There is so much to look forward to. The Feast of Trumpets is a fun and exciting Holy Day! How wonderful it is that God gave us the Feast of Trumpets to remind us that one day Jesus Christ will return to earth from heaven, and we will be able to hear the mighty trumpets blowing!

## **LESSON APPLICATION:**

Help the children make their own trumpet.

**Do:** First, have each child take a paper towel roll and a toilet paper roll that has been covered with brown or gold construction paper.  
Next, glue three buttons on the longer paper towel roll, which is the main part of the trumpet.  
Space them evenly apart like the valves on a real trumpet.  
Then, glue the toilet paper roll to the underside of the paper towel roll to form the remainder of the body of the trumpet.  
Next, cut about halfway into a paper plate and fashion it in the shape of a cone on end of the longer paper towel roll. When glued, it should look like the bell of a trumpet.  
Finally, have the kids try it out!

## **Music:**

Sing "Jesus Christ Is Coming to Earth, Hooray!" to the tune of "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain."

Oh, Jesus Christ is coming to the earth, hooray!  
Oh, Jesus Christ is coming to the earth, hooray!  
    With the sound of a trumpet,  
    He'll return, and we'll be happy.  
Oh, Jesus Christ is coming to the earth, hooray!

Oh, the firstfruits will be resurrected then.  
Oh, the firstfruits will be resurrected then.  
    With the sound of a trumpet,  
    He'll return, and we'll be happy.  
Oh, the firstfruits will be resurrected then.

## **MEMORY VERSE:**

Numbers 29:1 "And in the seventh month, on the first day...is a day of blowing the trumpets."

**Do:** Rehearse the memory verse a few times with the children repeating it. Form a circle. Take a small beanbag or balloon and toss it to one of the children. Have them try to say the verse or as much of the verse as they can and then toss the bag to someone else. Give everyone a turn.

# family activity

## THE POINT:

Jesus Christ, the Son of God the Father, will return to earth one day soon to rule as King. His return will be exciting, and God will use the sound of trumpets to announce Christ's return.

## ASK ME...

When will Christ return?

What will the sound be like at Jesus' return?

What will happen when Christ comes back to earth?

## WORD FIND:

S E R Y A E H Z Y H T H T  
A S E K I N G B R T S T S  
H E A J L K X L E G O D R  
E V B P O M Y O S E Q E Q  
A E C Q R R N W T V P V P  
V N D R U M S O U E O E O  
E T J E S U S C H R I S T  
N H T R U M P E T S J K M

### Words To Find:

Heaven	Jesus Christ
God	Trumpets
Blow	Rest
King	Seventh

## FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Review the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Talk about each one and how you and your child display each quality. Remind your child that God wants us to have these qualities.

Rehearse the story of a good king in the Bible (David, for example). Explain how Jesus Christ will be returning to earth to rule as King and He will be a perfect ruler.

Have a discussion about what happens at death. Explain that one day your child will see church members who have died and we will be with these people again when Jesus Christ returns.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Cut the strip off the bottom of this page. You will see this week's memory verse on the back. After your child has learned the verse, glue the two ends together, forming a link of a paper chain. Each lesson's memory verse will add a new link to their chain of Bible knowledge.

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(Teacher's note: Please write the memory verse on the back of this page at the bottom.)