



Inter-Continental 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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The Family

Key texts: *Gen. 3:1-15; Deut. 6:2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 4:15; Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 1:18-24; 1 John 3:18; Prov. 1:8.*

Principle Themes to Explore

1. The family is the first learning environment where one should experience the presence of God: a school for life here and now with a view to eternity.
2. Of the various family models offered by the Bible that of Jesus' family is foremost and unique.
3. The first role parents must assume is to bring God to their children and their children to God. Not just with words!

Suggestions for Teaching

Identify the factors that must be present in a family so that God's love is always promoted.

Possible questions for sharing and discussion

1. In the education process why must the knowledge, fear and love of God be priorities?
2. What lessons can we learn from the texts about the families of Adam and Eve and Joseph and Mary
3. What safeguards must be in place within a family so that God is never absent?
4. How can families start over to build a family that has these characteristics?

Group Objectives

Pastoral

I and my brethren:

Create a family atmosphere in your Sabbath School group.

Think of those who are suffering and any problems that exist.

Spiritual

I and the Word:

See the section 'Suggestions for Teaching' and consider the family atmosphere needed so that God might be the instructor in the home.

Missionary

We, in service and witnessing:

Share joy, difficulties and projects so that our families can radiate the light and knowledge of God. Pray in your group for this.