

TO HELP US STUDY

1. What feast was about to take place in Jerusalem? _____
2. Why did Jesus' brothers want him to go to Jerusalem with them? _____

3. Did Jesus go with them? _____ When he went, how did he go? _____
4. Jesus sent some friends ahead of him to a village in _____. Why did he send them? _____
5. Why did the people in this village refuse to let Jesus stay there? _____

6. When James and John saw this, what did they want to do? _____

7. Did Jesus let them? _____
8. What did Jesus do? _____
9. Should we get mad and upset when people are mean to us? _____ What should we do if people are not nice to us? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: This week learn the names of the first 14 books of the New Testament in order. Younger ones, learn at least five, and as many more as you can.

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Two questions to answer on the back of this page. First, name as many brothers of Jesus as you can. Second, what was the Feast of Tabernacles and how did the Jews celebrate it?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Much of the interest and meaning of the story this week will be lost to us if we do not know something about the customs and social problems of Jesus' day. As parents we need to study and learn as much as we can about the original setting for stories. Only then can we do the best job of telling them and explaining them to our children. Such study will increase our personal appreciation for many of the New Testament stories and will open new truths for us in those stories. For example, what kind of thing was Jesus going to when he went to the Feast of Tabernacles? Or, why was he received so coldly in Samaria? All the time we spend learning things like this will make us better teachers and parents. (Doing the teen assignments on each lesson will often open some of these doors for us.)

The best preparation we can make for teaching our children, however, is not in knowledge. Regardless of what we know, we will be poor teachers if our lives are not good examples of the truths we are trying to teach our families. For example, how well do we demonstrate to our children the attitude Christ displays in this story. We teach our children to be like us. Really.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Acts 10:34-35; 17:24-26; 26:19-23; Rom 1:16; Col 3:11; Mt 28:18-20; Rev 14:6; Isa 66:18.