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FAITHFULNESS TO HIS WORD
Goal: To Make Disciples.
“The object of Sabbath School work should be the ingathering of souls.”

--Counsels on Sabbath School work, p. 61.
Sabbath School—A Success Story
The Sabbath School lesson (Adult Bible Study Guide) is widely appreciated.

Sabbath School teachers are appreciated everywhere.

The general Sabbath School experience is regarded highly, in most of the divisions surveyed in 2013.
Valuing the Sabbath School lesson promotes adherence to Church teachings among pastors.

Valuing the lesson or the wider Sabbath School experience both correlate to stronger commitment to Christ.

Regular Sabbath School attendance correlates to faithfulness to Adventist health behaviors.
Total Sabbath School Involvement

GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department
Daily focus on **Bible study** and **prayer** using *the Bible Guides*.

**OBJECTIVE:**

- To involve Sabbath School members in daily Bible study and prayer.
- Develop a training program for teachers and leaders.
- Increase the number of people attending Sabbath School.
Daily focus on fostering church unity through fellowship.

OBJECTIVE:

- To enhance unity and community among Sabbath School members.
- Care for hurting and missing members.
- Conflict resolution training.
Daily focus on mission to our communities and to the world.

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- To encourage Sabbath School leaders, teachers, and classes to take the initiative in communicating the three angels' messages and carrying out the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
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5 Goals
for every local church

1. Church-wide Community Need-Based Ministries
2. Active Literature Ministry
3. Vibrant Bible Study Ministry
4. Regular Public Evangelism
5. Systematic Discipleship Ministry
GROW Initiatives & Resources to be made available upon development at grow.adventist.org
MyBibleGuides
SABBATH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Reaching Young Hearts by God's Grace

We are excited to introduce the new Sabbath School curriculum called My Bible Guides. It will debut in 2019 for ages birth through 17.

These new Sabbath School lessons are Bible-based, Christ-centered, doctrinally sound, and grace-oriented. The contributors to these lessons—many of whom are educators as well as parents—have been very prayerful and intentional in preparing lessons that lead children into an experiential and trusting relationship with Jesus Christ. We want to see our children in heaven!

“MyBibleGuides will seek to enhance the role of grace in salvation, while emphasizing the importance of our fundamental beliefs.”

Ramon Canals
Director, General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries.

Objectives of MyBibleGuides:

1. Lead children into an experiential and saving relationship with Jesus. My Bible Guides aims to introduce children to God’s lavish love and His plan to save us for eternity.

2. Use active learning. My Bible Guides involves children in hour-long learning with activities and experiences to help students retain what they learn each week.

3. Emphasize key Adventist beliefs. The Sabbath School hour is the religious education period of the church in which students study God’s Word, the Bible. As such, children gain a clear understanding of the Bible and its values, from which all Adventist beliefs are derived.

4. Be inclusive of all cultures and people. From artwork to content, My Bible Guides endeavors to be inclusive of the needs of a diverse, global, and connected audience, with various needs and learning styles.

5. Recognize the prophetic gift of Ellen White, key lessons from Adventist history, and end-time events. From parenting tips to prophetic insights, My Bible Guides contains inspired enrichments and prophetic lessons from the Spirit of Prophecy.

6. Follow the Bible text line. From Genesis to Revelation, My Bible Guides chronologically aligns stories with the Bible.

7. Promote daily Bible study for all age groups. My Bible Guides provides daily study guides for all ages to promote daily study of God’s Word.

8. Promote Bible memorization. My Bible Guides presents Scripture from the New King James Version across the curriculum and encourages students to memorize texts in preparation for the Thirteenth Sabbath review.

9. Include educational enrichments that complement the lessons. My Bible Guides includes science, health, nature, and archeology enrichments created to further enhance and illustrate lesson themes.

10. Include young people in the mission of the church. Total Member Involvement (TMI) is a plan to involve everyone—including children—in the mission of the church. The My Bible Guides Leaders’ manual includes time for weekly TMI In-reach (fellowship), TMI Out-reach (mission), and TMI Up-reach (Bible study and prayer).