

PART FIVE

Resources



RESOURCES FOR REACHING CHILDREN

Stanborough Press

The Stanborough Press is increasing its range of creative children's books every year. Do check out their catalogue and use their resources to enhance your children's ministry.

Pacific Press

Little Friend is a SdA paper for very young children, containing their Sabbath School Lesson, stories and simple puzzles and family worship ideas.

Primary Treasure is a SdA paper for primary age children. You can subscribe and have it sent to your home, or access it on line. The web version contains weekly Bible lessons and stories for children in PDF format. It contains parent resources, children's resources, activities and colouring pages. Pacific Press produces a wide range of books for Adventist children and a range of **Bible Treasures** that present our beliefs to children with stories they can understand. These are small and cheap and come in packs of 25 for sharing, with each one covering a different topic.

God Loves Me 28 Ways is a book designed as a read-it-yourself book for primary and early junior-age children to learn about the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Each of the 28 sections provides a beautiful glimpse into the never-ending, incredibly powerful, and always present love of God. There is also an activity book and a children's song book that support the material.

www.primarytreasure.com

www.pacificpress.com

www.adventsource.org

www.adventistbookcenter.com

MYPLACEWITHJESUS.com. This is a series of Internet-based interactive Bible studies just for kids! These 14 studies take the participant through many of the basic themes of the Christian faith and are designed primarily for children aged 7-12.

KidsView magazine. *Adventist Review's* magazine for children is for young readers who enjoy stories, games, puzzles, and crafts. Ideal for children ages 8-12. KidsView provides aspects of Christian living for kids and contains stories, activities, and devotionals that appeal to kids.

Subscription: \$10.95 for 12 issues (also access to online PDF version) *Adventist Review*
Subscription: free *KidsView*

For more information on *KidsView*, contact Wilona Karimabadi at (301) 680-6633 or email: kidsview@adventistreview.org

Wesley Owen – a useful Christian Book Store

Wesley Owen is a major Christian Book Store chain with a good website. Visit their children's section regularly to find interesting books and materials to support your programmes, including software, music, interactive question balls, creative books and Bible games.

www.wesleyowen.com

Barnabas in Churches – hundreds of free ideas

Formerly Bible Reading Fellowship, their site contains hundreds of ideas of activities, stories, games, prayers and dramas etc for use in children's work and churches. It is a brilliant free

resource, and you can sign up for their newsletters to find out about new resources and books as they are published. Click on the **Ideas** tab to find the lists of free resources.

www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk

Bible FUNstuff Series

Available from www.kingsway.co.uk

This is a creative series of books full of lively, attractive and fun resources for working with children:

- Toddlerific
- Wiggle Worms learn the Psalms - for preschoolers
- Funtastic Kid Crafts
- Bible Crafts for all Seasons
- Paper Capers – photocopiable craft projects
- Folder Games
- A gaggle of giggles and games
- Children’s Sermons
- Children’s Sermons in a Bag
- Puppet Ministry
- Seasonal Pageants and skits
- Fun Science that teaches God’s Word
- Interactive Bulletin Boards

Godly Play – a fresh way for children to develop their relationship with God

Godly play is a way of telling Bible stories that is simple and reflective, allowing children to wonder about the God and the stories of His people. It also allows space for the child to respond to the story, as guided by the Holy Spirit, through crafts and storytelling and exploring things around them.

You need to have special training to do the sessions and this is a three day intensive course. It is worth exploring a taster session, and dates for these are available on the Godly Play website. Karen Holford is a trained Godly Play leader and offers taster sessions at some of the Children’s Ministries training events.

Godly Play has also been used as a way of reaching un-churched children through structured storytelling and craft sessions.

www.godlyplay.org.uk

Messy Church – a whole new way to worship in with families

Messy church is a new way of doing church that is becoming very popular. It is often held midweek. Groups who are experimenting with this approach are finding that fathers enjoy this approach to worship, which involves a simple meal, stories, crafts and lots of activities to help children explore Bible stories. It is an excellent outreach project and several SDA churches are already running Messy Church groups.

Visit the website to see a video clip, find out more, locate a messy church near you that you can visit, and find out when the messy church fiestas are taking place.

www.messychurch.org.uk

Scripture Union – *LightLive* – free on-line resources!

10,000 free online activities – with 650 more added every 3 months

LightLive is a new website which puts a multitude of Bible-based activities and ideas at your fingertips – and it’s free of charge!

Designed by Scripture Union to help you tailor material to the specific needs of your group(s) or congregation, *LightLive* brings a new dimension to your children's, youth and all-age ministry. You can:

- Access the bank of activities and ideas
- Enrich your programme with multimedia resources
- Search, save and print – all from one website
- Plan and manage your group programme like never before

www.lightlive.org

Children at Worship – Grow your church by involving children!

Did you know that some of the fastest growing churches are those that actively involve children in their worship services? What could you do to involve the children in your church services? Look at the section of this manual entitled 'Easy Evangelism'. Visit the following website for ideas and more information:

www.childrenatworship.org

Family Friendly Churches

Is your church really family friendly? Visit the SEC Family Ministries website for ideas and resources for becoming more family friendly at

www.secadventist.com/Family/familyfriendlychurches.php

Another SdA website for more ideas, information, resources and inspiration is:

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk

Family Worship Services

There are some resources and ideas for family services that involve all ages at:

www.familyworship.org.uk

Children's Ministry – Resources, music and training conferences

More excellent resources and information about children's ministry (from UK non-SDA sources) are available at Children's Ministry:

www.childrensministry.co.uk

This is a good website with an excellent range of books and Holiday Bible School materials. Also advertises and sells excellent contemporary songs and music for children's worship. You can download and listen to samples and purchase sheet music etc.

This site hosts the booking for the annual Children's Ministry Conference which is held during the last weekend of January in Eastbourne each year. Do register with this site for regular updates and information about the conference. You can often download handouts and PowerPoint presentations in February, following the conferences, but these are only on the website for a short time. You can purchase audios of some of the teaching sessions and learn more about children's ministry at home, or share the sessions with your children's team. The SEC Children's Ministry Department has CDs of past presentations if you would like to borrow them.

Children's Ministry Magazine – a website of ideas and support for you

This is a U.S. published Christian magazine from Group Publishing. It comes every two months and is full of useful articles. You can order it online at the website below.

The website, which also has ideas and news, is very useful and has sections covering ages and stages, reaching families, ideas that work, Bible ideas, worship, fun stuff, and leading volunteers. It has practical tips and information covering most of the challenges and opportunities of children's ministries

www.childrensministry.com

Kid's Ministry Ideas – Adventist ideas and leadership resources

This is an inexpensive Adventist publication that you can order online. It also has a website of useful crafts and ideas, and leadership resources, with answers to lots of useful questions. They are soon to launch an online children's ministries leadership course.

www.kidsministryideas.com

Family Fun – a website of seasonal fun activities, recipes and crafts

This is a website full of all kinds of fun things to do with children. It is not Christian, but it has lots of useful ideas and crafts that can easily be adapted to suit your needs, and the crafts have user ratings and suggestions to help you. Search for, eg things like Sheep and Lions and make use of their excellent ideas for Mother's and Father's days.

www.familyfun.go.com

Christian crafts and puppets

This website sells puppets and crafts for your ministry. It is a lively site and it explains how different crafts and puppets can be useful to your ministry.

www.timetosow.com

Baker Ross Craft Supplies – simple kits that are ready to use

Baker Ross supply excellent quality craft kits in bulk for use by schools and groups, and also for churches. They have a huge website of masses of materials and ideas for all seasons. Sign up for their catalogues and emails to get their latest offers and save hours of time preparing craft projects.

www.bakerross.co.uk

Palm Tree Press – creative worksheets you can photocopy freely

Palm Tree Press publishes books of attractive worksheets and crafts that you can copy freely. The designs are clear and appealing to children and the content of the worksheets is of a high quality. Their books are available through Wesley Owen shops and the SEC has many books available for you to borrow.

Early Learning Centre – good basic toys for illustrations and activities

This is a good place to look for quality toys that illustrate your teaching, or add different dimensions to your teaching. In the Spring and Summer they have sold a set comprising of a church with a pastor, and a couple being married. The church could be set to ring bells, which adds a special interest feature for beginners and kindergarten classes.

Also good for plastic animals, ethnic minority dolls, nurse and doctor outfits, nature games, etc.

www.elc.co.uk

Scrapstores – low cost and free materials for your ministry projects

Scrapstores collect waste products and surplus items that children can use in creative projects. Most areas have one somewhere nearby and the website also offers creative suggestions for using the materials. They operate in different ways and sometimes you pay a membership fee depending on the number of children that use your project, and then a small fee for each trolley load of materials you take away. It is worth checking out your local scrapstore to see if you would find it useful.

www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk

There is also an online version at www.uniquescrapstore.com that charges small amounts for interesting scrap items and will deliver for a small fee.

Parachutes – fun and bright for praise and play

You may be surprised to know how useful play parachutes are for your children's ministry! They are versatile and brightly coloured and children love to use them.

Some churches take their large playchutes into the parks and use them to tell Bible Stories and do praise activities as a witness to children in the community, who are often curious and want to join in!

Small sized playchutes suitable for about eighty children, are available for under £15 from Early Learning Centres. Bigger chutes of different sizes can be ordered from the website below, together with books of ideas and other accessories. Click on their children's ministry's tab for more information.

www.playchutes.com

GC Recommended Websites

Kids Review

www.kidsview@adventistreview.org

Do you need prayers?

www.prayingforourchildren.com

Ellen G White Visionary for Kids – electronic magazine focused on youth 9-14

www.whiteestate.org/vez/vez.html

Bible Studies for Children/Teens Resource Guide

Seventh-Day Adventist Materials:
All available from the ABC Stanborough Press

TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Helping Children understand the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7+	Jerry D Thomas	Pacific Press
Good News For Today – Children's Manual, 9+	Marjorie Gray	Patterson Press, Benton Harbour, Michigan
Good News For Today – Teacher's Manual, 9+	Marjorie Gray	Patterson Press, Benton Harbour, Michigan
Making the Bible a Delight! 5+	Sally Dillon & Virginia Smith	General Conference Children's Ministries
The G.A.T.E. Program – Instructor's Manual, 13+	Church Ministries	General Conference
The G.A.T.E. Program – Youth Workbook	Church Ministries	General Conference
It's My Choice – Teacher's Manual, 7+	Steve Case	Review & Herald
ChristWise Discipleship Guide – For Juniors, 9-12	Troy Fitzgerald	Review & Herald
ChristWise Discipleship Guide – For Teens, 13-15	Troy Fitzgerald	Review & Herald
ChristWise Discipleship Guide – For Youth, 16+	Troy Fitzgerald	Review & Herald
ChristWise Discipleship Guide – Leader's Guide for Juniors, Teens & Youth	Troy Fitzgerald	Review & Herald
Daniel Asks About Baptism and Communion – 5+	Heather Hanna	Pacific Press
A Reason To Believe – 9+	An <i>Insight</i> production – Chris Blake, Editor	Review & Herald
Making Jesus My Best Friend, 8-10	Claudio & Pamela Consuegra	Review & Herald

Seventh-Day Adventist Materials:

All available from AdventSource, www.adventsource.org,
www.adventistbookcenter.com - some may be available from the Stanborough Press

TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Grace Is For Kids, 9+	Jack Calkins	AdventSource
Walking On The Edge, 9+ Participant Book Leader Guide	Stuart Tyner with V Bailey Gillespie	AdventSource
Coming to Jesus, Growing in Him A 'Steps to Christ' for 5+	North American Division – Children's Ministries	AdventSource
41 Bible Studies, 13+ *	Cindy Tutsch	AdventSource
Special Issues of the <i>Guide</i> magazine, 10+ Daniel, Revelation, Sanctuary, Creation & Evolution	North American Division	Adventist Book Center

Seventh-Day Adventist Materials:

Available on websites

My Place in Space * - 12 lessons Adventures in Christian Stewardship 9+	http://childrensministries.gc.adventist.org/
Bible Lessons: * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God Sent His Son to be My Friend • God Wants to be My Friend • God's Young Friends in the Old Testament, 7+ 	http://childrensministries.gc.adventist.org
Adventist Discovery Centre – Try Jesus, 8+	www.discoveronline.org.uk
Church Heritage Studies – 15 sections with quizzes, 13 +	www.necadventist.org.uk Pathfinder home page, click on Master Guide Training for the heritage manual
GraceLink.net Website – Sabbath School Lessons, 0-14	www.gracelink.net Bible studies based on stories in the Bible
Truth for Youth – 26 programmes Suitable for 9 years upwards	www.youngdisciple.com A CD which includes powerpoint, scripts, activities and teaching aids. (Produced in conjunction with Carolina Global

	Evangelism.)
My Place with Jesus – Join a creative cast of characters as they take you through 14 fun Bible studies	www.myplacewithjesus.com

**Seventh-Day Adventist Materials:
Available from the Adventist Discovery Centre**

Let's Explore
suitable for 8-12 year olds

Try Jesus 1
suitable for 8-12 year olds

Try Jesus 2
suitable for 13+

**Seventh-Day Adventist Materials:
Available from the Children's Ministries Department, British Union Conference**

The above materials marked with * are also available as a hard copy from the Children's Ministries Department, BUC.

- Pathway of the Pioneers – 115 historical stories of those who started our church.
- Children's Bible Lessons. 7 brightly coloured lessons on basic topics.
- Affirmation of Faith – ceremony. This is to be publicly presented to children when they first make a commitment to Jesus. They will not be ready for baptism and will need to receive Bible studies.
- Simplified Baptismal Vows. To be used on the baptismal day.

The above are found in the *Pastor's & Elder's Handbook for Children's Ministries*, available from your Ministerial Association Department. Can be found on the General Conference and North American Division Children's Ministries websites:

<http://childrensministries.gc.adventist.org/> www.childmin.com

Determining what Bible Study Resource is Suitable

- The age levels on this list are only approximate.
- Go to the Adventist Book Centre and Adventsource website, Stanborough Press catalogue and look up the description of each guide. Buy in a selection.
- Match the lessons to the age ability and learning style of the children.
- Offer the child/teen a selection of lessons and help them to choose what is most suitable.
- Implement the KIDS in Discipleship ministry in your churches which includes 32 child inclusive Bible Studies.

HOLIDAY BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIALS AND IDEAS

Holiday Bible School Aims:

- To share about the love of God
- To build up relationships between the church and the local community
- To bring children into a caring and loving environment where they feel valued and where relationships matter
- To present Christian teaching in a relevant way through the activities and to reflect it in team relationships
- To encourage the development of social skills and moral values
- To provide interesting, stimulating and creative activities for children outside the school environment
- To offer the opportunity and experience to develop new skills and discover new interests
- To let children discover positive ways of having fun!
- To introduce children to the Sabbath School and Pathfinder programmes of the church

Do not forget the parents. Have a follow-up programme especially for them, eg on Parenting or Health.

Four Important Planning Procedures

1. Contact Ofsted 0207 421 6800 or Kidscape 0207 730 3300 for the legal requirements regarding the venue and health laws.
2. Look up the BUC website: www.adventist.org.uk to find the *Keeping the Church Family Safe* policy document or ask your Pastor or elder for a copy.
3. Make sure all who help fill in the appropriate forms and receive training in Child Protection procedures.
4. Pray; only then will your programme bring the children into a life-long saving relationship with God.

A booklet on how to plan and run a Holiday Bible School is available from the British Union Conference (01923 672251).

Resources

American SDA Vacation Bible School Programmes, which are interactive hands-on Bible activities that lead children to Jesus, for ages 2-12. Available from The Stanborough Press Ltd, but please order three months before you start to plan your HBS. Alternatively, order over the internet using your credit card on www.adventsource.org. Please note you may be charged airmail postage.

- **Come Meet Jesus.**
This child evangelism kit contains everything you need to plan 27 programmes. It includes a programme guide for ages 4-7, a programme guide for ages 8-11, two music

videos, Children's Bible (NKJV), six theme videos with nature, archaeology and Bible segments and two music CDs. It is designed especially for use in child evangelism meetings and can also be used for children's church, neighbourhood Bible clubs, family worship, Holiday Bible Schools and home schools. The whole of this set is not necessary as the workbooks for the 4-7 and 8-11 year olds have all the materials needed for the teacher and pupils.

- **Forever Stories Funpack**
This complete child evangelism programme comes in a convenient carrying case and provides everything needed to conduct meetings for children aged 4-11. It includes the five-volume Forever Stories set, five Funbooks, Guidebook, two videos, two colouring books and two sets of prints. (With the exception of the videos, this material is available from the ABC, Stanborough Press.)
- **Forever Stories Funbooks – 5**
Reproducible activity booklets for children ages 4-7 and 8-11. Paperback 32 pages each. (This material available from the ABC, Stanborough Press.)
- **The Amazing Creation Station**
Children explore the world of nature and find a loving Saviour.
- **Friends Forever**
Children discover friendship skills and a close relationship with Jesus.
- **Jesus' Kids in the Kitchen**
Children learn how special they are to God and how to care for their body temple. Age levels: beginner, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior.
- **HBS Starter Kit**
Includes a sample of everything you'll need to plan, promote, follow-up and run a five- or ten-day HBS: planbook, programme guide, Bible learning guides for all four levels, student activity booklets, wall poster, kindergarten/primary interactive poster, junior interactive poster NKJV Bible and many more items.
- **Planbook for Teachers**
A step-by-step guide to planning a successful HBS. 96 pages.
- **Voyager**
The Voyager lessons provide a set of 10 Bible stories that explain God's plan to save His people and are designed to fit a community Bible club setting; children's prayer meeting, children's evangelistic meetings or camp meeting. Includes activity sheets and craft ideas. Complete with audio book read by the author. Written by Dorothy Eaton Watts and Noelene Johnsson.
- **ADRA HBS**
A Holiday Bible School programme is available on the internet. Go to www.adra.org and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on the clearly identified box and you will have access to everything from advertising to leaders' instructions and children's handouts. The only thing you may want to order from them is the US \$15 video*. Otherwise you can print out in colour or black and white everything you need.

***This is only available from the ADRA USA office, not at the BUC.**

- **Bug Safari**
Included in each kit: 1 Director Manual; 1 Pre-school Director Manual; 7 Leaders' Manuals; Sing and Buzz music; Firefly Finale Closing Celebration; Doodlebug Crafts & Missions; Picnic Place Snacks; Bug Blast Games; Chadder's Bible Bug Theatre; Bible Exploration. One sample each of our all new Elementary and Preschool Bible Books; 1 Bible-point craft sample pack; 1 Sing & Play audio cassette featuring Bug Safari music; 1 sample pack of publicity resources; 1 all new Recruiting Kit; 1 Pass Along Teacher Training Video; 1 set of our collectable Bible Memory Verses.
- **Lava, Lava Island**
An Island where Jesus' love flows. Pack includes all you need for an exciting programme.

The following are available from: Children's Ministry, 26-28 Lottbridge Drove, Eastbourne, BN23 6NT.

Tel: 01323 437749.

Fax: 01323 411970.

Email: childrensministry@kingsway.co.uk

- **The Rock Zone**
This is a kit of resources for 5-11 year olds that teach about Jesus through the adventures of Peter. It contains teaching plans, fun activities, crafts, games, sketches, teaching points and competitions. This HBS material uses a computer theme to help engage the children in the stories and activities.
- **The Treasure Zone**
This is a kit of resources for 5-11 year olds to teach children about the good news of the plan of salvation, as told in John 3:16. It contains teaching plans, fun activities, crafts, games, sketches, teaching points and competitions. Children learn the Biblical truths through an exciting game show format. Ideas for an all age celebration are also included on the CD-ROM so that parents can be invited to attend a closing service with their children.
- **The Star Zone**
This is a kit of resources for 5-11 year olds that is based on five of Jesus' parables. It uses puppets to help tell the stories and there are also fun activities, crafts, sketches and competitions. A CD-ROM in the pack provides music, songs, stories and puppet scripts.
- **Building on Basics (BOB)**
This is a five session course for children from 7-11 to help them grow in faith. It includes crafts, games, and activities and has photo-copyable resources as well as extra resource on a CD-ROM, with PowerPoint presentations, songs and invitations. This is more of an evangelistic or in-church programme for children and it looks at the Bible, the Holy Spirit, prayer, a changed life and being part of a church.
- **About Life and Faith (ALF)**
This is a six-session pack that also includes a video, as well as a teaching guide and photocopying resource materials manual. It is for 7-11 year olds and is designed to help share the gospel with children who may know very little about God. There are two sessions on each of the following topics: Who is God? Who is Jesus? and Who am I?

- **Narnia – Plan of Salvation**
These websites contain materials to use as a Holiday Bible School resource. Based on CS Lewis' "The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe". They explore the meaning of sin, salvation and commitment to Jesus.
www.activityvillage.co.uk/narnia
www.narniaresources.com/pdfdownloads
www.adisney.go.com/disneypictures/narnia/index
- **Scripture Union Publications used in HBS**
Scripture Union Holiday Club Resources are designed to provide ideas for 5-11 year old children for five sessions: The King's Club; Secret Agents; Scarecrows; Body Builders; Shipshapes + video; Newshounds + video.
- **Other Scripture Union Titles**
The J Team; Light Factory; On Fire + video; Scrap Happy + video; Chatta Box + video; Going Bananas + video; Mega Quest + video; The Story Keepers + video (material for 10 sessions); The Story Keepers Activity Resource – guidelines, (5 sessions) published by Scripture Union; the Teacher's Guide and Activity book published by Cassell.
- **Holiday Club Guide**
Contains 3-5 day programmes. Published by Barnabas Bible Reading Fellowship.
- **Amazing Journey**
Gospel Light Publishing, New Wine Ministries, Unit 22, Arun Business Park, Shipney Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 9SX.

Other HBS suppliers:

- **CPAS**
Athena Drive, Techbrook Park, Warwick, CV34 6NG. This Christian publishing firm has many children's materials suitable for HBS. Please contact them for a catalogue and samples. Sales telephone number 01926 334242; fax 01926 337613; order line (24 hours) 01926 335855.
- **Promiseland Products**
These include CD Roms and other electronic Mediums too. Willowcreek Association UK, PO Box 966, Southampton. SO15 2WT. Tel: 0845 1300 909. Fax: 023 8082 9765.
Email: info@willowcreek.org.uk
Website: www.willowcreek.org.uk
- **CPO (Christian Publicity Organisation)**
They produce many good materials. Garcia Estate, Canterbury Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 1BW. Direct order line 01903 263354. Fax: 01903 830066. Samples and help line 01903 266400.
Email: sales@christian-publicity.org.uk
Website: <http://www.christian-publicity.org.uk>

Useful Websites:

www.godonthenet.com – online directory of hundreds of useful Christian sites to help your ministry.

www.childrenministry.net – a large resource for children's ministry ideas.

www.childmin.com

www.groupvbs.com

www.promiselandonline.com

www.daybreakfgc.org.uk – family group conferences, bringing families back into decision making and planning for children.

www.orientaltrading.com – click on the Bible school range to view these excellent cheap craft kits.

www.penfoldbooks.com – Glory Mountain Bible foam kits.

www.4children.org.uk

www.thejesusquest.com

www.spckonline.com

www.cpas.org.uk

INFORMATION ON KEEPING CHILDREN AND WORKERS SAFE

Childcare, out-of-school clubs and registration

'Childcare' is defined in law as any form of care for a child including education or any other supervised activity. Under the provisions of the Childcare Act 2006, most childcare providers caring for children aged under eight must register with Ofsted unless the law says that they are not required to do so.

There are a series of exemptions which may cover the activities of church-run holiday and after-school clubs for children (from which, for convenience and clarity, the exemptions relating to relatives, foster-carers, au pairs, babysitters and suchlike are omitted). *The following do not have to register with Ofsted:*

1. Those who care for children who are aged eight years and over.
2. Those who provide care where any individual child does not stay with the provider for more than two hours each day even if the childcare service is open for longer than two hours.
9. Those who provide no more than two types of activities from the following list:
 - school study support or homework support
 - sport
 - performing arts
 - arts and crafts
 - religious, cultural or language study.

This exemption only applies if the provider cares for children who are aged three and over and children aged under five do not attend for more than four hours in any one day. Any care provided is incidental to the activity (it is not the main focus of the provision).

12. Those who care for children aged under eight for four hours or less each day, where the care is for the convenience of parents who intend to remain on the premises where the provision is or within its immediate locality. This type of provision has no long-term commitment to provide care for children: for example, a shoppers' crèche, a crèche attached to a sports centre or adult learning centre (*or, presumably, a crèche provided during a church service*).

13. Open access schemes for children. An open access scheme allows children not in the early-years age-group to leave the provision unaccompanied. (The early-years age-group is from birth to 31 August following a child's fifth birthday). Child-minders who care for children in the later-years age group are not allowed to provide an open access provision.

14. Those who care for children aged under eight from particular premises for 14 days or less in any year *and who 'notify Ofsted in writing at least 14 days before starting the provision'*.

The crucial exemption for Holiday Clubs – and the one over which there is evidently a degree of confusion – is **No. 14**. In order to be exempt, you must

- **both** "care for children aged under eight from particular premises for 14 days or less in any year"
- **and** "notify [Ofsted] in writing at least 14 days before starting the provision":

– the point being that it is **only** by notifying Ofsted that you trigger the exemption. ***If you fail to notify Ofsted, you lose the exemption.***

Link to documentation and exemption registration form:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/Exemption-notification-form>

[Source: *Ofsted website*]

To download the BUC policy document on ***Keeping the Church Family Safe***, go to the BUC website www.adventist.org.uk and follow this sequence:

Click on:

- Departments
- Administrative
- Executive Secretary
- Statements/Guidelines (including BUC Policy Book)
- Keeping Our Church Family Safe

EPILOGUE

Long, long ago, according to an old parable, there was an ancient old king who ruled over an ancient old kingdom. One day, wishing to honour the most worthy citizen in his realm, he sent his ministers of state throughout his land to search for those they thought were the most worthy citizens. Then he set a day when they were to appear before him, at which time he would choose the one he thought the most worthy of them all. At last the day came. The plaza was crowded with important people, and the king sat upon his throne. The first minister approached the throne and presented a great lawyer, a man by whose skill good laws had been made, and liberty and justice given to all. And the crowd clapped and applauded, for he was a very worthy citizen. The next minister presented a great financier, and told how he had brought security to the trade of the kingdom; and again the crowd clapped and applauded. The third minister bowed and presented a great doctor, whose skill had conquered disease and saved the lives of thousands of people. Again the crowd clapped and applauded. Then the fourth minister approached the throne with a little old lady on his arm. Her hair was white. Her back was bent. Her clothes were old and shabby. The king was shocked and visibly annoyed.

"Who is this woman?" he demanded, "and what right hath she to be classed with these illustrious men?"

"O King," said the minister, "when these great men were just little boys this woman was their teacher." Nobody clapped or applauded. There was a moment of deep silence. Then the king stood up, walked down from his throne, and with tears in his eyes he placed the wreath of honour around the neck of the little old lady. She was indeed the most worthy citizen in his kingdom!

Many of our great workers in the cause of God today owe their success to the skill, the patience, and the understanding of the teachers they had when they were little boys and girls – their schoolteachers and their Sabbath school teachers! Plan to be a teacher someday – in a school or in Sabbath school – for God is going to honour teachers in a special way, and they "shall shine... as the stars forever and ever."