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A World in Need of Appreciation of Real Beauty

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TEEN INSPIRATION

Awe: *noun* -Profound reverence; solemn wonder

verb -To strike or inspire with awe

Awesome: *noun*

-Pertaining to our God
verb -To perform great acts of wonder

adjective -Profound beauty; to describe what man cannot comprehend

Each Feast of Tabernacles we are presented with the opportunity to see the awesome beauty of the planet God created, to feel the awesome presence of the Holy Spirit among God's people, and to joyfully worship the *Awesome One* -our God the Father and redeemer.

Keeping Up Appearances: Mind and Image

"Women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with emphasis on hair braided or good pearls or expensive clothing but with good works." 1 Timothy 2:9

People are becoming lovers of themselves in the generation we live.

Magazines, television and movies have a great impact on our views about the perfect, ideal body image. There are reality shows such as Extreme Makeover and The Swan.

There are now many advertisements on botox injections and even botox parties. This is particularly disturbing to me because the world suggests how dare we show our laugh, frown or age lines on our

faces. We have become a world where everyone must remain youthful even to the point of losing all real expression. The thought of looking older, experienced and wise in our expressions, both physically and behaviourally, is fought against instead of respected.

Because of sin and a loss of purpose in life many people decide to change their outward appearance, relationships or employment when in reality they need to improve their attitude and response in their inner self to achieve happiness, peace or contentment.

Self-confidence, esteem, attitude and satisfaction can be greatly gained in our works, or deeds, as we shine our Christian light to help others with a smile and maybe with a wrinkle of experience and wisdom.

Knowing there is a purpose to life as a Christian enables all of us to go forward.

We must share this attitude with the young women and men so that they can learn to live life with purpose, peace and grace and learn to see the real beauty in others, especially the elderly who have learned so much in life.

The deeds of good elderly people follow them like a beautiful fragrance for those who know them hold them in high esteem regardless of what the outward package is like.

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
Proverbs 17:6

An Invitation to Reply to
TEEN INSPIRATION COLUMN
 In need of teen writers!
 Please send us your Feast stories, poems, classroom tips, or inspirational writings on the awesome powers of God and we will publish all appropriate articles.

Storytelling Tips

by Karen Cahill, New York

Everyone loves to hear a good story, and stories are a simple way to teach children about the Bible. Here are some storytelling tips for your class:

Start out with something simple and easy for them to follow along. Try to make it fun and interesting by disguising your voice and getting excited about the story being told. Your own excitement in the story will grab their attention early and keep them interested.

Involve the kids in the story by asking them questions like, "What do you think will happen next? Do you think God likes it when...?" Ask them if they can think of anything in their own lives that is like

the story you are telling. The interaction helps them to understand the story being told and the underlying lesson as well.

To add a little more fun to the mix, incorporate a craft or song, or play a game that may or may not go along with the story.

Once the story is done, ask them about their favourite part and why. Tell them which was your favourite part.



Children seem to enjoy themselves in these interactive

Children are a Blessing

Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127:3-5

sessions, and you'll find yourself having a lot more fun too!

Teacher to Teacher Feast for the Eyes by Lu Copeman

The Feast of Tabernacles is:

*A time of joy and beauty;
A time to catch up with old friends or make new ones;
A time to worship in the presence of the Holy Spirit at a place God has chosen;
A time of peace.*

This year I was fortunate to drive across western Canada to attend the Feast in Victoria, British Columbia. The beauty of God's handiwork is boundless—from big sky country to the magnificent Rocky Mountains.

I was struck speechless with the wonder and awesome beauty of the Alberta Badlands. After traveling through flat prairie-like lands, we suddenly came upon a peculiar sight. To our amazement, below the horizon stretched a broad valley of mountains; sculpted mud, molded by the hands of God, for as far as the eye could see. Although some travelers may see a vast expanse of rocky desolation, I saw a magnificent mountainous valley prepared for royalty; a place of divine peace.

Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alberta, is one of the largest dinosaur deposits in the world. An incredible view of a prehistoric land awaits those who venture into the mud.

A passage comes to mind:

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. -Isaiah 55:12

How do you pass this appreciation of the land on to your children when the landscape is cluttered with advertising and amusements? Do you have a special place of peace that you share with your children?

The Feast offers many opportunities to show love for our land, love for the people and love for our God.

Send in your stories of how you teach your children to appreciate the many blessings of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Have you got a story or some interesting tips to pass along to fellow teacher's? Email your ideas and stories to Lu at: ldcopeman@sympatico.ca or mail them to either address below and we will publish your article in the next issue.

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