

Children and family talk for Harvest 2021

Hello everyone, its lovely to have you with me as we investigate more of bible and worship God together. Let's begin by reading from the bible,

Psalm 118:24 -'This is the day that the Lord has made we will rejoice and be glad in it'.

You might recognise this reading from one of the songs we sing in church; let's sing that verse now:

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it!

Today we are reading from

Leviticus 23 v 39-43

"Remember that this seven-day festival to the Lord – the Festival of Shelters – begins on the fifteenth day of the appointed month, after you have harvested all the produce of the land. The first day and the eighth day of the festival will be days of complete rest. On the first day gather branches from magnificent trees – palm fronds, boughs from leafy trees, and willows that grow by the streams. Then celebrate with joy before the Lord your God for seven days. You must observe this festival to the Lord for seven days every year. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed in the appointed month from generation to generation. For seven days you must live outside in little shelters. All native -born Israelites must live in shelters. This will remind each new generation of Israelites that I made their ancestors live in shelters when I rescued them from the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God"

Now let's sing a song of praise:

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu hallelujah

Hallelu, Hallelu, hallelu, Hallelujah
Praise ye the Lord (X2)

Praise ye the Lord,
Hallelujah (X3)
Praise ye the Lord.

Let's talk about our Bible verses:

The book of Leviticus is believed to have been written by Moses around 1445 BCE. It is a book of laws for the Hebrew people to follow. These laws were in place until around 70 years after Jesus came. The law in Leviticus 23 is regarding a festival called Sukkot or The

Feast of Tabernacles. This is a Harvest festival that remembers and celebrates God protecting the children of Israel in Exodus. There are obvious similarities between the Jewish Festival of Sukkot and the Christian Festival of Harvest. Both are a chance to remember and celebrate how God has provided for us and be thankful.

Sandy: Hi Mickey how are you today?

Mickey: I'm very well!

Sandy: That's good news because I need your help.

Mickey: What with?

Sandy: Well, we're talking about harvest and saying thankyou. Do you have something you need to say thankyou for?

Mickey: Yes, because I love bananas!

Sandy: Ok, so who do we need to thank for bananas?

Mickey: I'm going to thank you for giving me the bananas

Sandy: that's nice, but I got our bananas from the supermarket.

Mickey: thankyou to all the people who work at the supermarket

Sandy: And they got them from the lorry driver

Mickey: thankyou lorry driver, but where did the lorry driver get the bananas?

Sandy: Well the lorry driver would have got them from a distribution centre!

Mickey: Well, thankyou everyone who works there

Sandy: Before that they would have come across the ocean on a container ship

Mickey: thankyou to everyone on the ship! And before that?

Sandy: Another lorry driver

Mickey: they do have a long journey don't they? Thankyou other lorry driver!

Sandy: then there's the people who grow and harvest the bananas.

Mickey: Yay! I really want to thank them for picking all my bananas

Sandy: When you start to think of all the people involved in getting our food to us, it is quite amazing isn't it. I guess the only one left to thank is God, who watered the banana plants with rain, and provided the soil for the plants to grow.

Let's talk to God now:

Dear God,

Who provides all we have and all we need,

We want to thank you for all you do for us,

For sunshine, rain and good soil to grow food,

For all the people who you have gifted to make things that we use,

And for all the gifts you have given us which we want to use to serve you.

Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

Lego Sukkot

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