

Bible adventures

for young readers

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God
loves me
28 ways



GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"The Sabbath day was made to help people. ... [Jesus] is Lord even of the Sabbath." *Mark 2:27, 28*

STORY TIME

Dad stood in the doorway of my bedroom smiling. "Do you know what tomorrow is?" he asked.

I grinned. "Yes I do. Tomorrow is Tuesday."

My father nodded. "And someone is having a birthday. Do you know who is having a birthday tomorrow?"

"Mom?" I asked.

"No."

"Jessica?"

"No."

"Abraham Lincoln?"

Dad frowned. "His birthday isn't for another three months."



“Well,” I said. “That only leaves one person in our family who might be having a birthday. Me!” My father sat down on the bed and sighed. “You had your birthday last month,” he said, trying to sound pitiful. “Remember? I gave you a tug boat that sank in the pond like a stone.” I laughed. “Don’t worry, Daddy,” I said. “I was only teasing. I know it’s your birthday tomorrow. And I’ve already bought your gift. It’s something you will really, really like.” Dad smiled. “I love my birthday,” he said. “I like getting gifts and eating cake. It’s like Sabbath.” “Sabbath?” I gasped. “How is a birthday like Sabbath?”

My father thought for a moment. “Well, it’s a day to remember a special person.” “We remember God on the Sabbath, right?” I asked.

“Yes. And we bring gifts of tithes and offerings. We all get together and sing. And there’s usually food—sometimes even a cake. Oh, and instead of someone being one year older, we celebrate the fact that Jesus created this world and that we’re one week closer to when He will return and take us all to Heaven.”



“Hey, you’re right, Daddy,” I said. “In Sabbath School we play games and read about Jesus. Each Sabbath we dress up in our best clothes just like when we go to a birthday party. Wow. Sabbath is like a celebration for a special person.” I smiled. “Maybe I should give Jesus this gift I’m wrapping. Do you think He needs a new red necktie?”

“Red?” Dad said. “Hey, that would go great with my gray suit!” “Mom said it would.”

Dad grinned. “Jesus doesn’t need a new red necktie. I think He wears mostly white.”

We looked at each other, and then burst out laughing. I love to celebrate my father’s birthday each year. Now I’m looking forward to spending time with my heavenly Father every seven days as we celebrate what He did a long time ago, and what He’s going to do very soon.

Use the daily calendar below to plan out what you will be doing each day this week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						SABBATH



MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Read Genesis 2:2, 3 in the "Library" section. Notice that some of the words are printed in bold. After reading the text out loud, find those words in the puzzle.

B	T	R	S	D	R	W	H	H	N
K	E	K	B	E	O	E	T	E	N
G	T	E	O	L	Y	N	K	E	T
G	N	I	T	A	E	R	C	L	D
N	W	A	D	V	O	S	A	I	E
V	H	D	E	W	D	H	S	H	W
Y	Y	S	T	O	N	E	O	E	L
O	L	T	S	A	W	O	R	L	D
E	O	D	E	S	H	C	V	W	Y
R	L	T	R	D	R	H	T	E	E



God said that the Sabbath day was something special between Him and His people. Carefully read Exodus 31:17 in the "Library" and answer the questions below.

Sabbath is a _____ between God and His people, the Israelites.

How long is this supposed to last? _____

Who made heaven and earth? _____

What did Jesus do on the seventh day of Creation? _____

The
SABBATH
is a special day





MY PRAYER

Thank You, God, for creating the Sabbath as a sign that You are the Creator of everything. Each week I'm going to celebrate Your love for me by keeping Your Sabbath holy. Amen.



LIBRARY

- “By the **seventh** day God finished the work he had been doing. So on the seventh day he **rested** from all his work. God **blessed** the seventh **day** and made it a holy day. He made it **holy** because on that day he rested. He rested from all the **work** he had done in **creating the world**” (Genesis 2:2, 3).
- “The Sabbath day will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever. This is because in six days I, the Lord, made the sky and the earth. And on the seventh day I did not work. I rested” (Exodus 31:17).



MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

“By [keeping] the Sabbath the Israelites were to be [different] from all other nations as the worshipers of the true God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth” (*The Southern Watchman*, June 28, 1904).

When we keep the Sabbath holy, we're showing our friends and neighbors that we honor and love God and His beautiful creation.

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PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What is your favorite part of Sabbath rest?
What are some activities you enjoy?

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