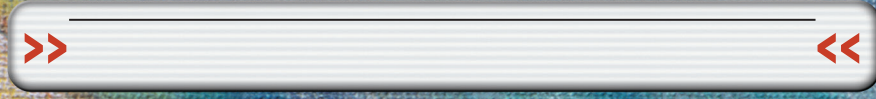


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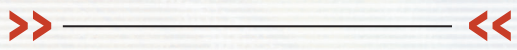
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## WHAT THE LESSONS ARE ABOUT

The emphasis of this curriculum is God's kingdom of grace and being a recruited agent (steward, citizen) of that kingdom. There is a battle going on between God's kingdom and the kingdom of evil. Being citizens of God's kingdom requires action. We can't just listen to what Jesus asks of us, we are to do it (James 1:22) if we want to be effective citizens of the kingdom on this earth.

The first lesson of each quarter covers a different section of Jesus' sermon on the mount, which is "at once Christ's inaugural address as King of the kingdom of grace and also the constitution of the kingdom" (*The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 5, p. 322).

After the first lesson of each quarter each of the other lessons is about the different challenges, rights, or privileges in the "real-time" of being a citizen of God's kingdom. A Christian never knows what he or she will be encountering next.

Remember to go to [www.guidemagazine.org/rtf](http://www.guidemagazine.org/rtf) and explore each week's topic with other earliteens. Find out how other young people are facing the challenge of living for God in the real world.



## HOW TO USE THIS BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

**STEP 1:** Notice that this Bible study guide isn't meant to be read like a usual magazine or book. Each lesson comes out of the binding to be used as a separate sheet for study in advance during the week in preparation for Sabbath School. Be sure to take the right lesson to Sabbath School with you each week.

**STEP 2:** Use each week's lesson in the way that is best for you. Each section has a day of the week listed beside it, but you may want to mix and match sections as you study. The sections work in any order.

**STEP 3:** Review the memory verse each day of the week.

**STEP 4:** Be prepared to share your thoughts and discoveries with your Sabbath School class.



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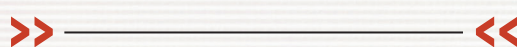
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