



Sabbath FOR STUDY

- » **Memory Text:** “And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do” (Exodus 18:20).
- » **Our Beliefs, no. 5, The Holy Spirit:** “[The Holy Spirit], sent by the Father and the Son to be always with His children, He extends spiritual gifts to the church, empowers it to bear witness to Christ, and in harmony with the Scriptures leads it into all truth.”
- » Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 98-100

WHY LEARN AND TEACH?

Mrs. Harrison was a Christian teacher. Everyone could tell she was different. She was loving and caring toward all her students. She was devoted to helping them grow and develop academically, physically, spiritually, and socially. She wasn’t afraid to step in and defuse tempers or put her arm around a child who needed a hug. She would really listen to her students and would do what she could to help solve whatever problems they brought to her. She orchestrated recess to include all children so none were left out, and she made sure no child was bullied. She organized tutoring to help students who were struggling with reading or math so they wouldn’t fall behind. And, most important, one day she prayed with me. She taught me that I wasn’t alone—that the Holy Spirit would help me. She showed what loving, Christlike service is all about.

Mr. Scott opened the doors to learning through nature. He showed us the connection between creation and a loving God. By having us explore, investigate, and test, He expanded our world to include an awesome universe. Many of us left behind fear and uncertainty for adventures in learning about nature, how things work, and how we fit into God’s world. He took us on nature walks and taught us to be silent, patient, and watchful. To find and observe the animals in their habitats. It is an amazing thing to wait quietly, patiently, and have an animal come up and eat out of your hand. He showed, by example, how to care for our environment and for the creatures around us. In every lesson he told us about a loving God who created all—for us!

Mrs. Smith would look beyond students’ shyness and help them to feel confident and unafraid of the future. She spoke caring, encouraging words, and explained that everything would be OK as long as they trusted in God. She helped them focus on what was important—their relationship with God. And today her students are successful and have a strong faith in God and in their future.

The person that impacted my life the most was Mrs. Cardy. She loved Jesus! Her life was a reflection of God. She was patient, kind, and caring. And when she prayed, it was as though God was sitting right there. She was delighted to study the Bible with me. She encouraged me and step by step helped me to build a lifetime relationship with Jesus.

Godly teachers that help us seek God’s kingdom are critical to our spiritual growth. They help us to grow in the classroom, and if we pay attention, we’ll take what we learn out of the classroom and realize that learning takes place anywhere and everywhere.

—Kathleen D. Sowards

Sunday RESPONDING

- » Read Titus 2:7.
- » A classmate has just received a bad grade for a class test. They are quite angry and complaining that the teacher didn’t grade fairly.
- » You are in the same class and know that your classmate is often disruptive in class, does little work, and didn’t study for the test. You know the teacher cares and grades carefully.
- » How do you respond when your classmate talks negatively about the teacher?

Monday BIBLE ANSWERS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

- » John 14:26; John 16:7-13; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.
- » Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us, to guide us in the truth, and to reveal to us our life’s work. He gives to each person individual gifts that they are to use to serve God. Each person’s gifts are different from another’s. The Holy Spirit will guide and lead each of us through our studies, our activities, our teachers, and our parents to help us identify our strengths and weaknesses. Learning to depend on God and using the education we receive, we will be able to minister and share God’s message of love.
- » How do you see the Holy Spirit working in your life?

- » What kind of activities are you involved in that help you have a closer walk with God?

- » Using the words in the word bank, fill in the blanks. Think about how each gift helps you to grow in your relationship with God and how you can use it to help others learn about Him. Texts are from the New King James Version.

add all brotherly diligence faith self-control
godliness kindness knowledge love perseverance virtue

“But also for this very reason, giving _____, _____ to your
_____, to virtue _____, to knowledge _____, to self-control
_____, to perseverance _____, to godliness _____, and to
brotherly kindness _____” (2 Peter 1:5-7).

Tuesday
REFLECTING

- » Read Read Proverbs 4:7.
- » Every day, in school and out, we are confronted by new information—Bible, math and science, history and politics, and English. We need to memorize texts, formulas, rules, and dates. Perhaps there are times you wonder if it is all necessary. Will you ever use all this material you are learning? Is it important?
- » As you get older, you will find that all the information you are gathering builds on itself. What you learned in first grade built on the material learned in kindergarten, and what you are learning this year built on what you learned last year. The things you learn next year will build on this year, and so forth—every day of your life.
- » Learning and gaining knowledge happens in a classroom and in daily living. Teachers are real people with real lives. Most teachers enjoy interacting with young people, encouraging them to learn and to become the best they can be. Teaching is about helping learners to think critically, distinguish between right and wrong, and know for themselves what God says. It is about learning to trust and depend on God.
- » Education isn't just about school and learning. Education is a lifetime process of development that involves our whole being: (1) mental—being able to think critically and distinguishing right from wrong, truth from error; (2) physical—all components that lead to good health and well-being; (3) social—building and nurturing positive relationships and working together to reach common goals; and (4) spiritual—growing in the knowledge of God, His love, and our responsibility to those around us.
- » "It [education] is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come" (Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 13).

Friday
APPLYING

- » Ephesians 4:11, 12.
- » Getting and giving, learning and teaching, helps us to grow. God has given us our spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ. Serving God and others is twofold: when we serve others, it helps them to grow and in serving we grow. Think of different ways to share your spiritual gifts. Galatians 5:22, 23 gives us practical examples of "the fruit of the Spirit." In the following examples, list how the activity serves and what you think the spiritual lesson is.

For Example: <i>Helping someone to ride a bike</i>	Service: <i>Helping them get on the bike, find their balance, and pedal</i>	Spiritual Lesson: <i>Read the Bible, pray, daily devotions—never give up</i>
Helping your little brother learn to play ball		
Helping a grandparent learn how to use a computer		
Helping a tourist learn some of the history of your town		
Helping a 5-year-old learn to write their name		
Telling your junior Sabbath School class about the solar system		
Baking cookies using a new recipe with a friend		
Teaching a class about plants in your local area		
Telling a friend how much God loves each of us		

Wednesday
BIBLE INSIGHTS

- » Find and match the text to the correct verse. All verses are from the New King James Version.
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| Proverbs 9:10 | John 14:26 | Romans 5:5 |
| Proverbs 3:13 | 1 Corinthians 13:2 | 2 Corinthians 4:6 |
1. "... He will teach you all things ..."
 2. "... but have not love, I am nothing."
 3. "... who finds wisdom, and ... gains understanding ..."
 4. "... beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One ..."
 5. "... the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit ..."
 6. "... light of the knowledge of the glory of God ..."

Thursday
CONNECTING

- » Read Isaiah 11:2.
- » Review the memory text.
- » Learning is life.
- » We learn by studying, hard work, events around us, and often we gain life lessons through experience. God has not left us to learn on our own. He has given us the Scriptures to help us navigate this life. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). And the Holy Spirit is to lead us to all truth and assist us in our work. "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).
- » Most fulfillment and joy comes from being able to share their our skills or knowledge with others. That might mean helping a friend who is struggling with their math homework, taking time to help a younger brother or sister master a new skill, volunteering at church or in your community, telling someone else about God, or even planning on becoming a full-time schoolteacher. Whatever our stage in life, not only can we begin to share the skills and knowledge we gained in school, but we can also share what we learned about Jesus, Creation, God's love, Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation, and His soon return.
- » "Whether we recognize it or not, we are stewards, supplied from God with talents and facilities, and placed in the world to do a work appointed by Him" (Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 137).

