



# Alive in Jesus

SABBATH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

## FEATURES IN THE STUDENT GUIDES:

- Compelling Bible narratives
- Age-appropriate discussion questions
- Intergenerational faith-talk prompts
- Mission challenges
- Prayer prompts
- Nature lessons
- Adventist history stories
- Mission stories
- Personal reflection and application activities
- Focus on health and being outdoors
- New, culturally diverse artwork
- Spiritual messages for parents

## FEATURES IN THE TEACHER GUIDES:

- Interactive activities
- Bible storytelling suggestions
- Inductive Bible studies (older levels)
- Object lessons
- Scripture songs
- Age-appropriate, themed mission stories
- Nature lessons
- Craft templates
- Spiritual messages for the teacher
- Flexibility for larger and smaller churches
- Special needs tips
- Class murals, collector cards, and other resources
- New music

## GLOBAL INPUT

As the Alive in Jesus Sabbath School curriculum is developed, a thorough review process is being utilized with input from every division of the General Conference, along with input from the Biblical Research Institute and special advisory and steering committees. These committees include global representation from division children's ministries directors, division youth directors, curriculum specialists, educators, parents, and key personnel from the General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department.

A one-quarter pilot of the Beginner, Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior levels has been conducted in 15 world divisions, including 55 churches, and survey responses from more than 600 respondents. The pilot provided valuable feedback, which is being incorporated into the development of the curriculum. A similar pilot of the Teen and Youth levels will also be conducted.



## A NEW GLOBAL CURRICULUM FOR BABIES THROUGH YOUTH

The Alive in Jesus Sabbath School curriculum is designed to nurture the spiritual lives of children from birth until 18 years of age. This Bible curriculum seeks to equip and empower parents, caregivers, Sabbath School teachers, and church leaders to model and foster a thriving relationship with Jesus to the children in their spheres. By incorporating what is known about faith development, best educational practice meets Bible narrative and truth to grow faith and impart a clear Seventh-day Adventist worldview in this seamless 18-year scope.



The current goal is to launch Baby Steps and Beginner in 2025, Kindergarten and Primary in 2026, Junior and Teen in 2027, and Youth in 2028. To view an introductory video and curriculum samples, and download a more extensive brochure, including scope and sequence, features and foci, and teaching framework, visit [sspm.adventist.org/aliveinjesus](https://sspm.adventist.org/aliveinjesus).



# Alive in Jesus Sabbath School Curriculum

The Alive in Jesus Sabbath School curriculum seeks to facilitate a growing love for Jesus and His mission through supporting families and individuals in the daily study of God’s Word. The goal of the Alive in Jesus Sabbath School curriculum is to make disciples who make disciples.



**BABY STEPS**  
Birth-12 months



**BEGINNER**  
1-3 years



**KINDERGARTEN**  
4-6 years



**PRIMARY**  
7-9 years



**JUNIOR**  
10-12 years



**TEEN**  
13-14 years



**YOUTH**  
15-18 years

WRITING OBJECTIVES

## APPEAL

Write and design lessons that uplift Christ in a way that attracts, invites, and engages.  
*“With lovingkindness I have drawn you” (Jer. 31:3).*

## CLARITY

Present stories and teachings of the Bible in a clear and accurate manner.  
*“Rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).*

## DISCOVERY

Challenge thinking, promote deep learning, and encourage reflection.  
*“In whom [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:3).*

## CONVICTION

Speak to the heart, and foster a saving relationship with Jesus.  
*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart” (Deut. 6:5).*

## ACTION

Encourage a response to God’s call to grow, share, and do His will.  
*“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22).*

PILLARS

## GRACE

Alive in Jesus shows students that Jesus loves them personally and that He offers grace and salvation to everyone. This incredible gift is free, unmerited, and hard to comprehend. Yet when we accept it, it changes us and compels us to respond to God in love and obedience. Bible truth is taught in a redemptive way, without assuming that all have chosen Jesus; while at the same time, not avoiding difficult questions.

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Alive in Jesus teaches children that they are valued, loved, and accepted, while also showcasing the “fruit,” or Christlike character, that grows and develops in our hearts as we abide in Him. This character development focus can be seen in the Big Idea and opening headline and emerges through the Bible narrative. It is extended through the daily enhancement features in all levels of the curriculum, through the family discussion questions, intergenerational faith talk, and the object lessons or multiple intelligence activities that drive home memorable takeaways.

## MISSION

Alive in Jesus fosters a trusting, joy-filled, lifelong walk with Jesus that cannot be contained! It seeks to make our children active “influencers” for Jesus, who passionately share the great news of the gospel and the Seventh-day Adventist end-time message with the world they live in. Every lesson incorporates an active mission focus.

## THE BIBLE: The Foundation

With the Bible as its foundation, the Alive in Jesus curriculum introduces children and youth to Jesus by bringing the wonderful stories and lessons of the Bible into our twenty-first-century lives. Including a clear Seventh-day Adventist worldview and the 28 fundamental beliefs, this curriculum shows young people that the truths of the Bible are unchanging and trustworthy, equipping them to study the Bible meaningfully for themselves.