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## This Bible study guide is about . . .

### SERVICE

**We share God's love with others (Lessons 1-4).**

- We share God's love with our talents.
- We share God's love by serving.
- We share God's love as Jesus did.
- We share God's love with enthusiasm.

**The love and grace of God**—how we share them, worship Him for them, and reflect them in our friendships with others. God's love and grace are a golden power cord that links us humans who believe in Jesus to the most powerful God.

### WORSHIP

**We thank God for His love (Lessons 5-8).**

- We worship God by working together.
- We worship God even when discouraged.
- We worship God by supporting our church.
- We worship by confessing and praising God.

### COMMUNITY

**We share God's love in our friendships (Lessons 9-12).**

- We love others the way Jesus loves us.
- We willingly reflect His love to others.
- We share God's values with others.
- We love friends and enemies.

**So, welcome to *PowerPoints* about God's grace. God's grace is power. It's the unlimited, for-sure, forever power that finds you and fills you up with everything you need to live a full and wonderful life in Him.**

### GRACE IN ACTION

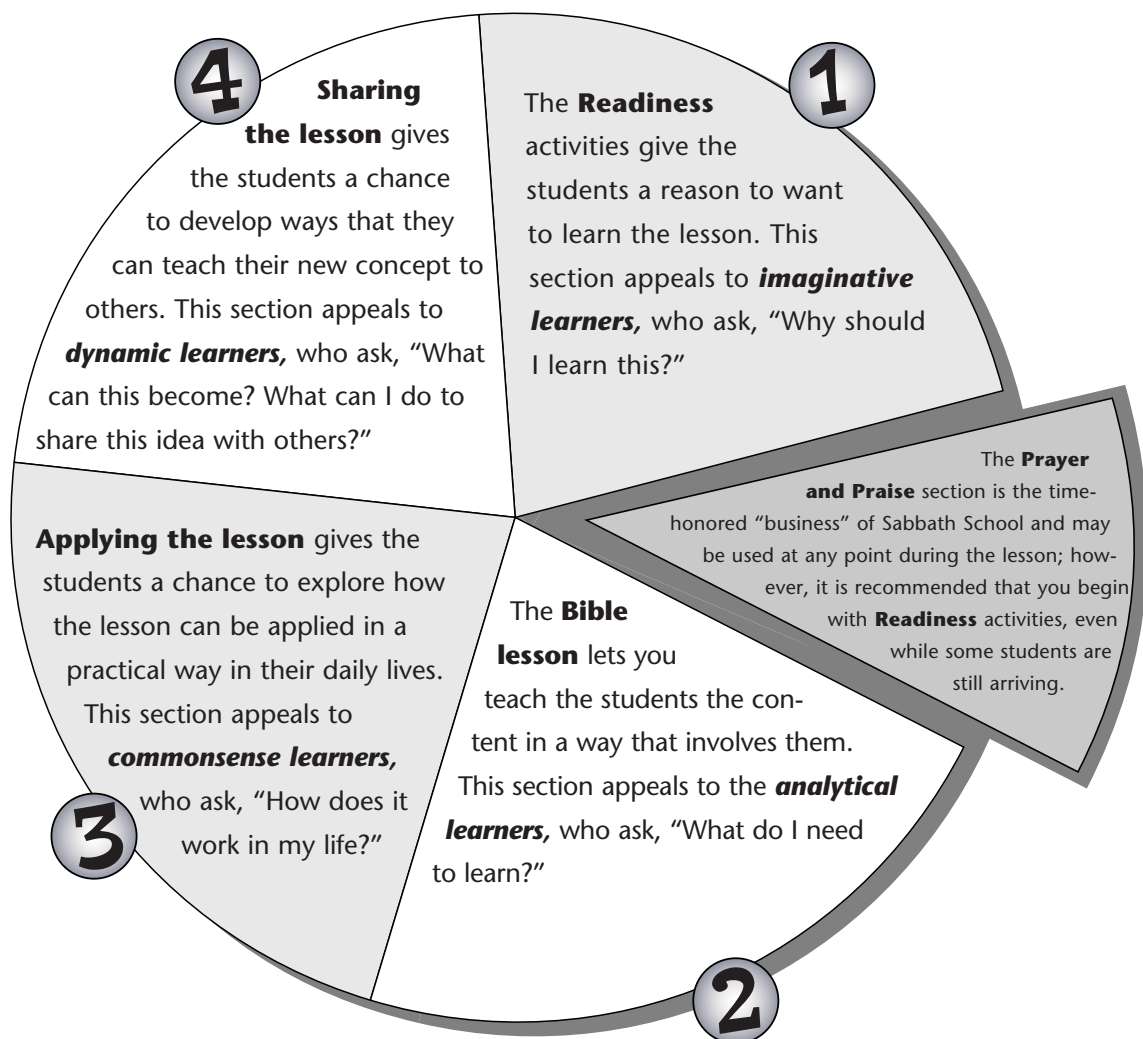
**We develop a friendship with Jesus and others (Lesson 13).**

## To the leaders/teachers

These guides were developed to:

**A. Introduce the lesson on Sabbath.** What happens in Sabbath School *is* the lesson. The following week the students then review and apply the principles studied with the help of the story and activities in their Bible study guides. In this way the lesson learned in Sabbath School becomes a vital part of the students' growing faith experience.

**B. Reach each student in the way he or she learns best.** By following the natural learning cycle on which these lesson outlines were based, you will also connect students with the "power point" for the week in a way that will capture each one's attention and imagination.



**C. Focus the entire Sabbath School time on one “power point.”**

These “power points” each relate to one of the four dynamics of a growing faith experience: grace (God loves me), worship (I love God), community (we love one another), and service (God loves you, too).

**D. Give students active learning experiences** so that they can more readily internalize the truths being presented. These experiences are followed by **debriefing** sessions in which you ask questions that lead the students to reflect on what they experienced, interpret the experience, and apply that information to their lives.

**E. Involve the adult Sabbath School staff** in new and flexible ways.

- A very small Sabbath School can be managed by one adult.
- A larger Sabbath School can be managed by one leader/teacher with other adult volunteers to facilitate the small group interaction. This gives small group facilitators a maximum involvement with the students and their dynamic learning while requiring a minimum of preparation on the facilitator’s part.

A creative alternative is to enlist leaders/teachers with different personal learning styles to lead different segments of the program.

(For more detailed information about the natural learning cycle, the learning styles, and other dynamics of teaching and learning, contact your Sabbath School or children’s ministries director.)


**To use this guide . . .**

Try to follow the natural learning cycle outlined, but adapt it as necessary to make the program work in your particular situation.

Look ahead at the Program Notes for each week’s program so that you can be prepared with the simple materials suggested.

Before the quarter begins, obtain regularly used supplies such as:

- Bibles
- Large paper—rolls of newsprint, butcher, or brown paper
- Regular-sized paper
- Pencils, pens, markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Scissors, glue/glue sticks
- Other art supplies available to you (glitter sticks, craft sticks, pom-poms, etc.)
- Other supplies listed in weekly Program Notes

Lesson	Bible Story	References	Power Text	Power Point	Materials
 <b>SERVICE: We share God's love with others.</b>					
<b>Lesson 1</b> <b>April 5</b>	Jesus tells a money parable.	Matt. 25:14-28 Luke 19:11-27 COL 325-365	Matt. 25:21	We share God's love with our talents.	See p. 9.
<b>Lesson 2</b> <b>April 12</b>	Jesus washes the disciples' feet.	Luke 22:7-13; John 13:1-17 DA 642-651	John 13:14, 15	We share God's love by serving.	See p. 19.
<b>Lesson 3</b> <b>April 19</b>	Jesus is crucified.	Matt. 27:27-66 Luke 23:26-49 DA 741-764	Matt. 27:54	We share God's love as Jesus did.	See p. 27.
<b>Lesson 4</b> <b>April 26</b>	Disciples tell of the resurrection.	Matt. 28:1-15 Luke 24:1-12 John 20:1-18 DA 769-794	Luke 24:5, 6	We share God's love with enthusiasm.	See p. 35.
 <b>WORSHIP: We thank God for His love.</b>					
<b>Lesson 5</b> <b>May 3</b>	Cyrus rebuilds the Temple.	Ezra 1-3 Neh. 8:14-18 PK 557-566	Ezra 3:11	We worship God by working together.	See p. 43.
<b>Lesson 6</b> <b>May 10</b>	The Israelites face discouragement.	Ezra 4-6 PK 567-581	1 Chron. 28:10	We worship God even when discouraged.	See p. 53.
<b>Lesson 7</b> <b>May 17</b>	Ezra comes to Jerusalem.	Ezra 7 PK 607-617	Ezra 7:23	We worship God by supporting our church.	See p. 61.
<b>Lesson 8</b> <b>May 24</b>	Ezra leads prayer and confession.	Ezra 9-10:17 PK 618-627	Prov. 28:13	We worship by confessing and praising God.	See p. 71.
 <b>COMMUNITY: We share God's love in our friendships.</b>					
<b>Lesson 9</b> <b>May 31</b>	Jesus calls us friends.	John 15:12-17 DA 662-680	John 15:12, 13	Jesus asks us to love one another.	See p. 81.
<b>Lesson 10</b> <b>June 7</b>	Jesus tells a story.	Luke 11:5-13 MB 130-134	Prov. 17:17	We willingly reflect His love.	See p. 89.
<b>Lesson 11</b> <b>June 14</b>	Jesus begins a sermon.	Matt. 5:1-16 Luke 6:17-26 DA 298-307 MB 6-44	Matt. 5:16	We accept God's values and share them.	See p. 99.
<b>Lesson 12</b> <b>June 21</b>	Jesus continues His sermon.	Matt. 5:21-26, 33-48 DA 310-312 MB 55-58, 66-78	Ps. 133:1	We love friends and enemies.	See p. 109.
 <b>GRACE IN ACTION: We develop a friendship with Jesus and others.</b>					
<b>Lesson 13</b> <b>June 28</b>	Abiding gives us power.	John 15:1-12 DA 674-678	John 15:5	Jesus' friendship empowers other friendships.	See p. 117.