

## Sukkot

### Objective:

The purpose of this lesson is to instruct the children about the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot. An excellent resource for information, crafts and ideas is a book titled "Celebrations of the Bible, A Messianic Children's Curriculum", published by Lederer Books, ISBN: 1-880226-26-X.

### Note:

This is a short PowerPoint presentation. I recommend you have further discussion with the children using the handout. The handout is self-contained, in that all the answers to the questions and/or puzzles are in the handout. There is only 1 handout for all age groups.

### Welcome/Opening Slide

- Welcome the children & organize as required
- Opening Prayer

### Please Remember These Rules

**Say:** Here are the rules:

- Please don't talk when others are talking
- Please raise your hand if you would like to ask a question
- Please keep your hands, feet and other body parts to yourself
- You must ask to leave the room

### Title Slide

**Say:** Today we are going to take a few moments and talk about a very fun holiday called Sukkot.

**Say:** Sukkot in English is known as the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Say:** Fruit is a very big part of Sukkot. So we are going to consider the "Fruit of the Spirit"

### Galatians 5:22

**Say:** But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

## Sukkot

**Say:** The next holiday on the Jewish calendar is Sukkot, the Feast of Booths or the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Say:** It starts on the fifteenth of Tishri, the seventh month in the Jewish calendar. Let's see what scripture says about this holiday.

**Have a child read:** Leviticus 23: 39-43 (pg. 137 CJB). <sup>39</sup>But on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered the produce of the land, you are to observe the festival of ADONAI seven days, the first day is to be a complete rest and the eighth day is to be a complete rest. <sup>40</sup>On the first day you are to take choice fruit, palm fronds, thick branches and river-willows, and celebrate in the presence of ADONAI your God for seven days. <sup>41</sup>You are to observe it as a feast to ADONAI seven days in the year; it is a permanent regulation, generation after generation, keep it in the seventh month. <sup>42</sup>You are to live in sukkot for seven days; every citizen of Israel is to live in a sukkah, <sup>43</sup> so that generation after generation of you will know that I made the people of Israel live in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am ADONAI your God.

## Sukkah – Slide #1

**Say:** Today during this holiday, people build sukkahs, which are booths that are closed on three sides and have branches on the top, so that you can see the stars through them.

**Say:** They decorate them, with fruits, vegetables, paper chains, and other kinds of decorations.

## Sukkah – Slide #2

**Say:** Some Jewish people spend the entire seven days living in the sukkahs, as a reminder that we depend on God to provide for us.

**Say:** Some people only eat a few meals in their sukkah.

**Say:** We have one here at our congregation, and we are going to make decorations for our sukkah here.

## Sukkot – A Fun Time

**Say:** During Bible times, Sukkot was celebrated as a time of great rejoicing. It was during one Sukkot that Messiah Yeshua announced that he was the living water.

**Say:** Yeshua is the source of Eternal Life as the living water. His Living Water grows the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives. This time should be a great time of rejoicing in your life!

**Say:** Yeshua is the only way we can dwell or tabernacle with the Heavenly Father. The Father has a special place for us, not in a temporary booth like a Sukkah, but in heaven with Him.

**Say:** One day Yeshua will come back to the earth. This is called his Second Coming!

**Say:** Scripture teaches us that when Messiah Yeshua comes back to rule and reign on the earth, that if any of the countries on the earth do not send a representative to Jerusalem for Sukkot, there will not be any rain in their land.

**Activity:** Make decorations for the sukkah:

- See attachment titled "Sukkah Crafts" for a few ideas.
- I recommend making paper chains, coloring and cutting out fruit and vegetable coloring pages.

### Handout Answer Sheet

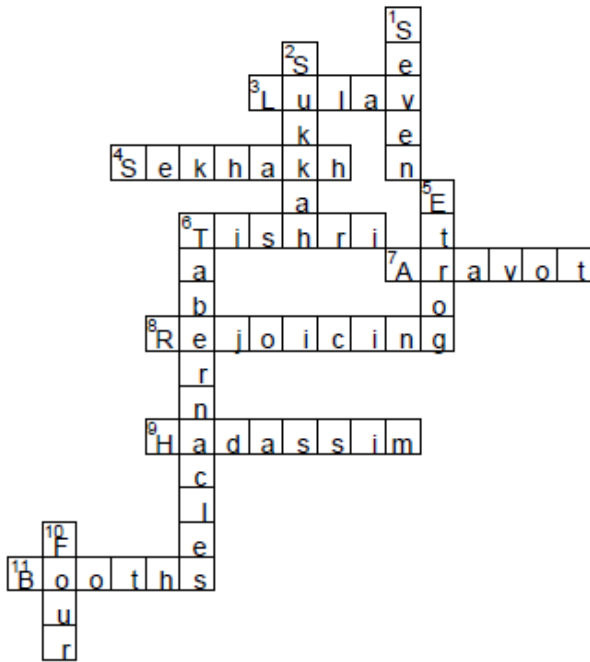
#### Word Find Puzzle – Page 4

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

TEHXJLTFGRIRWYR  
TAUAEJELEOOGIEN  
QWBAKAZJSZTHLST  
VZRESKONHHNDHE  
FSQTRUMINRWEUA  
IRKHCHNTSOOPIRAF  
QKTIYJASOTQINTX  
NSNTYNNCBYLBELD  
JGSUKKOTLBHGS DL  
GMROYHSDEEAQSG L  
NERGDROAWJSBZWD  
QPCKHVJ CAGKHWRK  
QWVUJ K K Z K S H T T X G  
QEVLPYHKAHKE SMO  
CFRDCGTZTAQZ WGH

Booths	Rejoicing	Sukkot	Wilderness
Feast	Sekhakh	Tabernacles	Yeshua
Israel	Sukkah	Tishri	

**Crossword Puzzle – Pages 6, 7**



**Across**

- 3. What is the Hebrew name for the Palm Branch?
- 4. What is the roof of a Sukkah called?
- 6. In what Biblical month do we celebrate Sukkot?
- 7. What is the Hebrew word for the willow branches?
- 8. Sukkot is often called the "Season of our \_\_\_\_\_"
- 9. What is the Hebrew word for the myrtle branches?
- 11. The word "Sukkot" means \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Down**

- 1. How many days do we celebrate Sukkot?
- 2. Where do we live and dwell during Sukkot?
- 5. What is the Hebrew name for the fruit that looks like a lemon or citron?
- 6. Sukkot is often translated "The Feast of \_\_\_\_\_"

- 10. How many species are waved during Sukkot?

**Maze – Page 10**

Find the correct path through the maze.

