



Objective (Learning Outcomes)

- Students will understand the significance of the major feasts celebrated by the Israelites and learn their spiritual values.
- Students will recognize the role of celebration and gratitude in religious life

Starter

- Begin with a discussion: "Why do we celebrate festivals? What do they mean to us?" Ask students to share their favorite festival and describe how they celebrate it. Connect their experiences to how ancient Israelites celebrated their festivals.

Presentation of the Topic (15 minutes):

Use a slide or board to list the main feasts from the chapter:

Passover Feast of Unleavened Bread Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) Festival of Weeks (Pentecost) Day of Atonement

Briefly explain each:

Passover: Reminds Israelites of freedom from Egypt.

Unleavened Bread: Symbolizes purity and haste of escape.

Booths: Reminds them of their journey in the desert.

Pentecost: Celebrates harvest and God's provision.

Day of Atonement: Focuses on forgiveness and repentance

- Emphasize the importance of gratitude, remembrance, and seeking forgiveness in these celebrations
- Discuss the role of the weekly Sabbath and how it was a time for rest and worship

Habit Formation

- Encourage students to form habits of gratitude, saying thanks every day for blessings (big or small).
- Highlight the value of asking for forgiveness and letting go of mistakes, inspired by the Day of Atonement
- Promote regular reflection days where students think about positive things in their lives, similar to how feasts reminded Israelites of God's acts

Activity

- Group Activity: "Create Your Own Festival"
- Divide students into small groups. Each group invents a new festival with its name, purpose, traditions, and a short explanation of why it would be meaningful.
- Groups present their festivals to the class.

Optional: Draw a poster about one of the feasts and write one sentence on what students are thankful for.

Bible Verse

- Psalm 98 :1