



Holiday Festivities

Festive





Festival

A day or period of celebration, typically a
"religious" commemoration.



Commemoration

Remembrance, typically expressed
in a ceremony.

A festive winter scene. The top half of the image features a large, vibrant red sky filled with small white snowflakes. A decorative border at the very top consists of dark green holly leaves and red berries, with a large red bow centered at the top. The word "Festies" is written in a white, serif font in the center of the red sky. Below the sky, a row of colorful houses in shades of yellow, red, and teal sits on a white, snow-covered ground. Several dark green evergreen trees are scattered in the foreground and around the houses. The overall style is flat and cartoonish, typical of modern holiday-themed illustrations.

Festies

Attack on Christmas Traditions

Paganistic

Commercialistic

Secularized

Nostalgic





Hebrews 10:19 – 25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,



Hebrews 10:19 – 25

²¹and since we have a great priest over the house
of God, with pure water.



Hebrews 10:19 – 25

²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart
and with the full assurance that faith brings,
having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a
guilty conscience and having our bodies washed
with pure water.



Hebrews 10:19 – 25

²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,



Hebrews 10:19 – 25

²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



Leviticus 23

Feast

meeting place, meeting time, assembly



Seven Feasts

The Festival of the Passover
The Festival of Unleavened Bread
The Festival of the Firstfruits
The Festival of the Harvest
The Festival of Trumpets
The Festival of the Day of Atonement
The Festival of Shelters



Festivals

God deliberately incorporated these various festivals as a way to stimulate their faith and faithfulness.



Festivals

Redundancy has a way of stifling our faith.



Festivals

Why do people look forward to Christmas every year?

Why do many say it is their favorite time of the year?





Festies



Hebrews 10:24 – 25

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2 Timothy 3:16 – 17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The image is a festive winter scene. The top half features a large red sky with white snowflakes falling. A dark green border with red berries and a large red bow is at the very top. The bottom half shows a snowy landscape with a village of colorful houses (yellow, red, green, blue) and several green evergreen trees. The word "Festies" is written in white, stylized font in the center of the red sky.

Festies



Christmas Challenge



John 10:10

... I have come that they may have life, and that
they may have it more abundantly.



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