

## Core Values

### Joy

we want the children to celebrate who God is

### Safety

we ensure physical and emotional safety

### Family

we recognise and empower the children's family

### Sharing

we equip children to share God's grace

### Application

we plan for a changed life

### Engagement

we encourage active learning

### Relationships

we are intentional about building relationships

## Resources

### A Quick Start Guide

(AdventSource)

- Beginner Sabbath School
- Kindergarten Sabbath School
- Primary Sabbath School
- Junior Sabbath School
- Earliteen Sabbath School

### Children's Ministries Ideas and Techniques That Work (AdventSource)

### Teaching the Faith: An Essential Guide for Building Faith-Shaped Kids (Review and Herald)

[www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org)

[www.gracelink.net](http://www.gracelink.net)

[www.childmin.com](http://www.childmin.com)

[www.spd.adventistconnect.org/children](http://www.spd.adventistconnect.org/children)

[www.gcchildmin.org](http://www.gcchildmin.org)

For resources and information on training, log into the members site at **[spsm.adventistconnect.org](http://spsm.adventistconnect.org)** or contact your local conference personal ministries director.



## THE MINISTRY OF THE Children's Sabbath School Leader

You have been asked to serve as a Children's Sabbath School leader. This is a wonderful opportunity to help disciple children – connecting them to a life-long loving relationship to Jesus. The GraceLink Curriculum is used. This has been designed for faith development – Bible-based and focussed on the key understandings and practice of Grace, Worship, Community and Service. This guide has been designed to help you get started in this ministry.

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**[www.spd.adventistconnect.org/children](http://www.spd.adventistconnect.org/children)**

## Accountable To

Children's Ministries Coordinator and  
Children's Committee

## Specific Responsibilities

- set goals for Sabbath School
- organise and lead Sabbath School programs and themes
- coordinate room decorations, purchase and store resources (GraceLink teachers guides and children's Bible study guides)
- delegate teacher's responsibilities and ensure 'total hour' teaching happens.
- equip and support teachers by meeting regularly for planning
- organise yearly Sabbath School training
- regularly encourage and thank teachers
- organise volunteers from youth and older members
- set the budget\*
- integrate all church activities by planning a yearly calendar of family-friendly events and parent outreach\*
- maintain and update children's files (contact details, attendance, birthdays)
- ensure volunteers are screened and have completed child-safety forms
- ensure the room environment is safe

## Ministry Coordination

- **Nurturing ministry:** Greet and welcome children and parents; send get-well and birthday cards; visit sick children; build strong community; organise weekly snacks and regular potlucks; ensure children have quality discussion time in groups of approx. five.
- **Serving ministry:** Empower children to serve the church, home and community – use ideas from GraceLink Teachers Guide.
- **Outreach:** Encourage children to invite friends to Sabbath School.
- **Family ministry:** Organise visitation so that each child receives a home visit at least once a year; equip and support parents to use Gracelink at home.
- **Worship ministry:** Choose songs, musicians; provide a place where children can have a quiet time with God; ensure children, Sabbath School teachers and volunteers pray for each other and the Sabbath School.
- **Mentoring:** Children to accept Jesus as Saviour, and put names forward for Commitment Ceremony; teachers in spiritual growth; parents as they build faith at home

## Sabbath School leaders must be committed to:

- Jesus Christ and a growing relationship with Him
- Christ-centred ministry to children
- The Seventh-day Adventist Church and its beliefs
- A balanced Christian lifestyle
- Teamwork
- Cooperative ministry under the leadership of the children's ministries coordinator, church pastor and church board
- Personal growth in spiritual formation of children and teaching skills



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