



General Conference Session 2025: “I Will Go” – United in Mission to Reach Every Child

As the global Seventh-day Adventist Church gathers for the 2025 General Conference Session, there is a renewed sense of purpose under the call: “I Will Go.” This theme, drawn from Isaiah 6:8—“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”—invites every believer to take part in God’s mission with personal commitment and urgency.

As we look forward, one area of mission stands out with growing importance: Children’s Ministries. In every region and culture, children are among the most open and responsive to the gospel. Reaching them is not optional—it is essential.

Jesus modeled this when He welcomed children with open arms, saying, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14, NKJV). His example calls the church to prioritize children—not as the church of tomorrow, but as a vital part of the church today.

Ellen G. White beautifully affirms this:

“The work of educating and training the youth is an important and solemn work. The children and youth are to be trained to become missionaries” (Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, p. 168).

In a time of spiritual confusion and cultural distraction, children need to know the love, truth, and mission of Jesus more than ever. Through Sabbath School, Adventurers, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, and family worship resources, Children’s Ministries plays a critical role in shaping hearts for eternity.

Our united mission must include:

- Equipping leaders and parents to nurture children in faith,
- Creating safe, engaging spaces where children learn and grow spiritually,
- Empowering children themselves to say, “I will go,” through service, prayer, and witness.

Ellen White also reminds us:

“We may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them” (Counsels to Teachers, p. 168).

As the 2025 session has brought the world church together in worship, prayer, and decision-making, let us move forward with clear vision—to go with and for our children. United in mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we press on toward the day when children and adults alike will look up and say together: “This is our God; we have waited for Him” (Isaiah 25:9).

Maranatha!

GC Children’s Ministries Team





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If you served in Children's Ministries, you know the truth: it's not just about cutting crafts or singing songs (though we love those too!). It's about HEART work—the transformation of little lives and the formation of godly character. And here's the honest part: we can't do this on our own.

The good news? We don't have to. As Children's Ministries leaders, our first and best tool is not a glittery felt board or a perfectly themed VBS—it's prayer. Real, deep, daily prayer. Because if we are to lead children toward Jesus, we must first be led by Him.

Why Prayer Matters in Children's Ministries

The work of planting seeds of faith in tender hearts is a spiritual mission. Ellen G. White reminds us: "The success of the children's ministry depends not so much on knowledge or talents, but on the presence of the Holy Spirit in the worker's life." (Adapted from Christ's Object Lessons, p. 328)

Prayer aligns us with the Source of wisdom, patience, joy, and creativity. It gives us strength on the days when the glitter spills, the toddlers cry, and the memory verse seems to vanish from everyone's memory—including ours.

5 Playful Yet Powerful Tips for Praying Over Your Children's Ministries

1. Pray Like You Pack a Backpack

- Before every class or event, imagine you're packing a spiritual backpack—ask God for patience, joy, discernment, and extra grace. You will need all of it.

2. Name Names

- Pray for the children in your care by name. God knows each one, but when you say their names, you're entering the sacred work of intercession. (Even the wiggly ones!)

3. Prayer Walk Your Classroom

- Arrive a few minutes early to walk through your space in Sabbath School classes and pray over each chair or corner. Ask for God's peace and presence to fill the room. If you are to conduct outdoor activities or lead in children's camp in nature, you may apply the same prayer walk around the space and area that would be used for the program and activities.

4. Pray with the Team

- Don't carry the load alone. Gather your volunteers for a quick prayer before each program. Even 60 seconds of united prayer can shift the atmosphere.

5. Let the Kids Pray Too

- Encourage children to pray in their own words. Their honest, simple prayers are a powerful reminder that Jesus loves to hear from all of us—even if it's just "Thank You for juice and a frog to play with,. Amen."

A Final Encouragement

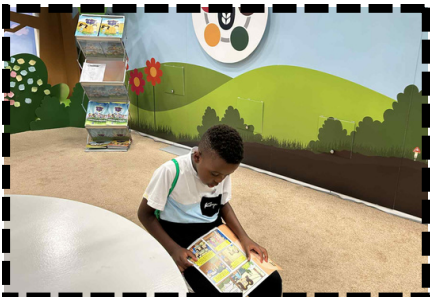
You may feel unqualified, tired, or unsure some days. But prayer is where transformation begins—in our hearts and theirs. Remember, you're not babysitting. You're discipling. You're building God's kingdom, one story, one craft, one prayer at a time.

As Jesus said in John 15:5: "Without Me you can do nothing." And with Him? You can do eternal things. So go ahead—pray boldly, lead joyfully, and trust deeply. You've been called to this ministry, and God is more than ready to equip you with everything you need. After all, this is His work—we just get the joy of joining in. I will keep praying for you and your ministry to children!

Prayer Lays Hold Upon Infinite Power—True faith and true prayer—how strong they are! They are as two arms by which the human suppliant lays hold upon the power of Infinite Love.—(Gospel Workers, 259.)

Children's Ministries Booth

At the GC Session 2025, the Children's Ministries booth highlighted Global Total Member Involvement for Kids—a call for everyone at home, school, and church to join in discipling children. The booth was filled with interactive displays, resources, and inspiring conversations that showed how each person can help nurture young hearts for Jesus. A big thank-you to our amazing volunteers, whose joyful service and warm interactions made the booth a welcoming and impactful space for all.



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The Journey Stage

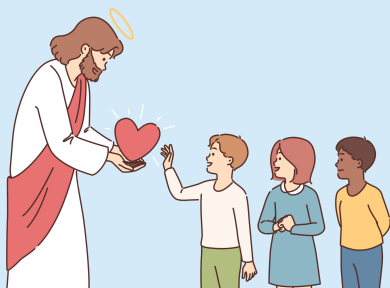
"The Journey Stage by Children's Ministries drew in those passionate about nurturing and discipling children, offering engaging topics such as creating meaningful moments at home, mental health, childhood addictions, and using Bible study guides to reach young hearts. A daily highlight was the Total Member Involvement (TMI) segment, where a child shared one of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs in a simple, child-friendly way—powerfully reminding us that children can also lead in faith. We are especially grateful to our passionate and supportive speakers—Linda Koh, Karen Pelote, Onyx, Oemer and Wendell Daquila, and Nilde Itin—whose inspiring presentations enriched the stage and affirmed the vital role of discipling children.



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Children's Sabbath School Classes

Sabbath School classes were conducted and made possible through a meaningful partnership between GC Children's Ministries, GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, and NAD Children's Ministries, working together to provide enriching, Christ-centered programs for children. We praise God for all the selfless volunteers mainly from NAD and other places who always give their best to nurture young hearts. May God continue to bless them continually as they serve with love and dedication.

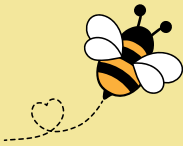


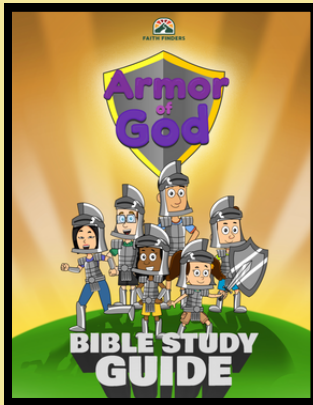
Resource Room

The Resource Room served as a hub for equipping Children’s Ministries leaders with faith-based materials and practical tools for effective ministry. With resources provided by AdventSource and NAD Children’s Ministries, leaders had access to VBS programs, leadership books, discipleship tools, and a variety of beautiful children’s books—all designed to support the nurturing and discipling of young hearts for Jesus. We are truly grateful to the dedicated volunteers who supervised the room with kindness, joy, and a spirit of service, creating a welcoming space that reflected the heart of Christ-centered ministry.



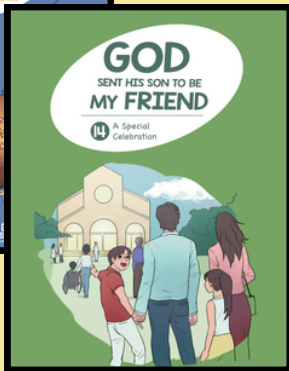
Children's Sabbath School Class Volunteers





Armor of God Bible Study Guide and Week of Prayer Resources

The Bible Study Guides on the Armor of God include seven engaging lessons designed to help children develop Christlike character. Complementing these guides is a special 7-day Week of Prayer resource, created specifically for children. Each day features a kid-friendly sermon and interactive activities centered around Ephesians 6:10–18, helping children understand and apply a different piece of God's armor in their daily lives. This resource not only fosters personal spiritual growth, but also empowers children to confidently share the message of the Armor of God with others. Ideal for church groups, schools, or family devotionals, this valuable tool encourages children to learn, live, and spread God's truth in a fun, practical, and meaningful way.



Bible Study Lessons: God Sent His Son to be My Friend

"God Sent His Son to be My Friend" is a beautifully illustrated Bible study series designed to help children build a strong, biblical mindset grounded in God's truth. Each lesson is thoughtfully crafted with age-appropriate content, filled with biblical wisdom, engaging stories, and God's promises tailored just for kids. The vibrant illustrations not only capture children's attention but also inspire a deeper connection with Jesus as their forever friend. This series encourages young hearts to grow in faith, friendship with Jesus, and understanding of God's love.



God's Greatest Gifts

God's Greatest Gift is a thoughtfully designed four-book series that introduces biblical human sexuality to children ages 3–5 and 6–8 in an age-appropriate and meaningful way. Each set covers key themes including God's design in creation, body development and growth, relationships, and making wise, God-honoring choices. With clear, gentle language and engaging illustrations, the series helps children understand their identity, value, and purpose as designed by God, laying a strong foundation for lifelong respect and appreciation for His greatest gift.



Please Note: For additional resources, please visit our websites: children.adventist.org. and faithfinder.com