

Resources for Sabbath School

Books

Armstrong, Thomas, *7 Kinds of Smart* (London, England: Penguin Books, 1993).

Through exercises and anecdotes, Armstrong suggests how research into multiple intelligences can offer ways to improve teaching.

Coleman, Lyman, *Serendipity Small Group Interactive Bible Studies* (Littleton, Colo.: Serendipity House, 1997).

This book offers 45 guided questionnaires for group building.

Cornforth, Fred, *The Family & Youth Ministry* (Lincoln, Neb.: AdventSource, 1995).

Cornforth offers in this book 60 creative ways to involve families in youth ministry.

Davis, Deena, *Discipleship Journal's 101 Best Small-Group Ideas* (Colorado Springs, Colo.: NavPress, 1996).

A creative mix of ideas for outreach, service, prayer, Bible study, and many other small group activities.

Englebretson, Rosann, and Marlene LeFever with Steve Wamberg, *Reach Every One You Teach* (Colorado Springs, Colo.: David C. Cook Ministries, 1998).

Three experienced authors combine forces to offer practical, creative ways to touch the lives of Bible study groups, no matter what the age.

Freudenburg, Ben, and Rick Lawrence, *The Family Friendly Church* (Loveland, Colo.: Group Publishing, 1998).

The authors explore how churches are equipping families for a home-based, church-supported ministry.

Gangel, Kenneth O., and Howard G. Hendricks, eds. *The Christian Educator's Handbook on Teaching* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1988).

Written by Christian education specialists, this book addresses four general topics: the foundations, patterns, roles, and varieties of Christian teaching.

Habermas, Ronald, and Klaus Issler, *Teaching for Reconciliation* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1992).

These authors produce in this book a thorough yet readable introduction to the field of religious education.

Hunt, Josh, and Larry Mays, *Disciple-Making Teachers: How to Equip Adults for Growth and Action* (Loveland, Colo.: Group Publishing, 1998).

Hunt and Mays explain how to shift the emphasis of religious education from merely having more meetings to making disciples in the meetings we have.

Hunt, Josh, *You Can Double Your Class in Two Years or Less* (Loveland, Colo.: Group Publishing, 1997).

Appealing to the New Testament purpose of evangelism and outreach, Hunt explores ways to improve the quality of teaching and the participation in Bible study groups.

LeFever, Marlene E., *Creative Teaching Methods* (Colorado Springs, Colo.: Cook Ministry Resources, 1996).

In a systematic approach, LeFever makes the principle of learning through creative participation come alive for Christian education.

LeFever, Marlene D., *Learning Styles: Reaching Everyone God Gave You to Teach* (Colorado Springs, Colo.: David C. Cook Publishing, 1995).

LeFever explains how effective learning in religious education appeals to the four learning styles: imaginative, analytic, common sense, and dynamic.

McNabb, Bill, and Steven Mabry, *Teaching the Bible Creatively* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1990).

Two veteran youth ministers provide a practical volume that outlines what makes Bible teaching creative and gives dozens of ideas to inject life into Bible studies.

Schultz, Thom and Joani, *Why Nobody Learns Much of Anything at Church: And How to Fix It* (Loveland, Colo.: Group Publishing, 1993).

In a provocative evaluation of learning in the church, the Schultzes provided practical solutions for improving how the church educates

Tolbert, LaVerne, *Teaching Like Jesus: A Practical Guide to Christian Education in Your Church* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2000).

Using a four-step plan, this book gives actions steps, summaries, and other practical resources to make the Bible study class a lively place to learn.

Wilhoit, Jim, *Christian Education and the Search for Meaning* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1991).

In this book, the author explains how religious education should teach believers their privileges and responsibilities as “priests.

Periodicals

Children’s Ministry, Group Publishing, P.O. Box 481, Loveland, CO 80539-0481.

A monthly magazine that provides a wealth of small-group learning activities for children that are adaptable for adults as well.

Guideposts for Kids, Guideposts, 39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel, NY 10512-1999.

A creative bi-monthly periodical that offers a rich mix of activities that can be used in various settings for children’s ministries.

Sabbath School Leadership, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

A monthly resource specifically edited for the enrichment of Sabbath School programming and teaching.

Videos

Enriching Sabbath School, Sabbath School / Personal Ministries Dept., General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

This 37-minute video introduces and explores the four aspects of a healthy Sabbath School (fellowship, outreach, Bible study, and mission) and provides creative ideas to spark innovative change for local Sabbath School groups. Accompanied by an interactive leader's guide.

Beating Boredom With Active Learning, Group Publishing, Inc., Box 481, Loveland, CO 80539.

This is a concise, 30-minute video that introduces the concept of active learning by leading the viewer through an actual class using active-learning teaching techniques.

How to Effectively Teach, Gary B. Swanson, Seminar in a Box, General Conference Ministerial Association Resource Center, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

In this professional seminar, the presenter leads the viewer through several practical exercises to make a Sabbath School lesson a more effective learning experience.

How to Organize and Develop Small Groups, James Zackrison, Seminar in a Box, General Conference Ministerial Association Resource Center, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Participants in this seminar can learn to initiate a small group and nurture it into a dynamic, growing experience for all who are involved.

Overcoming Blah Adult Classes With Group's Apply-It-to-Life Adult Bible Series, Group Publishing, Inc., Box 481, Loveland, CO 80539.

Though this video centers on Group Publishing's adult curriculum, it depicts ways in which Sabbath School Bible study may be enriched.

Web Sites

<http://cq.adventist.org/cooltools/cooltools.cfm>

Downloadable resources designed to enrich Sabbath Schools through emphasis on fellowship, Investment, world mission, outreach, prayer, secretarial, superintendence, and teaching techniques.

<http://cq.adventist.org>

Called "Sabbath School Central for Young Adults," this site offers *CQ* for downloading in several languages, downloadable teaching materials, and a variety of other interactive features.

<http://sspm.gc.adventist.org/ss/Cornerstone.htm>

This Web site is called "Sabbath School Central for Youth," providing *Cornerstone Connections*, the youth Sabbath School Bible Study Guide, its *Teacher's Guide*, and even weekly mission stories.

www.adventsource.org

This site offers many resources that may be of considerable help in the enrichment of Sabbath School.

www.youthpages.org

Focusing especially on youth and young adults, this site is one of the earliest and most comprehensive Seventh-day Adventist resources online.

www.pacificpress.com

Printed versions of the Sabbath School Bible study guides and their accompanying teacher's guides are available for subscription through this site.

www.vop.com/index.shtml

This site, representing the ministry of the Voice of Prophecy, provides helpful information regarding Bible correspondence courses, the radio broadcast, and other resources.

www.amazingfacts.org

This is a multi-media site that offers rich resources from the “Amazing Facts” program.

www.ssnet.org

Operated by lay members, this site provides e-mail groups, the *Adult Bible Study Guide* in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and other helpful features.

www.tagnet.org

This Web site provides rich resources in all aspects of Seventh-day Adventist life.

www.bible.gospelcom.net

Visitors to this site can look up scriptural verses in various versions and in German, Swedish, Latin, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Tagalog, and Norwegian languages..

www.blueletterbible.com

Another helpful site to provide ways to look up scriptural references using words or phrases.

www.grouppublishing.com/mags/Group

The publisher represented by this Web site produces creative, inspiring materials for religious education especially for children and youth.

www.gospelcom.net/navs/NP/magazines/index.shtml

This online site for *Discipleship Journal* provides a wealth of information that would enrich Sabbath Schools.
