



# LET'S CELEBRATE OUR STORY

**WEEK OF EVANGELISM**  
2019

Inter-American Division



<b>Day</b>	<b>Message</b>	<b>Emphasis</b>	<b>Bible text</b>
Sabbath	"Celebrate His Creation"	<u>God is the Creator</u>	<u>Psalm 19:1</u>
Sunday	"Celebrate His Power"	<u>God is the Almighty</u>	<u>Psalm 77:14</u>
Monday	"Celebrate His Law"	<u>The law of God</u>	<u>Deuteronomy 6:6-7</u>
Tuesday	"Celebrate His Birth"	<u>God became man</u>	<u>Isaiah 9:6</u>
Wednesday	"Celebrate His Ministry"	<u>Jesus came to save us</u>	<u>Matthew 3:17</u>
Thursday	"Celebrate His Sacrifice"	<u>Jesus died in our place</u>	<u>Isaiah 53:6</u>
Friday	"Celebrate His Friendship"	<u>Jesus is our friend</u>	<u>John 15:14, 15</u>
Sabbath	"Celebrate our Redemption"	<u>Jesus is coming for us</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 2:9</u>

# Ideas and suggestions

## -Decoration

As a suggestive decoration it is recommended that this week of evangelism for children be a Celebration! for what God did, does and continues to do for us.

For this reason, you can place images of happy children jumping, with a balloon etc. and Jesus happily observing them.

As a second suggestion you can decorate like the new earth and in the final message, the children can be dressed in white with their golden crown as the celebration of our redemption. As part of the decoration there must be a space where the verse is placed in a visible and clear manner.

The entrance door can be decorated with a rainbow of many colored balloons and a large sign that says "Let's celebrate our history." You can even place a welcome sign to the celebration.

## -Program

This is a week of joy and celebration for what heaven did, does and will continue to do for us until eternity, so it is suggested that the program be a celebration!

There is joy for this week of evangelism for children and adolescents. We hope that throughout the program, the children are happy and the friends who come to church for the first time, wish to come back and bring their parents to celebrate not only to the week of evangelism, but every Sabbath.

Therefore, it is suggested that the following recommendations be taken into account:

1. Make provision for Bibles so that children who have been invited can have one during the program and use it to look up the verse and the Bible story.
2. As each child enters, greet them with joy, make them feel special, take time to greet them individually and ask how they did during the day. You can put a party hat and a badge with the title of the week of evangelism and his name in big letters to call each one by his or her name.
3. Give each child and adolescent that does not belong to the church a souvenir of their visit and tell them that you are happy to see them in our church.
4. Since we are in a week of celebration, it is a good time for there to be happy songs before giving the message. For this it is suggested that the children play different instruments that will be given at the praise time. They can be bells, tambourines, guitars for children, jingle bells, little drums,

claves, and any other instrument that can be used to praise and keep the rhythm. Children can even be motivated to make their own instruments with recyclable materials.

5. For the moments of prayer, the children will place their prayer requests and thanksgivings on a banner or bulletin board happily decorated for the celebration. Another suggestion, you can place gift boxes in the corridors, in front or at the entrance, where the children place their prayer requests and thanksgivings.
6. You can make a photo booth where Jesus is hugging a girl, a boy and a teenager with party hats and on each face the boys and girls can take their faces to pose for the picture as if Jesus were embracing them. Remember to place the title "Celebrating with Jesus".
7. For each day's title it is suggested to take them out of a large gift box and have confetti, streamers and balloons. Each title can be placed on a drawn balloon, a cake or a wreath and be part of the scenery.
8. We suggest that at the end of the program, give them a light dinner so that the children go home and only have to brush their teeth and go to bed.

We suggest a menu for every day for the children to dine in the church. Decorate the tables with cheerful tablecloths with balloons, and the dining room can be happily arranged as a party.

# Sabbath 1

## Celebrate His Creation

**Materials:** Little stuffed bird, fruits and vegetables, a picture of a rainbow, a star and a sun and a glass of water, a toy fish, a toy dog, a picture of a boy and a girl. You can use images of the days of creation in a PowerPoint presentation, Bible, Hymn music, song "He is Exalted"

**Bible text:** "The heavens declare the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1)

### **Introduction:**

What joy it gives me to be able to be part of this celebration! And that is why I welcome you to this special service where together we have the privilege of celebrating what God has done for us.

What do we have in this gift box? Would you like to know what is inside it? (*Open the box and take out the title*). It is the title of this celebration! Can you help me read it? "Celebrate His Creation!"

Today we will celebrate from the beginning. Yes! From that moment, God created everything on this earth. And even though the beautiful creation of God has been damaged by sin, we can see his hand through every flower, fruit, animal and every creation of His.

### **Activity 1:**

And I would like to show you what I have in this big box (*Start taking it out and showing it little by little*)

A rainbow! God created the colors, and this rainbow is a symbol that our God created the colors that we can see in nature. Look at this animal. What a cute little bird! The birds cheer the atmosphere with their songs. We can listen to them at dawn and at dusk, thanking God for the day. Here I have more things that I want to teach you but do you know something?

This is a beautiful moment for us to celebrate together and praise Him because we can say: "He is exalted". So I invite you to celebrate this moment together. You can take out your instruments and then we will place them in the container so they are quiet, but now we will make them sing (*The whole congregation sings the hymn*)

It sounded so beautiful! Surely the first day of the creation didn't sound at all like the beautiful hymn of celebration that we just sang. Only the sound of silence was heard, that is, there was no sound, so when God saw this empty planet, with nothing, everything was darkness, He began his wonderful creation. In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, we can read this beautiful story of a Powerful God! (*Raise the Bible in the book of Genesis*)

### **Development:**

I would like to ask you that each time I say "It is good!" you raise your thumb as a sign of what God did was very good.

In the beginning of everything there was no earth, neither was there sky, nor sea, nor animals. The earth was in complete darkness. But our powerful God spoke in the darkness: "Let there be light!" And immediately the light was made, scattering the darkness and showing the infinite space. "It is good!" said God. Thumbs up! From now on, when there is darkness it will be "night," and when there is light it will be "day". And this rainbow reminds me that God created the colors to make us happy. Let's continue with this journey of celebration.

The sun set and the night passed and later the light returned. It was the first day.

The second day, God made the earth and over it He carefully placed a broad blue sky. That day God created the oxygen that we breathe, the color of the blue sky to be able to see in the morning. Can you help me inhale and exhale? (*Do a short breathing exercise with the children.*) God thought of our good and stepped back and admired His creation. "It is good, too!" Thumbs up! God said and it was the end of the second day.

The next morning, God looked around and thought, "the earth needs to be a little more organized." Then, He put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another (*show the glass with the water and you can take a sip*). Mmm! What delicious water! Just as God created the beautiful colors and oxygen, He also thought of tasty water to drink so that we could live on this earth and when He had finished doing it, God made the plants to cover the earth. The flowers, the trees and the beautiful grass *appeared* (*Take out and show the fruits and vegetables*). Yes! He created every kind of fruit and vegetable, as well as grains and seeds. He thought about our health and created our food. When He observed everything, He said: "They look wonderful!" Thumbs up! and it was the end of the third day.

On the fourth day, God looked around and thought, "the light of day still needs more work and the night is too dark" (*take out the star and the sun from the box*). So, He made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and the stars to add a bit of brightness to the night. He placed them in the sky and surely retired to admire his work. "It's turning out very well," said God again. Thumbs up!

The next day, God turned His attention to the water He had collected in the oceans. (*Take out the fish*). "I want life to abound in these waters!" And as soon as He said it, so it was. Immediately, there were millions of small fish swimming fast on the surface of the water and large fish swimming in the ocean. God also made the birds (*Show the bird again*). He sent them flying through the air. "Oh, this is good!" said God. And again we raise our thumbs. The evening fell on the waters and the sky darkened and it was the end of the fifth day.

On the sixth day, God added the creatures of the earth. He made the lions and the tigers and the bears. He made the rabbits, and the sheep and the

cows. He added all kinds of animals, from ants to huge elephants. *(Take out the puppy)* Yes! He also created all the animals of the earth. But He still felt that something was missing. So God made man to enjoy and take care of everything He had created. God looked around and was very happy with everything He had done. Thumbs up! However, Adam realized that all animals had a female partner and He did not have anyone of his kind. So he asked God and God told him that he would make him a partner. He took one of Adam's ribs and formed Eva. Why? God did it because He is powerful! That is why we are in this celebration. Because God in creating this world always thought of us and our happiness.

When we celebrate with Him in heaven we will be able to see the world as beautiful as He created it, but not everything ended there!

After six days, the whole universe was complete, but on the seventh day, on Sabbath--Saturday, God took a long and pleasant rest and enjoyed observing everything He had created with his new friends, Adam and Eve. That Saturday was very special because together they celebrated everything that God had done.

Surely they walked and laughed. They played and ate tasty fruits. It was a beautiful world.

Today there is very little of what God created in that wonderful week full of beauty and joy. Because sin took away much of that beauty. Now our world is hurt, we have mistreated it, but we can become its special agents and take care of our planet. We can separate the garbage in the house, take save water when we bathe, plant trees and plants and take care of them. We can truly celebrate the creation of God, performing actions that fill our planet with joy.

### **Conclusion:**

How nice it is to know that the world was created by a wonderful God. Every Saturday we can celebrate with Jesus who created us. Surely in your school you have been taught that our planet was made through a huge explosion and that animals and even us human beings are evolving through millions of years. Oh no! When we look at our planet, we can see that it is impossible that this world was created by an explosion or we are evolving, but in this wonderful book called the Bible, we can find the history of the beginning of this world and how God created it. That's why we have so much to thank our heavenly Father because He has given us so much.

So today is a good day to say, "Celebrate God's creation!"

### **Activity 2:**

With chalk, make a hopscotch pattern on the floor or you can draw it beforehand on brown paper. Each little rectangle or triangle represents the days of creation. Ask some of the children to pass through and as they go jumping around the spaces with the numbers they can pass saying an

element that God created on that day. For example: When jumping number one, say "light", number two, say "clouds"

**Song:**

Let's sing our song together: Let's celebrate our story.

**Prayer:**

Each day you can place your prayer request and thanksgiving inside the gift box. Let's pray: "Dear heavenly Father, today all of us here are gathered together. We celebrate what you created on each day of creation. You love us so much that you thought of us by creating every beauty we see in nature. Thanks for all your love. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

# Sunday

## Celebrate His Power

**Materials:** Scenes of Adam and Eve when they sinned, faces on a popsicle stick--on one sad side and the other, a happy face, a toy snake or a picture of one, leaves of natural trees or of other material, glue, two trees and fruits made of paper other material with good and bad actions written like "I steal my partner's pencil" "I help mom to wash the dishes" (use good and bad actions), an apple or pear can be any fruit that oxidizes when bitten.

**Bible Text:** "You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples." *Psalm 77:14*

### **Introduction:**

Welcome to the celebration tonight! We are very happy that we are in a week of great celebration and joy. What celebration will we have today? (Take the title "Let's Celebrate Your Power" from the gift box. Invite one of the children or a teenager to place the title on the wall).

Today we celebrate the power of God! (Give the children the popsicle sticks with the faces on them). You have some faces, on one side is a happy face and on the other side, a sad face. You are going to lift it up by showing your happy face when I say the word "happy" and you are going to raise it and show the side of the sad face when I say the word "sad".

Remember that yesterday we talked about creation? Everything was beautiful and perfect in the garden of Eden. (Show the toy snake or a picture.) I want to show you this snake, the snakes when God created the animals were not as we know them now. Snakes were the most beautiful animals of creation, they flew and their beautiful wings shone with the sun's rays. So imagine the beautiful birds and the beautiful snakes in those moments flying in the blue sky of the garden of Eden.

### **Development:**

We do not know how much time Adam and Eve spent in the garden. In that beautiful place, God placed a tree that Adam and Eve could not eat. It was called "The tree of the knowledge of good and evil". One day, Eve was walking very happily in the garden--*Very good, thank you for raising the happy face*--when she heard a sweet voice behind her. The voice asked softly, "Has God told you that you can eat the fruit of all the trees?" Eve turned around and saw that a snake was talking to her! You can imagine how impressive it was to see an animal talking, when Eve had only heard Adam and God speak, but hearing an animal speak was impossible!

Eve told the serpent: "God has told us that we can eat of all the fruits except those that grow in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The snake replied: "Oh, please, what nonsense to think that such a beautiful fruit can

hurt you," the snake lied to Eve. "God knows that if you eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you will become like Him: a god, and you will be able to decide for yourself what is right and what is wrong." Eve became happier and looked at the beautiful and tasty fruit and thought about how delicious it looked. She also thought about how wonderful it would be to be as wise and powerful as God. She believed the lie of the serpent and ate the fruit and also gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he also ate.

Eve had a strange feeling. She became restless and wondered what was happening to her. Suddenly she realized that she felt guilty. They did not know what it was like to feel guilty! They also did not know what it was like to feel sad! They had disobeyed God and knew that they had done wrong. As soon as they ate the fruit, Adam and Eve changed. They became unhappy, their faces were sad and God-fearing. Surely they began to notice that the gentle lion was now beginning to bother and want to eat his friend, the sheep. Now the beautiful roses had thorns, they began to feel cold, the leaves of the trees began to fall, the beautiful garden was disappearing. Adam and Eve were sad. They also realized that they were naked. Now they were ashamed, so they tried to cover themselves with leaves and that was when they heard that God was calling them. Without thinking, they tried to hide, but God knew where they were. Because God is very powerful and when God asked them if they had eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that He had asked them not to touch, they blamed each other for having eaten of it.

God was sad because Adam and Eve had disobeyed and lied to Him. He told them that they had to leave the Garden of Eden. From now on they would have to survive and work the earth with great effort. They would have to make their clothes and sow their food. And the beautiful serpent now could no longer fly. It would begin to crawl, and so it has to this day. Nothing would be easily given to Adam and Eve, and the saddest thing is that one day they would die.

**Conclusion:**

Despite the sadness that the disobedience of Adam and Eve brought to the newly created world, God already had a wonderful and powerful plan. That plan was called "The plan of redemption". The pain, sorrow and suffering that was now on the earth and the evil angel called Satan who had been cast out of heaven for disobeying, now he himself had become a beautiful serpent like those in Eden to make Adam and Eve disobey, and put an end to God's plans. But God is more powerful and He thought beforehand that one day Jesus would come in the form of man, to save all humanity.

**Activity:**

We are going to perform the following activity. Before the activity, I will take a bite, or two rather, from this apple. (*Bite the apple twice*). I will leave it aside while doing the activity.

Here are two trees, some of you have different fruits with written actions. The tree on the left is the tree of evil and the tree on the right is the tree of good. I'm going to ask the children with the good deeds to come forward and read us the good deeds. (*Let them read them and then paste them in the tree, do the same with bad actions*).

On the tree on the left are the bad actions, those actions remind me that we live in a world of sin. And this apple that I have here (*take up the bitten apple*), observe how it became after I gave it two bites. The color changed. It is not that beautiful fresh apple anymore. What happened? It oxidized. So it is with our life when we turn away from God as did Adam and Eve, when they disobeyed God and went away and went to eat from the tree that God had told them not to eat of. Today we want to be close to Jesus, keep learning from Him and be obedient.

**Song:**

Let's sing our theme song: Let's celebrate our story. Let's use our instruments for this celebration.

**Prayer:**

"Dear heavenly Father, we are happy for this celebration, because you are so powerful that despite sin entering into this world by disobedience, with Your power You created a plan so that we might not die forever. We Celebrate Your power in the name of Jesus, amen."

**Suggested Supper:**

Lentil hamburgers

Apple slices

Natural fruit juice

# Monday

## Celebrate His Law

**Materials:** The tablets of the ten commandments, traffic regulations, school regulations and other regulations to show. Images of Moses receiving the tablets of the 10 commandments, a mirror, some mud, a towel and a bowl of water.

**Bible Text:** *“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”* Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV

### **Introduction:**

Welcome to another night of celebration! I am happy to greet you and together continue celebrating what God has done for each one of us. Do you want to know what we will celebrate tonight? First, I want to show you this: booklets. Do you know what it is? That's right, it's a transit regulation and I'm going to ask you some questions. What happens if a person does not study this regulation? (*allow children to respond*). Indeed, a person who does not obey traffic rules can get a traffic ticket or worse, suffer an accident.

There are also school regulations. This regulation serves so that the school can work in harmony and the students along with the teachers, are saved from many problems.

There are also laws that as citizens we must respect, because otherwise we would go to jail or we could not live with our neighbors. Do you want to know what we celebrate tonight? Yes! It has to do with the regulations and to know what our celebration will be, let's see what's inside the gift box (*take out the gift box that night's title*). Can you help me read it? Yes! “Celebrate His Law”. God put 10 regulations that help us to live happily. And I'll tell you how this celebration happened.

### **Development:**

After the entrance of sin as we heard last night, the people were no longer good. They killed each other and the descendants of Adam and Eve were forgetting about God until they became slaves to the Egyptian people. Many years have passed since that sad moment, but God never forgets those who love Him. And one of those good men who loved God and wanted to serve Him was Moses.

God had chosen him after several trials to be the leader of the people of Israel and free them from the rule of the Egyptians. When they left Egypt they were many; it was a whole town! More than ten thousand people. Now they

were free! And the Israelites walked in the desert for about three months. Really tired and hot! But they had to get to the land that God had promised them.

When they arrived at Mount Sinai they were going to stay there for a while because the mountain was like a refuge so that they could live for a time before arriving at that desired place and being able to live in freedom and worship God.

Moses decided to go up the mountain to talk to God. This was to celebrate. Moses was a friend of God. He took time to go to the mountain.

God spoke with Moses and told him to tell the Israelites to prepare themselves. Moses went down to tell the people to bathe and clean all their clothes. God is pleased when we celebrate in a clean and orderly manner. That is why we come to the church bathed and clean because He is the King of the Universe and we must present ourselves before Him just as the Israelites received Him.

In doing this, the people were preparing to hear important words from God. No, they could not now see God as Adam and Eve did because sin had stained that relationship of being able to see God face to face. So Moses was the messenger of God, he was the one who listened to Him, but he could not see Him anyway, but God loved him so much that He wanted to celebrate with Moses because he was His friend.

On the third morning after Moses had spoken with God, the Israelites were busy preparing their breakfasts when suddenly it rumbled loudly and a ray of light came from out over the mountain. Anyone who was still asleep was surprised and suddenly woke up. Everyone went out to look, and right over the mountain there was lightning and thunder, and a very thick cloud was on the mountain, so the people of Israel could not see the top. Even the mountain shook and you could hear the sound of trumpets that sounded very loudly. How exciting! God had to speak to His people through Moses. So Moses went up the mountain to listen to God one more time.

On this occasion God told Moses, "Go down to the people and tell them not to follow you up the mountain, the mountain is a special place because I am here." So Moses warned the people not to touch or approach the mountain. After that, Moses went back up the mountain. But this time he stayed there for a very long time, 40 days and 40 nights! God surely had a lot to tell him. God wanted to instruct the people on how to live. By following His rules, they would have less sadness in their lives. God just wanted to protect them. That is what the love of God does.

It's like when our parents give us rules to protect us, like: look both ways before crossing the street, or do not hit your brother or sister. They give us rules because they love us and know what is best for us.

On a tablet made of stone God wrote with his own finger ten rules not only for the people of Israel, but for all of us. Because we are sons and daughters of God.

And it is a moment that we will celebrate talking about the ten commandments that God gave to Moses. 10 rules that bring happiness to our lives and our homes if we obey each of them. And I would like that together you help me to repeat them. Remember that as you listen and read each commandment, they are all equally important. None is more important than the other. Let's read them all together (There may be a voice of a male with echo effect that recites the commandments).

1. Love God above all things.
2. Worship God alone.
3. Do not use my name in a bad way.
4. Keep the Sabbath as a special day.
5. Give honor to your parents.
6. Do not kill people.
7. Be true to your husband or wife when you are married.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie about other people.
10. Do not want to have what others have.

This is a simple way to understand the 10 commandments of the Law of God. But now I will explain each of them.

-The first commandment is to put God first. This means that nothing should be more important than God. For example, a hobby you like, television or video games, or even your friends and family should not be more important to you than God.

-The second commandment is to worship God alone. This is like the first commandment. God wants our love, and He does not want us to reverence or adore a statue just because we cannot see Him. In other words, God is the only one we must worship and call upon.

-The third commandment is one that few people really obey. God commands us to use His name with respect. Many people use the name of God as a curse word, or they say it when they are angry. God wants us to use His name when we are talking to Him, or talking to others about Him in a reverent way.

-The fourth commandment is a commandment of celebration, because we remember that it is the day of rest of God. On the Sabbath God wants us to remember that He is our Creator and to celebrate it. When God made the world in six days, He rested on the seventh day. This day asks us to be happy and to enjoy the celebration together with our family.

-The fifth commandment may be a little complicated for some of you, but it is very important as well as the other commandments that we obey.

He tells us to respect our parents. Sometimes you may think that you know what is best, or you may be frustrated because your parents do not allow you to do something. Remember that your parents were children like you and they are trying to keep you safe and prevent you from making the same mistakes they have already made.

-The sixth commandment asks us not to hurt others. Now imagine for a minute if everyone in the whole world obeyed this rule as God wants us to. We probably would not have prisons and we would get along well with each other. But this is impossible because not everyone enjoys celebrating His law.

-The seventh commandment is for those who are married. God tells us to be faithful in marriage. He wants us to love our wife or husband, even if the husband or wife gets angry from time to time.

-The eighth commandment says: Do not steal. This means that we should not take something that does not belong to us. Little or much, it's the same. In this way we cannot celebrate with our God.

-The ninth commandment is: Do not lie. It is always better to tell the truth, and as long as we do, we will not do anything that can make us lie. Usually our parents know when we are lying anyway, and if they do not catch you, God sees and hears everything and He knows.

-The tenth commandment says: Do not envy anyone. This means that we should not want to have the things that another person has. I know there is always a new toy or a game, there's always something we want to have. It is important to remember that these things are not really important. God is the most important thing.

The list of rules may seem impossible to follow all the time, but when we become permanent friends with our God, obeying His Ten Commandments is a joy. When we disobey, we suffer the consequences and this saddens Jesus. However, when we make a mistake and we repent, God forgives us, if we have hurt someone we should ask for forgiveness and try to be better people next time.

### **Conclusion:**

The Law of God is like a mirror. If I stain or dirty my face with a little bit of mud that represents the sin of the world in which we live, I cannot see myself that I'm dirty, but when I look in the mirror, I can see that I am dirty. This is the Law of God; it is like a mirror that tells me if I am disobeying the Law of God.

This is a good time to celebrate the Law of God and if some of us bring a stain of sin, let us look at ourselves in the mirror of the Law of God and kneel to ask for forgiveness and that stain immediately moves away from our life. That's why I wash my face in this container and when I look at myself in the mirror again, I realize that I am clean.

### **Activity:**

We are going to do an activity that deals with the impossible that is to get rid of the sin of our life by ourselves.

I'm going to give a piece of tape to each of you and our friends who visit us (*you can put the tape on entering the church, make sure everyone has a piece*). I'm going to ask you to take the tape and to stick it on the back of the left hand. Now let's see who can remove the tape from the left hand using nothing more than the left hand itself. That's right, nobody can remove the tape with his or her hand (*Give them a moment to try*). Exactly that's the sin in our lives. Now with our right hand remove the tape (*Remove tape*). The right hand represents Jesus who comes to help us and when we move the tape from our left hand we feel freed.

This is our precisely our life. So let's celebrate our God who gave us His Law to be happy.

**Song:** Sing together the theme song: Let's celebrate our story.

**Prayer:**

"Dear heavenly Father, today we celebrate the law that you left for us so that we can be happy. We praise you and give you thanks because you always think of our well-being. In the name of Jesus, amen."

**Suggested Supper:**

Chopped fruit

Bean tacos with lettuce and salsa

# Tuesday

## Celebrate His Birth

**Materials:** Birthday cake with a candle, photographs of the children when they were babies (Remind them to bring a baby picture a few days beforehand, and it may be recommended that the person telling the story be seen as Mary, with a real baby or a wrapped doll, a man dressed as an angel, or a man dressed as Joseph.

**Bible text:** *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*  
Isaiah 9:6

### **Introduction:**

Look what I have here! It's a tasty birthday cake and it has a candle because today we will celebrate a birthday. Yes, Jesus' birthday! The Bible does not say when Jesus was born, so any date is good to celebrate. Do you like the idea of celebrating Jesus' birthday? Yes! I am also happy to celebrate the birth of Jesus. So today will be a night of celebration.

Do you remember those sad moments when sin entered the world? When Adam and Eve sinned, Heaven already had a rescue plan for this world that was in sin and without hope.

### **Development:**

Mary was cleaning her house. She was the prettiest girl in Nazareth. The people of the city knew Mary. She was very kind, she greeted the people and helped those in need. While she swept, an Angel appeared to her (*the angel can appear lifting up his arms*). Mary was afraid. She asked, "Who are you?" "Don't be afraid Mary, you have been chosen to give birth to the Son of God." Mary was very afraid but at the same time happy. For many years all the women wanted to be chosen to give birth to the Son of God to save God's people. And the hour had arrived, Mary was chosen. The Angel Gabriel continued saying: "The baby that you have will be called Jesus." Mary was afraid and confused because she wasn't married yet, but the Angle told her not to worry, that it was the Son of God that would be born and her cousin Elizabeth would have another baby that as he grew up would announce that her son was the Son of God.

That boy would be called John. Imagine the happiness in the homes of that family in Nazareth! There would be two special babies.

Mary accepted the message and with humility told the Angel "May God's will be done in me."

Several months had already passed. Mary was happy about the birth of the Son of God. Joseph was also happy. The Angel Gabriel had also visited him giving him the marvelous news.

One morning Joseph told Mary: "Mary, we have to go to Bethlehem to register in the books because they are counting all of its inhabitants. Mary packed their things and they began the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On the way there were many travelers that traveled on their donkeys, horses and others walked to fulfill the government mandate. Mary was very tired, but finally they arrived to Bethlehem. It had been a long trip. When they arrived to Bethlehem, Joseph looked for a place where they could stay because it was almost time for the baby to be born.

They looked for hotels and houses where they could stay the night. But they didn't find any place. Everything was full due to the amount of people that had arrived to the town.

A good man when he saw them so worried and Mary pregnant, told them: "I have a small stable where you can stay the night." Joseph accepted and the man took them to the stable where the animals were sleeping. Joseph accommodated Mary and prepared a small crib for the baby that would be born. He took the trough, the place where the animals drank from and filled it with straw. Mary brought some beautiful sheets and fixed them in such a way that it looked like a small cushion for the baby Jesus, the Son of God. That night the cry of a beautiful baby was heard, the cry of the one who would save the world from its sins.

Not far from there were some shepherds sleeping alongside their flock. Some were sleeping and others were talking about when the coming of the king would be that would free them. While they were talking, the sky began to shine in mid night! The shepherds were afraid, but an Angel appeared to them and said, "Do not be afraid, because today in Bethlehem Jesus has been born. Go, you will find him lying in a manger." The shepherds were happy. The news that they waited to hear for so many years was now a reality. When the Angel left, a great chorus of Angeles began to sing. Can you imagine a scene so wonderful? They were surprised to see the sky this way, but at the same time they were happy and they ran to where the baby Jesus was. They saw him just as the Angel had told them. He was lying in a manger. Joseph and Mary were also surprised to see how the shepherds had come to see and worship the baby Jesus. What joy the shepherds must have experienced!

But they were not the only ones notified about the birth of Jesus. Some wise astrologers, had been following a star that shone in the sky. They knew that it was no ordinary star; that it was a special star. They followed it until it stopped above the small town of Bethlehem.

The wise men stopped their animals that they rode on and climbed down to worship the small king that had been born in a stable. They saw him lying in a manger. His face was so beautiful. His mom Mary and dad Joseph were happy to see how God had guided and loved them. The wise men took out their gifts that they had brought for the small, precious baby that had been

born. They placed gold, frankincense and myrrh at the feet of the manger. They were gifts worthy for a king. Gifts that were offered because they were celebrating a great event. The Savior of the world had been born!

**Conclusion:**

For that beautiful event: The birth of our beloved Jesus, we are celebrating today. We celebrate that heaven loves us so much that it could not let this world be destroyed due to sin. Now there was home for salvation. That night was the most beautiful night in the world.

Our theme song says: we celebrate that God gave himself, giving salvation to all. How about we sing it together!

**Song:**

Sing the theme song: Let's celebrate our story

**Prayer:**

"Dear heavenly Father. We are thankful to you for the wonderful gift that you gave in sending your son, Jesus, as a baby. Today we celebrate his coming and we are happy to be your children just like Jesus is. In Jesus' name, amen."

**Suggested supper:**

It is suggested to prepare a supper with foods that represent a manger. Also you can serve the cake and sing: "Happy Birthday to you."

# Wednesday

## “Celebrate His Ministry”

**Materials:** A man dressed as Jesus and another as John the Baptist, a blank sheet of paper for the doves and to symbolize the water with strips of paper.

**Bible text:** “*This is my beloved Son*” Matthew 3:17

### **Introduction:**

Today I am going to tell you a special story that happened when Jesus became a man. From the time he was a boy he knew that he was set apart for a special mission: The salvation of this world.

His mom had read to him daily the stories of how God had guided his people after the sin in Eden. Jesus also helped his father Joseph in the carpenter’s shop, and he did so happily. He knew that all that he could learn would help him to fulfill the mission that he had come into the world to fulfill.

### **Development:**

One day, as Jesus walked along the shore of the Jordan River, he knew the time had come to begin his ministry. For 30 years he had been preparing for the work that heaven had assigned him.

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, she knew that she was pregnant just like her. She went happily because the Angel had announced that this boy would announce the coming of Jesus and even though the baby was in his mother, Elizabeth’s womb, he leaped with joy having heard the sweet voice of Mary who was also pregnant with the baby Jesus. This baby Elizabeth would name John.

As John grew, he preached for a long time that the Messiah would come. One day as Jesus walked along the Jordan River, John was baptizing and when he saw Jesus, he extended his hand and said: “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

John the Baptist as he was called because he baptized people, took Jesus in his arms and submerged him in the water (*dramatize the baptism of Jesus, bring down the dove*). When Jesus came up out of the waters of the Jordan River, the heavens opened and a dove lit upon Jesus’ head. That dove was the Holy Spirit. A voice was heard from heaven that said: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” The people that followed John the Baptist marveled at the beautiful scene. John told them that who he had just baptized was the Son of God, the Messiah that they had been waiting for for so many years. The people were surprised to see that Jesus was so simple. His clothes, his sandals; he was dressed like them. He didn’t look like the person of high hierarchy, but the face of Jesus was sweet and loving.

But you know what? When Jesus began his ministry it was not how many believed it would be. Everyone expected a great king that would free them

from the Romans. But Jesus was simple; he came in poverty to be our example. After his baptism Jesus went to a solitary place for 40 days to think about many things. There Satan himself, the evil angel that disguised himself as a serpent to make Adam and Eve sin, wanted to make Jesus sin. Three times Satan tried to make Jesus violate the law of God. But Jesus didn't do that. He remained strong and faithful to God, his Father. After Jesus returned from the desert, he met some men that became his first followers or disciples. Some of them are: Andrew, Peter also called Simon, Phillip, and Nathaniel. Jesus and his disciples left to Galilea. They had heard that the Messiah would come. They listened to John the Baptist. They stopped in Cana of Galilea, where there was a wedding, and Jesus performed his first miracle. Do you know what it was? Jesus turned water into grape juice. Jesus likes to celebrate! That is why he enjoyed serving through his ministry and seeing the people happy. Jesus did a lot of miracles. His friends and disciples loved him and they share special moments together. When Jesus arrived to every city, town or suburb, there was joy and healing.

**Conclusion:**

Girls, boys and teens, the life of Jesus is the model that God has given so that we can follow his example and live lives that are pleasing to Him. Studying the life of Jesus, we learn the priorities that He had, his attitudes and his acts. With his baptism Jesus identified with the lost humanity, even though he didn't have sin. Today baptism identifies us with Jesus and shows that we have recognized the need of Him to be our Lord and Savior. Today we are challenged to follow the example of Jesus.

**Activity:**

Baptism means a new beginning. We are going to do the following activity: The children will align the wall. The children will obey the teacher when she says: "Run to the end of the room, jump till the first table or jump to until you get to the chair." When the teacher says: "New beginning," the children will return to the place where they began to play the game again. Repeat the activity as many times as you can and tell them that the lesson today teaches us about having a new beginning in our lives.

**Song:** We are going to sing our song: Let's celebrate our story

**Prayer:**

When Jesus was serving through his ministry in the earth he taught his disciples how to pray. Repeat the Lord's Prayer after me.

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Suggested supper:**

Grape juice

Toast with compliments (spreads, jellies, etc)

# Thursday

## Celebrate His Sacrifice of Love

**Materials:** Pictures in PowerPoint from the Passion of the Christ, a cross with a maroon-colored scarf, adhesive tape, and paper or foam hearts for each child and adolescent.

**Bible text:** *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* Isaiah 53:6

### **Introduction:**

Today we continue to celebrate our heavenly Father. And the best of all the celebrations is the celebration of the sacrifice that our Father made in sending His Son Jesus to die for us and in that way we can live eternally with Him if we accept Him in our hearts.

### **Development:**

On Tuesday we celebrated the birth of Jesus. He came to this earth with a mission. The mission of Jesus here in the earth was to restore the friendship that was broken between God and the humanity since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. The wages that each person has to pay for their sins was paid by Jesus with his death on the cross. Jesus fulfilled his mission and now every person in this world has the option to accept his sacrifice of love.

Jesus had celebrated the Passover supper with his Friends, but that night, one of his Friends was going to betray him. However, even when Jesus knew it, he spoke to them with love and kindness.

So, after leaving the supper with his friends, Jesus and his apostles went to the garden of Gethsemane. That night Jesus asked them to stay awake and pray. While He went a little further away and knelt and began to pray. Jesus was really sad because he knew he was going to die. He was afraid because he was carrying with him all the sins of the world. His sadness became even greater when he returned to where his disciples were and found them sleeping. Three times Jesus asked them to stay awake, but every time He returned He found them sleeping. Finally, he told them: "How can you sleep in a time like this?" The last time he returned, Jesus didn't tell them to pray but said: "The hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." At that moment the noise of many people was heard. "Look!" shouted his disciples, "they are coming with swords and staves." "And they have torches!" said Simon. When the angry multitude drew close, someone came out from the crowd and came over to where Jesus was and kissed him. That man was Judas Iscariot! His disciple, his friend who he had celebrated many beautiful moments with.

Jesus asked him, "Judas, do you betray me with a kiss?" Yes, the kiss was a sign that Judas used to identify which of the men was Jesus who they were looking for. That is why the enemies of Jesus gave way to let him come forward to extend his hand. But Peter who loved Jesus wasn't going to let them take Jesus. He took out his sword that he carried and attacked the soldier that was taking hold of Jesus. He cut off his right ear. But Jesus seeing the man's hurt ear, touched it and healed it.

Jesus told Peter to put away his sword and asked him, "Do you not believe that I can pray to my Father and he give me more than twelve legions of angels to save me?" He let them do all this because there was no other way to save humanity.

Jesus was taken away to be "judged." Really there was nothing to judge our beloved Jesus. Even those who had to judge him said they could not find evil in Him because He had only brought love to this world. Satan did not want Jesus to die for this world of pain, because he knew that at the moment of death we would be saved and we could celebrate that sacrifice of love forever. Satan is angry that we celebrate with Jesus.

When the religious leaders took Jesus away, his disciples fled, they had become frightened and left him alone with His enemies. But the apostles Peter and John did not go very far. They wanted to be close to their friend Jesus. They were following to see what was happening with Jesus.

The priests took Jesus to old Annas, who had been high priest. The crowd did not stay long. They then took Jesus to the house of Caiaphas, who was now the high priest. There were many religious leaders and in the house of Caiaphas a trial was held against Jesus. They brought some men to lie about Jesus. All the religious leaders said: "Jesus must be put to death." Then they spat in Jesus' face and punched him. While all this was happening, Peter was outside in the courtyard. It was a cold night, and the people lit a bonfire to warm themselves. While they were warming themselves around the fire, a maid looked at Peter and said, "This man was also with Jesus" and Peter replied: "No, I was not with Him!"

Three times people told Peter that He was with Jesus. But every time Peter told them no. The third time Peter said this, Jesus turned and looked at him with compassion. Peter felt very sad for having lied and denied his friend Jesus, and leaving the place he started crying.

When the sun rose on Friday morning, the priests took Jesus to the great meeting place, the hall of the Sanhedrin. In that place they knew what they were going to do with Him. They took him to Pontius Pilate, the governor of the district of Judea.

"This is a bad man," they told Pilate. "You have to kill him." Pilate, after asking Jesus questions, says: "I do not see that He has done anything wrong." Then Pilate had Jesus taken to Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, who was in

Jerusalem. He also does not see that Jesus did something wrong, and he returns Him to Pilate.

Pilate wants to let Jesus go. But the enemies of Jesus want Pilate to let another prisoner go—Barabbas the thief. Now it's almost noon when Pilate takes Jesus out. Pilate tells the people: "Look! Your king!" But the chief priests shout: "Take Him away! Kill Him!" Thus, Barabbas goes free, and Jesus is taken away to be killed.

Early on Friday afternoon they hung him on the cross and on each side of Jesus they also put a criminal on a cross to die.

How sad that Friday was when Jesus hung on a cross with thirst, pain and exhaustion, could only exclaim "It is finished" and then there was a great earthquake, because now Jesus had defeated the enemy! Since then, we can now be saved, now we can no longer be prey to the evil Satan, now we have the hope of a new home like our parents Adam and Eve in the beautiful garden.

On Friday, when Jesus died, he was taken down from the cross and taken to a tomb that one of his friends and followers had.

Jesus rested on Sabbath. For his friends it was a sad Sabbath because their friend had died. But on the third day after his death, Jesus was resurrected. That day he appeared to his followers five different times. He kept showing up for 40 days. Finally, while some of his disciples watched, Jesus returned to heaven to prepare a beautiful home for you and me.

**Conclusion:**

This is a very special moment to celebrate! Because now we do not celebrate the death of Jesus, but we celebrate that now we are saved and that the pain of this world will end and that just as Jesus left, when he returns for the second time, not only will a small group of people see him, but what millions and millions of people will see Him, and you and I will have the privilege of being able to see that glorious day.

**Activity:**

Here is an empty cross (*point to the cross*) because that cross only reminds us to celebrate each day the sacrifice of our friend Jesus. (*Make sure each child has a heart.*) You have hearts that represent each one of us. Those who accept the death of Jesus and his salvation, can come forward and use tape to stick their hearts to the cross. That means they want to give their hearts to Jesus and accept the salvation He offers us.

**Song:**

Let's sing: Let's celebrate our story

**Prayer:**

"Dear heavenly Father, we thank you and celebrate the gift of love you gave us by sending your Son Jesus to die for us and thus be free and saved"

**Suggested Supper:**

Vegetarian ham sandwich and add-ons, Chopped fruit, Water

# Friday

## Celebrate His Friendship

**Materials:** A figure of Jesus for the activity, materials for the activity, mirrors for the song

**Bible text:** *"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."* John 15:14-15

### **Introduction:**

Good evening! This evening is an evening of celebration with our friend Jesus. We will celebrate our friendship with Him. But first, I would like to ask you some questions. What is a friend? (*Let the children express themselves*). A friend is a companion, he is kind, he is like a brother. It is someone who is entrusted with secrets and everything is shared. In a true friend there is never betrayal. They don't speak ill of you, or leave you and they don't reveal your secrets to others. The love between friends is disinterested, it is true. Nothing is worth as much as a good friend. And tonight we will celebrate that we found and have our friend Jesus.

### **Development:**

Our story begins with Jesus and his disciples. He was teaching them about what it was to be a friend. A friend loves truly; he gives his life for his friends. And that was what Jesus was about to demonstrate: his great love for humanity, and he was going to show it by dying on the cross.

Just like the disciples of that time, Jesus chose us today to be his friends. But we will be his friends if we do what He commands us; if we obey him. What Jesus gives us as a friend, is loyalty, and unconditional love.

Now the disciples were not servants of Jesus, they had already moved on to another level, Jesus was considering them his friends, because he had revealed to them many secrets of heaven; of his Father. The disciples had not chosen Jesus but it was Jesus who chose each one of them. And so it has happened with us in this time, he chose us to be his disciples. Yes! You are his disciple and his friend. Jesus chose us as his friends and it is good for us to overflow in love and in adoration to Him, to have that space for communion with Him. That's right, it is to pray, but not in a boring way, but to converse with Him. How can we have friendship with Him? When we study His word, pray and share with others, we begin to look like Him. Remember that in the celebration of His ministry we spoke about His face and kind character. Friends when they have spent a lot of time together come to resemble each other! They talk the same, they like the same games, the same activities, food, in short, they are so similar that this is how we also come to look like Jesus.

Now is the time to have friendship with Him, because He has offered to be our Friend. The disciples had nothing to offer Him, just like us, just a huge desire to be His friend.

When He was serving on earth, Jesus knew that many people approached him looking for some interest and not looking for him with a true heart, but even so, he never stopped loving, even knowing what was in the people's hearts. But we will only be his friends, if we do what He asks us, everyone who walked with Jesus, received what was in Him, and if I am with Jesus, my Friend, I will receive what is in Him. Nobody has greater love than Jesus, who gave His life for you and for me.

Jesus was already about to demonstrate His great love as a Friend and was praying in Gethsemane when Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived. Also many people with sticks and swords, were going to arrest Him. Judas immediately approached Jesus and as a sign, he kissed Jesus to identify Him. Then Jesus said to Judas: "Friend, what have you come here for?" Jesus considered Judas as a friend, but Judas was not a friend of Jesus.

Jesus was hurt by his friend's betrayal, but Judas did not want to be His friend and that is why he betrayed Him.

When we do not do what Jesus wants, we become Judas. We betray Jesus. We use sticks and clubs, as they used to arrest Jesus. A friend does not betray his friends. Judas betrayed the Master, the Friend and he would never find anyone like Him.

Judas knew all the places where Jesus met, because Jesus as Friend, revealed to them all the secrets of the Father. Judas broke with the friendship of the Master and the words that Jesus used - Friend, what have you come here for? They hurt Judas a lot. He was so hurt by the word "Friend" that he returned the money which he had sold the Master for to try to fix what he had done. But it was too late. What he did, was done. He broke up with his Friend. Judas had no affection for Jesus. He betrayed Him; he sold Him.

Do you know how much Jesus loves us? Yes, His love is so much that He laid down His life for us. Jesus' friendship fills us. Our Friend tells us what to do, commands us, asks us, and gives us instructions.

### **Conclusion:**

Today we can show that we are friends of Jesus, obeying Him in everything. Jesus constantly told his disciples that He would go to heaven to prepare a beautiful place to live with us. And do you know why He did that? Because friends are told nice things. That is why we have to make known to everyone that we are friends of Jesus. He chose us. We have to take care of our life because it is a privilege to be chosen as friends of Jesus.

### **Activity:**

The game consists of each child reaching the figure of Jesus. In advance make a large figure of Jesus and place it on a wall. You can vary the activity for the bigger ones. You can ask them questions in group or individually, if

they answer the question they can move towards the figure of Jesus. Or they cover their eyes and try to reach Jesus without seeing, and with adhesive tape, placing their "I" on the figure of Jesus.

**Song:**

Let's sing the song: **Let's celebrate our story**

**Prayer:**

Dear heavenly Father. We are very grateful to you because You call us friends. Today I want to be that special friend for us to be together at all times and that many more friends know you through my friendship with You. In the name of Jesus, amen.

**Suggested supper:**

Flavored water

Chopped fruit

Vegetable tamales and a salad

# Sabbath

## Celebrate our Redemption

**Materials:** Crowns for each participant, scenes of the second coming, posters for each team, colors, markers, magazines to cut and glue.

**Bible text:** "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."  
1 Corinthians 2:9

### **Introduction:**

We have remembered memorable moments of celebration and that we must celebrate every day.

We all want to be able to celebrate that special moment with Jesus and remember what God has done for us. It is a joy to know that in heaven everything will be a beautiful celebration. Every day we will celebrate with our Creator, Friend, Savior and Redeemer.

We cannot imagine what heaven will be like, we can only see images but nothing resembles what it will really be like. "Things that eye has not seen, nor ear heard." Paul says it will be wonderful, something more beautiful than we can imagine!

Sing together the hymn "When He Cometh" hymn # 218

### **Development:**

A teacher instructed her students to draw a picture of the heaven. A third grade girl drew a pool, a forest, many friends and Jesus sitting on the side, watching calmly and happy for the joy of his friends. Under Him she wrote: not only for vacations, but forever. Not only for rich children, but for all.

A boy from a city drew a procession: everyone sang a cheerful tune that transformed the city into a happy atmosphere and Jesus attending and receiving explanations from a poor but very well dressed woman.

Jesus compares heaven with a banquet. Yes, like a big party, a great celebration and you know what? Everything is ready for that great celebration! Let's look in our Bibles in Matthew 22:4 and we can read how everything is being prepared for that great celebration. "He sent out other servants saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" He will serve the table himself! Matthew 19:29 says that in the future when we are in Heaven, it will be a hundred times better than the present life. It will be like a treasure to be found, like fresh water on the road after a tiring march through the desert, it will be like the Father's house where we already have a place prepared. It will be a pleasant life and forever. It will be eternal life!

And I would like to ask you: "What do Jesus and the two children who made their drawings have in common?" (*Let them give their answers*) "Why?" (*Listen again*). Excellent answers.

That's right, the children dreamed about the future, thinking about the beautiful things of the present life. When you dream about heaven, what ideas do you have? (*Allow children to respond*)

Everyone dreams and imagines Heaven in different ways. Sister White had a vision of what this beautiful place would be like to celebrate with Jesus.

The lions that we are so afraid of here on earth are going to be tame and run with the innocent lambs and children. The trees will be straight and tall. They will not have any imperfections! I am excited to know that we can play the harps and put our crowns on our heads. (*They can place their crowns on their heads*). We will praise God for eternity and we will sing in the great heavenly celebration in gratitude for what He did for us.

When Adam and Eve sinned, the Garden of Eden was left long enough for them and their descendants to observe the consequences of disobeying God. It was very sad to see for the settlers of Noah's time how that beautiful garden was destroyed by the great flood. Today we can only see some beautiful parts of that creation of God. But when we are in the new earth, that garden will be more beautiful than the one God created on earth.

We will be growing little by little until we are like Adam and Eve when God created them, tall and very handsome. So you can imagine how we will be in heaven.

There will be no more disease, no one will cry, no one will ever suffer again, children will be able to play with all the animals without fear of being hurt.

In heaven there will be beautiful houses of silver, says Sister White who saw those houses with shelves or hooks and all of us who celebrated with Jesus placed those crowns on them. Our life will be in total happiness, praising and celebrating with Jesus.

We will be able to walk through the beautiful celestial forests. No, they will not make us scared, but we will be able to enjoy the great and beautiful trees. We will also be able to see and talk with the martyrs who died for love of Jesus. They will celebrate together with us! And you know what? The ten commandments will also be there because they will remind us of that Law of love.

Part of the celebration and exists in all celebrations, there will be delicious food. A large silver table with tasty and delicious fruits, almonds, manna, figs we will NOT have to see if they are good! Because all fruits and foods will be delicious.

Tired? There we will not get tired, we will enjoy doing work, we will be busy all the time, we will sit down to talk with Jesus for eternity! We will meet all the people of the Bible that were faithful.

**Conclusion:**

A better world awaits us, the most beautiful celebration of all is waiting for us. Every Sabbath is a celebration to remember that very soon we will be with Jesus for eternity.

Today I want to ask you, "Do you want to celebrate with Jesus? If so, today is the day for you to decide to be on Jesus' side. You don't have to do anything, just accept his love and celebrate with him every day.

**Activity:**

We will group into teams and each one will have a poster. On it each team will make and design with drawings, cuttings, their new earth.

You only have 10 minutes. At the end we will make an exhibition as a celebration of that day so longed for.

**Song:**

While we think on and imagine these beautiful, celestial scenes, I invite you to sing together **"When we all get to heaven"** Hymn 633

1

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;  
Sing his mercy and his grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain

When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory!

2

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,  
Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when traveling days are over,  
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

3

Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving every day;  
Just one glimpse of him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay.

4

Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open;

We shall tread the streets of gold.

**Prayer:**

“Dear heavenly Father, we are very happy to celebrate with you for eternity. Thank you because you will come for us again. We are waiting for you and want to live for eternity with you. Amen”