

Will the real new year please stand up?

By now, here in America many people are probably wishing you a "Happy New Year!' But is January really a new year? Not if we know Yahweh's truth! Let's examine this logically.

What makes more sense, beginning a new year in the cold, dead winter, or in the spring, when new life springs forth? According to our Heavenly Father Yahweh, His real new year begins in the spring. So why do people of the world celebrate New Year's in January? It stems from pagan roots.



Life was hard for people in the ancient world. Winter was a frightening time of scarcity and fear. Many ancient people starved to death because it was hard to acquire food in winter. So as the days began getting shorter and darker,

the ancients invented worship ceremonies for their pagan deities in the hope that they would be bestowed favor. That is one reason January became known as a new year in the ancient world.

But Yahweh is the only true Creator. We do not worship any other deities. The spring time begins new life and growth, and we begin Yahweh's spring Holy Days. Yahweh's Holy Days have so much more meaning than those invented by mankind. The holidays of mankind are meaningless and shallow, and revolve around selfish desires and worldly endeavors. So let us hold fast until we celebrate Yahweh's real new year in April!

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Do you remember?

- 1. When does Yahweh's new year begin?
- A. Spring
- B. Summer
- C. Fall
- D. Winter
- 2. When does mankind's new year begin?
- A. Spring
- B. Summer
- C. Fall
- D. Winter



3. Why are there so many pagan festivities around winter time?

A. Life was hard for ancients, and they wanted to appeal to their deities.

B. Days were shorter and darker and it was hard to find food to survive.

C. They just wanted to party.

D. A and B are correct.

4. What else can we notice about pagan holidays?

- A. Most are meaningless and shallow.
- B. They focus on selfish desires.
- C. They don't have deep meaning like Yahweh's days.
- D. All are correct.
- 5. What month begins Yahweh's Holy Days?
- A. January
- B. Usually April (but sometimes March)
- C. February
- D. December



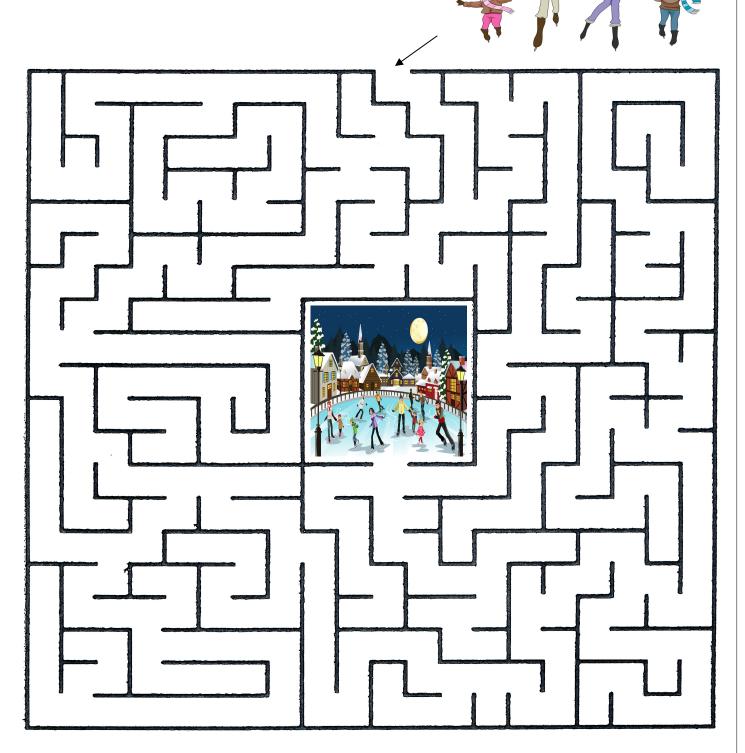
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Let's go ice skating!

Help the family find the frozen ice skating rink!



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Snowy days are upon us!

Yahweh controls the weather. In Job 37:6, we read, "For to the snow, He says, 'Fall on the earth' and to the rain, 'Be a mighty downpour.'" Color the following:

