



*Inter Conference Division - Sabbath School Ministry*

*Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.*

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## Education in the Garden of Eden

**Key texts:** *Genesis 2:7-3:6; 2 Peter 1:3-11; 2:1-17; Job 36:22; Hebrews 13:7,17,24.*

### Principle Themes to Explore

1. Every encounter and every situation that we face teaches us something and in some way conditions our lives.
2. Since the beginning God has been man's teacher, giving us lessons about life, values and truth. He introduced man to the school of life.
3. The most important lesson that He wanted to impart to man right from the beginning was that in Him was the source of life and knowledge. In Him we are regenerated in His image.

### Suggestions for Teaching

Study the school model that Eden represented for Adam and Eve and the dynamics of the temptation.

### Possible questions for sharing and discussion

1. Read Genesis 2:7-17. What type of school is outlined in this story? Why a forbidden tree?
2. What was God's fundamental educational motive which is revealed in Genesis 1 & 2? And that of Satan' in Genesis 3?
3. From all of the educational tools available to Him, why did God choose that of to eat or not to eat? How can we apply this principle today?
4. Which of the life lessons drawn from this study can we transmit to our neighbours?

### Group Objectives

#### Pastoral

I and my brethren:  
*Consider the pastoral situation of the group and make precise plans for those who are in need.*

#### Spiritual

I and the Word:  
*Discuss the lessons learned from these chapters of Genesis.*

#### Missionary

We, in service and witnessing:  
*Reflect on how we can testify of God as our source of life and knowledge.*