

Celebration

Read Ezra 3:1–6. The Festival of Tabernacles was a holiday for the Israelites. The word *tabernacle* means “tents” or “outdoor shelters.” The Israelites who had returned all came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles.

Leviticus 23:33–44 tells us that the Israelites lived in these tents for seven days each year to help them remember how their ancestors had lived when God had brought them out of Egypt. Also, the verses in Leviticus told them that this was a holiday to celebrate. What comes to your mind when you think of a celebration?

Your family could have a one-day Festival of Tabernacles. Put up a tent in your yard and live in it for one day. Think of how God has taken care of your family and given you a home to live in. It will be like a small vacation—so celebrate!

Live It!



Ezra 3:1–6