

My great grandfather, Dell, grew up in a log cabin built next to a trading post in Vancouver BC back in the late 1800's. They had spent the summer running wild with their half-Indian cousins but as winter was approaching their mother, Minerva was wondering how she might give them all some schooling. So, using some flat pine boards for paper and charcoal from the fire for chalk, she setup school. The only book she had was the Bible and Dell who was 12 at the time soon became fascinated with it. He read his way through Creation, the flood, Abraham, the Israelites and finally got to the book of Daniel with Daniel's visions of strange beasts. But when he asked his mother what they meant she couldn't tell him.

It was 6 years later when a colporteur (a person who sells Christian books) came to their door with a book with a picture of Daniel's visions and Minerva immediately bought the book. When Dell got home on the weekend from running his trap-line, they excitedly started reading it. As a result they learned about the seventh-day Sabbath and decided to keep it.

Not long after that, Minerva decided to visit her sister Roi in Oregon. She shared what she had learned about the Sabbath and both Roi and her husband agreed to keep it, so they cleaned the house on Friday and spent the Sabbath reading the Bible and talking together.

On Sabbath afternoon a salesman knocked on the door. When they explained that they wouldn't do any business today since it was Sabbath the sales man said, "That's the second time I have heard that today." They asked the man for the address and were soon on their way to meet their first Seventh-day Adventists.

Only a year or so later evangelistic meetings were held near Dell's home and a Seventh-day Adventist Church was soon started.

Missionaries

Sabbath

What do you want to be when you grow up? _____

Have you ever wondered if God has a plan for you when you grow up?

Have you ever heard about or read about someone who was a missionary?

Have you ever thought about being a missionary?

What sort of missionary would you like to be?

A missionary is anyone who shares the good news about Jesus. Some people are called to be missionaries in foreign countries, but others are called to be missionaries in their own country and sometimes even in the same town they have always lived in. Some missionary spend a lot of time travelling, while others stay at home. Some are full time missionaries, supported by the Church or other Church work while others have regular jobs where they can be missionaries to their work mates.

Sunday

Paul (who used to be called Saul) and Barnabas had been preaching in Antioch. One day the Holy Spirit said, "I have called Barnabas and Paul to be missionaries." So the men of the church fasted and prayed, then laid their hands on Paul and Barnabas and sent them off as missionaries.

They sailed from Seleucia, to the Island of Cyprus where they travelled from town to town preaching about Jesus.



In Paphos there was a sorcerer who tried to keep the governor from listening, but they prayed and God made the sorcerer blind for a while.

Then Paul and Barnabas sailed for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga, and travelling inland to Antioch of Pisidia. The people were excited to hear about Jesus, but some of the Jews made trouble and ran Paul and Barnabas out of town, so they travelled on to Iconium. The same thing happened there, so they went to Lystra.

In Lystra, Paul healed a man with crippled feet and the people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. Paul and Barnabas were shocked and told the people, "No! We are not gods! We are just men like you!"

Some of the Jews from Antioch and Iconium followed Paul and stirred up a mob; the mob dragged Paul from the town, stoned him and left him for dead, but as his friends gathered around him, he suddenly got up.

The next day they left for Derbe and after preaching in Derbe they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch to encourage the new believers. Then they travelled back through Pisidia to Pamphylia, Perga and Attalia before sailing back to Antioch in Syria.

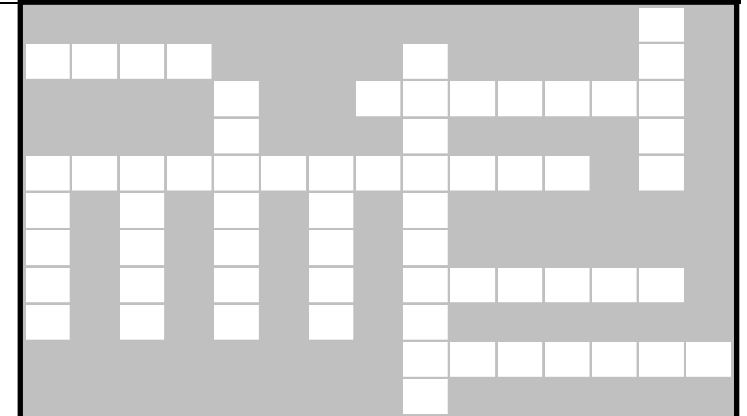


Friday

Have you noticed that not many people go to church on Saturday? Have you ever heard someone say, "But wasn't Sabbath changed to Sunday?"

| What people say | What the Bible says |
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| We should keep Sunday because Jesus arose from the dead then | Even in death , Jesus kept Sabbath by resting in the tomb. His followers also kept the Sabbath and came to the tomb the next day – Sunday. Matthew 28:1 |
| Paul preached on Sunday – Acts 20:7-12 | If you read it, you'll notice that it says nothing about the Sabbath, but that Paul was leaving the next day and so spending his last evening with the believers. Also, in Bible times the day changed each evening, not at midnight like we do now, so Paul may well have been preaching on what we call Saturday night . |
| The 10 Commandments were "nailed to the cross" so we don't have to keep them now. At the same time, the veil in the temple that hid the Most Holy Place was torn in two revealing the Ark of the Covenant. | Colossians 2:14 talks about something being nailed to the cross . The KJV says the "handwriting of ordinances." Who wrote the 10 Commandments? Exodus 34:1 The 10 Commandments were kept inside the Ark (Exodus 40:20) but the book of other laws given to Moses including those about services and ceremonies was placed beside it. (Deuteronomy 31:26) It was these laws that stopped at the cross. I'm sure everyone would agree that God does not want us to lie, steal or murder... |

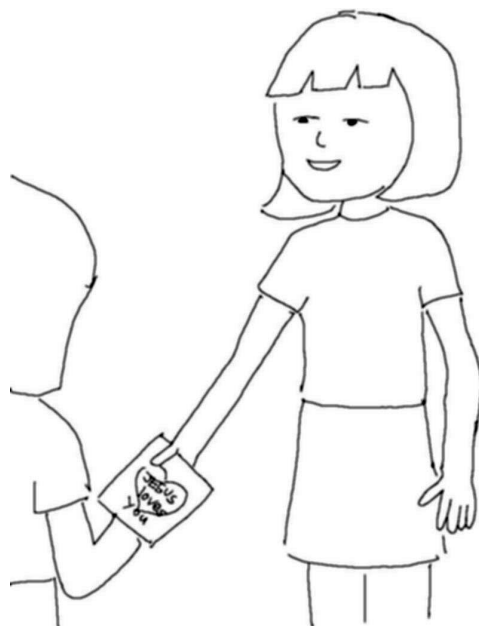
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Thursday

Here are some suggestions about how you can be a missionary. Tick the ones you have already done. Put a star next to the ones you would like to try. Can you think of any other ways?

- ☐ Share books or magazines about Jesus
- ☐ Invite your friends to Sabbath School, Church or Church activities.
- ☐ Give gifts that tell about Jesus, or use Bible verses, like bookmarks or cards.
- ☐ Use Christmas cards with pictures of Jesus
- ☐ Tell your friends that you go to Church
- ☐ Share or wear stickers about Jesus
- ☐ Always try and act like you think Jesus would
- ☐ Sing songs about Jesus
- ☐ Invite friends to join your family for special Sabbath activities
- ☐ Other:



Monday

Paul and Barnabas are often called the first missionaries - although if you call anyone who shares the good news about Jesus a missionary, there were many in the Bible. But Paul's missionary trips are really the only ones listed in detail for us.

From the start, mission has also been a very important part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. According to Revelation 14, God's people are called to spread the gospel and the three angels' messages to the entire world, and as we learned a few weeks ago, the first of the three angel's messages in Revelation 14:7 is a direct reference to the Sabbath Commandment, since it calls for worship to God the Creator just as the 4th Commandment does.

When did the first Sabbath occur? Read Genesis 2:1-3

When was the Sabbath was reconfirmed? Read Exodus 20:1-11

Who else kept the Sabbath? Read Luke 4:16

Did the apostles keep the Sabbath? Read Acts 13:42-44

How long will Sabbaths be kept for? Read Isaiah 66:22



Tuesday

What did Paul and Barnabas become?

What did they do?

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Find the names of the places which Paul and Barnabas visited on their first missionary trip. (They were underlined)

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Wednesday

The first Sabbath occurred at the end of the _____ (5d) week in Genesis 1:1-3.

The Sabbath was reconfirmed to the Israelites when God gave the 10 _____ (7a) at Mt Sinai. Exodus 20:1-11 Did you notice that it also refers to God as the Creator?

The Sabbath is a day of _____ (9d) not of _____ (1d). (See verses above)

Isaiah 58:13^{NLT} says, "Keep the Sabbath day holy. Don't pursue your own interests on that day, but enjoy the Sabbath and speak of it with _____ (10a) as the Lord's _____ (3a) day. _____ (6d) the Sabbath in everything you do on that day, and don't follow your own desires or talk idly.

In Matthew 12:12 Jesus said," Yes the law permits a person to do _____ (4d) on the Sabbath." ^{NLT}

The Jews had added so many laws to the Sabbath that it was really difficult to keep and no longer the blessing that God had intended it to be.
In Mark 2:27^{NIV} Jesus said, "The Sabbath was _____ (8d) for man, not man [was made] for the _____ (2d)." "

