

# Remember & Celebrate

## Remember Verse

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because He has come to His people and  
redeemed them."

## Week Six

January 5-6

*Luke 1:68*

### READ: Leviticus 23:9-11

### Day One

The Festival of First Fruits reminded the people that they could trust God to provide all their needs. It was a time to remember how God provided in the past and how He would continue to be faithful in the future.

- Why did God want the Israelites to bring the first of their harvest to Him?

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- How did offering their first crops to God remind the Israelites to trust Him?

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**THANK God for being trustworthy.**

### READ: Deuteronomy 26:5-11

### Day Two

God wanted the Israelites to give back to Him a sheaf, or large bundle, of their first crops. This was a way for them to practice trusting God. They wouldn't keep their first fruits—instead they offered them to God to remember that He was the One who had provided them in the first place! The people brought their sheaf to a priest, and the priest would then wave it before the Lord. During the Festival of First Fruits, God also wanted His people to remember how He had rescued them from Egypt. He gave them some other instructions about things to do during this festival.

- Why is it important to remember how God has taken care of us in the past?

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**ASK God to show you where you need to trust Him more.**

## READ: 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

## Day Three

In the New Testament, the Festival of First Fruits took on a new and special meaning through Jesus. Jesus was crucified on the feast of Passover, and He rose from the dead on the Festival of First Fruits. Paul called Jesus the First Fruits—the first to rise because of God’s promises. Jesus’ resurrection shows that we can celebrate that God always does what He says He will do. He brings new life!

- What is most exciting to you about Jesus’ resurrection?

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**KNOW** that God always keeps His promises.

## READ: Zephaniah 3:17

## Day Four

Jesus didn't stay in the grave, and neither do we! When we become followers of Jesus, we have life forever! Jesus was the first fruits, and we are the rest of the harvest.

- How have you seen God be trustworthy in your life?

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**PRAISE** God for sending Jesus to save us.



### About Our Current Series

Join us throughout the month of December as we learn stories about how Jesus is the light of the world and we are called to SHINE His light! We will be reading through passages in the books of Ruth, Matthew and Luke.

