

Sabbath School Syllabus

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Note on the syllabus

1. Many Sabbath Schools will have combined classes. In that case, the Syllabus for these can be alternated over two years.

2. Some Sabbath Schools may not be in session during the Holiday periods. In that case, either these weeks will be omitted or you follow the Scheme per week and then omit the last weeks.

3. The numbers in the older classes often decrease, so that is why the two classes, Grade 6 and Grade 7 are combined. But if you want them as separate classes, you can expand the time devoted to the Lessons listed, so as to have Questions answered and more Readings by pupils. This will enable the Syllabus to cover two years rather than one year.

OR

If the Syllabus is covered in one year, then the Grade 6 proceeding to Grade 7 can still go back to the same Syllabus, as there are so many topics covered that they can afford to be repeated.

MEMORY WORK: Scripture verses.

These can be chosen from the lists of verses (formerly used in some Sabbath Schools) if you want to have the classes learning the same verse. That is why the lists alternate over 7 years.

OR

You can select from verses given in the Line upon Line Books from which the Lessons are taken.

Grade 1

Source books: Bible; The Peep of Day; Memory verses lists; Shorter Catechism.

Bible Questions and Answers Catechism:

To work through the questions in this Catechism per week:
Numbers 1 – 52.

Wk	Lesson	
1	1	The Body
2	2, 3	A Mother's Care; A Father's Care
3	4	The Soul – with questions
4	5; 6	Summary of 'The Good Angels; the Wicked Angels'
5	7; 8	The Creation – the World Part 1 and 2
6	9	The World Part 3 – the living creatures
7	10	Adam and Eve
8		Reading from Bible: Genesis 1 and 2
9	11	The first sin – reading Genesis 3
10	12	The Son of God
11		Revision
12		Revision
13	13	The virgin – Mary
14	14	The Birth of Jesus
15		Reading Luke 2 : 1 – 7

Wk	Lesson	
16	15	The Shepherds
17		Reading Luke 2 : 8 – 20
18	16	The Wise Men
19		Reading Matthew 2
20	17	King Herod
21	17	Reading Matthew 2; Luke 2:51,52
22		Revision of the Birth of Jesus up to Herod
23		Revision of verses learnt
24		General revision and singing Psalms
25	18	The Temptations
26		Reading Matthew 4:1–11
27	19	The 12 Disciples
28		Questions for revision on what has been covered
29	20	The first miracle in the ministry of Jesus
30	21	Several miracles
31		Reading on miracles with questions: Blind man cured Luke 18:42; Deaf and dumb cured Mark 7:32–35
32		Reading on miracles with questions - Man who could not walk – John 5: 5 – 9
33		Reading on miracles with questions - Luke 13: 11 – 13
34		Questions on raising the dead young man

Wk	Lesson	
35		The story of Jonah – select verses from Ch. 1:1–14
36		Revision from previous week; read Jonah 1:16, 17 and Ch. 2:1 and 10
37		Jonah : 3
38		Parables: The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30–37
39		Revision of memory work
40		We must speak to God in prayer: Reading the Lord’s Prayer in Ndebele
41		Learning the Lord’s Prayer
42		Continue – learning the Lord’s Prayer
43		Jesus and the children - Mark 10 : 13 – 16. Repetition of v 14 ‘Suffer the little children to come unto Me
44		Children need forgiveness of sin and a new heart because of their sins. Read and learn Psalm 51: 10. Explain ‘Have mercy on me’ in verse 1.
45		Jesus the Saviour . Revise His name given Matthew 1: 21 (the birth of Jesus)
46		Jesus the Saviour – His Baptism; John 1 : 20 – ‘Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world’ .
47		Jesus the Saviour – His Death – the crucifixion. Give a short summary.
48		Jesus the Saviour – His Resurrection Matt 28:

Wk	Lesson	
		1 – 10
49		We must believe in Jesus and ask for pardon. Acts 16: 31 . Memorise: ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved’ .
50		Parables: the stories told by Jesus. Pupils asked to give any they know.
51		Revision of the birth of Jesus
52		Revision

Grade 2

Source books: Bible; The Peep of Day; Memory verses lists; Shorter Catechism.

Bible Questions and Answers Catechism:
Revision Questions 1 to 52 and up to 57.

Wk	Lesson	
1	22	The Sinner and Simon- reading Luke 7: 36 – 50 (summarise and select verses)
2	23	The Storm at Sea – reading Luke 8 : 22 – 25 and answer questions.
3	24	Jairus’ daughter
4		Reading Luke 8 : 41 – 56 (select verses)
5		Revision of various miracles done in Grade One
6		Further revision of miracles
7	25	The loaves and fishes
8		Reading Matthew 14: 13 – 22
9	26	The kindness of Jesus – the children- questions answered -reading Matt 15: 21 – 28
10		Memorising Luke 18 verse 16
11		Reading Mark 10: 13 – 16; revision of Luke 18: 16
12	27	The Lord’s Prayer
13		Memorising the Lord’s Prayer in Ndebele

Wk	Lesson	
14		Continue Lord's Prayer
15		Revision of past work
16		Revision of the birth of Jesus
17		Revision of some miracles
18		Answering questions on chapters covered; repetition of Lord's Prayer in Ndebele
19	28	Jesus foretells His Death
20		Reading Matt 16: 21 – 28
21	29	Lazarus – being raised from the dead
22		Questions on the story of Lazarus
23	30	Jesus enters Jerusalem
24		Reading Matt. 21: 1 – 11; 14 – 17
25		Revision of topics done
26	31	The Temple
27		Reading selection of verses about the Temple as in Lesson 31
28	32	Judas
29	33	The Last Supper Part 1
30		Read Luke 22: 7 – 14
31	34	The Last Supper Part 2
32	35	The Last Supper Part 3
33	36	In the Garden
34		Read Matt 26: 30 – 57 (select verses)

Wk	Lesson	
35	37	Peter's denial
37		Read some verses from Matt 26: v 57 onwards
38	38	Pontius Pilate
39		Read some verses on the Trial of Jesus from Matthew.
40		Questions
41	39	Death of Judas
42	40	The Cross Part 1
43		Read Luke 22 :26 – 34
44	41	The Cross Part 2
45		Read Luke 23: 35 – 43 Questions
46	42	The Cross Part 3
47	43	The soldiers
48		Revision
49	44	The Grave
50		Read selection of verses from the Gospels on the burial
51	45	The Resurrection
52		The Resurrection. Read selection of verses from Gospels. Questions

Grade 3

Source books: Bible; The Peep of Day and in Term 3: Line upon Line Bk 1; Memory verses lists.

Bible Questions and Answers Nos. 58 to 114; Shorter Catechism.

Wk	Lesson	
1	46	Revision of Resurrection; Mary Magdalene
2		Questions
3	47	The Two Friends Luke 24
4		Read Luke 24:13 – 48
5	48	Thomas
6	49	The Burial
7		Read John 20: 24 – 31
8		Questions
9	50	The Ascension
10		Read selection of verses on the Ascension in Matthew 28 and Luke 24
11		Revision
12		Ascension in Acts 1 :4 – 14
13		Reading verses on above.
14	51	Peter in prison
15		Cont'd: Peter in prison
16	52	John in Revelation

Wk	Lesson	
17	53	The Judgement Day. 1 Thess. 4: 15 – 17; Rev 20 : 11 – 15 .
18		Our need of preparation for the Judgement Day. Parable of the Ten Virgins Matt 25 : 1 – 13 Watch therefore....
19		Parable: The Lost sheep Luke 15 : 1 – 7
20		Jesus the Good Shepherd John 10 : 1 – 18
21		Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd .Learn vs 1, 2, 6
22		Parable of the Lost Coin Luke 15 :8 – 10; the value of our soul –Mark 8: 36, 37
23		Parable – the Prodigal Son; God’s forgiveness of a sinner who repents Luke 15: 11 – 24 .
24		Revision
25		Worship of God : Catechism No 5 and 6- One God and three Persons in the Godhead. Not to worship idols, not spirits of the ancestors.
26		COMMANDMENTS of GOD
27		Commandments continued
28		Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13: 2 – 9
29		Parable of the Sower explained Matt 13: 18- 23 We must listen and do God’s Word that we hear,
30		Revision
31		Parable : the Great Supper Luke 14: 16 – 24

Wk	Lesson	
32		Parable – the two foundations of houses , sand and rock Luke 6 : 46 – 49
33		Revision of parables
34		Pupils tell parables
Line upon Line Bk 1		
35	1	The Creation Genesis 1
36	2	The sin of Adam and Eve Genesis 3
37		Questions on Ch 3 Genesis
38	3	Cain and Abel . Gen 4
39		Reading Gen 4
40		Questions on Ch 4 Genesis
41	4	Story of the Flood – Noah Gen 6 – 9
42		Cont'd from last week
43		Reading selection of verses and questions on Flood
44		Revision on Gen Chs 1 to 4 and the Flood
45	5	Abraham Gen 12: 1 – 9
47		Abraham continued
48		Questions on Abraham and selection of verses to read
49	6	Promise to Abraham: Ch 15: 5,6; Ch 21: 1 - 6
50		Cont'd
51	7	Abraham's Test of faith: Gen 22: 1 - 18
52		Continued

Grade 4

Source books: Bible; Line upon Line Bk 1; Shorter Catechism; Memory verses lists.

The Truths of God's Word Catechism- questions in Chapters 1 to 4 (46 answers)

Wk	Lesson	
1	7	Revision of Abraham's test of faith - Questions
2	8	Jacob and Esau ; Genesis 25: 20 - 34
3		Jacob's dream – Genesis 28 Questions and reading of text
4	9	Jacob's journey to Laban; Jacob's wives –Leah and Rachel Genesis 29
5	10	Jacob's meeting with Esau
6		Cont'd
7		Questions
8		Revision
9	11	Joseph's dream Genesis 37: 1 – 25
10		Cont'd
11		Questions
12	12	Joseph sold by brothers Gen 37: 25 – 35
13		Cont'd
14	13	Joseph in prison Gen 39
15		Reading and questions
16	14	The butler and the baker Gen 40

Wk	Lesson	
17		Cont'd; questions
18		Revise the story of Joseph
19	15	Joseph taken out of prison; Pharoah's dreams Genesis 41
20		Continued
21	16	Joseph – Governor in Egypt Ch 42
22		Continued
23		Story of Joseph continued
24		Questions
25	17	Joseph with his brothers in Egypt: Gen 43
26		Continued
27		Reading and questions on Lesson 17
28	18	Joseph made known to his brothers Genesis 44; Ch 45: 1 – 15
29		Continued
30		Joseph like the Saviour Jesus – reading of last paragraph in Lesson 18 . Questions
31	19	Joseph, the long- lost son and his father; Genesis 45: 16 – 28
32		Genesis 46: selection of verses
33		Jacob(Israel) went down to Egypt : Gen 46: 1 – 7; 29 – 34
34		Continued; Revision
35		Revision on what was done in Grade 2: Jesus

Wk	Lesson	
		foretells His death Matt 16: 21 – 28 .
36		Judas Iscariot's betrayal Reading Matt 26: 3-4; 14- 16
37		Jesus' Trial and death; Read Luke 22: 63- 71; Ch 23:v 1 and 20 – 25
38		Contd Read Luke 23: 38 – 46
39		His burial Read Luke 23 : 50 – 56
40		The Resurrection: Read Luke 24: 1 – 9
41		Cont'd John 21: 1 – 14
42		Revision
43		Ascension Read Luke 24: 36 – 53
44		The Second Coming; the Day of Judgement – Peep of Day Lesson 53
45		Revision
46		The Holy Spirit – Pentecost: Read Acts 2 :1 – 8; vs 14, 15, 21, 33, 36, 38, 41
47		The Gospel to be preached to everyone, everywhere – We are commanded to believe in Jesus for salvation. Read Mark 16: 15 – 20
48		Revision
49		Peter and John heal the lame man at the Temple Read Acts 3: 1 – 16
50		The parable of the Ten Virgins Matthew 25: 1 - 13
51		Story of Naaman Read 2 Kings 5: 1 – 14

Wk	Lesson	
52		Continued

Grade 5

Source books: Bible; Line upon Line Bk 1; Shorter Catechism; Memory verses lists.

The Truths of God’s Word Catechism Chapters 5, 6 (52 answers).

Wk	Lesson	
1	20	Moses – his early life Exodus 1: 7 – 22; Ch 2: 1 - 10
2		Revision with questions
3	21	Moses’ good choice Ex 2: 10 – 15
4		Reading Hebrews 11 : 24 – 36 – what God’s people choose.
5	22	Moses at the Burning Bush Ex 2: 16 – 25; Select verses from Chs 3 and 4
6		Reading and questions
7	23	Pharoah refusing to listen – the first Plagues: Exodus Ch 5 ; Ch 7
8		Revision- questions
9	24	The last Plagues Ex . Chs 11, 12
10		The Passover – the lamb killed and the blood sprinkled- the salvation of the children of Israel from Egypt- told to keep the Passover and tell their children why. The Lord’s Supper in the New Testament to remember the death of Christ which delivered the Christians – Jesus

Wk	Lesson	
		the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world .
11	25	Crossing the Red Sea Exodus Chs 13; 14; 15
12		Continued - reading selection of verses from Chaps 13 to 15 and answer questions.
13	26	The manna and the water from the Rock Ex. 16; Ch 17 : 1 – 7
14	27	At Mount Sinai Ex. Chs 19, 29 – The Ten Commandments
15		Explaining and memorising the Ten Commandments (summary only of Nos 2. 4. 10)
16		10 Commandments cont'd.
17		Jesus' Transfiguration on the Mount in the New Testament Matt 17 : 1 – 9
18		What Moses and Elias were speaking about to Jesus Luke 9: 30, 31. The death of Jesus revised. Jesus told them not to tell what they had seen till the Son of Man was risen from the dead , Matt 9: 9 The Resurrection of Jesus revised.
19	28	The Golden Calf Exodus 32
20		Revision and questions
21	29	The Tabernacle to be built for worshipping God Exodus 35 – 37
22		Continued with questions

Wk	Lesson	
23	30	The priests Ex 38 to 40 - select verses
24		Revision questions on the Tabernacle and the priests.
25	31	The journey of the Children of Israel
26	32	The 12 Spies Numbers 13: 1- 14; v 40
27	33	The sin of Moses and Aaron Numbers 20: 1- 13; vs 22- 29
28	34	The Serpent of Brass Numbers 21: 4- 9
29		Revision Readings John 3 : 14. 15 It was pointing to salvation by looking to Jesus Christ. Memorise John 3 v 16
30	35	The death of Moses Select from Deut. Chs 31 to 34
31	36	Joshua now the leader. The story of Rahab Joshua 2
32		Continued with questions.
33	37	At the River Jordan Joshua 3 : 1 – 5; v 12
34		Revision
35		Further revision
36	38	The fall of Jericho Joshua 5: 13- 15 ; Ch 6
37		Reading and questions
38	39	The death of Joshua
39		Reading with questions
40		Revision –going back to the giving of the Commandments – from Page of questions Nos

Wk	Lesson	
		29 to 42
41		As in Wk 22
42		As in Wks 22 and 23
43		Miracle- feeding of 5000 John 6 : 5 - 14
44		Jesus – the Bread of Life Read John 6 vs 27 and 33 to 40
45		Jesus – the Living Water , never thirst again. Read John 4 vs 5 to 30 and v 42
46		Continued
47		Jesus – the Good Shepherd; the Door Read John 10: 9 – 18
48		Leprosy – a picture to us of sin; the healing of a leper : Luke 5 : 12 – 15
49		Healing of man with palsy Luke 5 : 18 – 26. WE ALSO NEED FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
50		The ten lepers healed - only one came to thank Jesus. Luke 17: 11 – 19 . We must be grateful to God for all His kindness to us. V 17- ‘Thy faith hath made thee whole’. We need to trust in Jesus for what He has done to save sinners. That is faith.
51		Shorter Catechism Numbers 84, 86. 87. We need this to be saved. Read them
52		Continue the understanding of answers in Catechism as in previous week.

Grade 6/7

Source books: Bible; Line upon Line Bk 2; Memory verses lists . Shorter Catechism (Qus 1 to 22); Revision of the 10 Commandments . The Truths of God’s Word Catechism Chapter 7 (22 answers) .

Wk	Lesson	
1	1	The Birth of Samuel
2	2	Samuel staying with Eli the Priest, hears God’s voice calling him.
3	3	The ark of God is captured
4		Reading from 1 Sam. 4: 1 – 18
5	4	Dagon, the false god
6	5	Saul anointed king. 1 Sam : 8 - 10
7		Revision and questions
8	6	Saul’s disobedience 1 Sam. 15
9	7	David anointed king 1 Sam. 16 : 1 – 14
10		Rereading this story from Bible
11	8	David the harp player – learning Psalm 23, one of David’s psalms
12	9	David and Goliath 1 Sam. Ch 17
13	10	Saul tries to kill David
14	11	David in the cave 1 Sam. Ch 24
15	12	David and Saul’s spear
16		Questions and Revision

Wk	Lesson	
17	13	The promise to be king fulfilled to David – death of Saul 2 Sam. 1 : 2 -4; Ch 5: 1- 3
18		Questions and Revision
19	14	Bringing the ark to Zion 1 Chron. 13 vs 15 – 17
20		David wanting to build a house for God’s ark. Questions
21	15	David’s sin with the wife of Uriah
22	16	David’s punishment; Absalom’s rebellion 2 Sam. Chs 15 – 17
23		As above with questions
24	17	Absalom’s death: 2 Sam 18; Ch 19 : 1 – 4
25	18	David’s son Solomon anointed king; David’s farewell to his people. 2 Sam. 19; 1 Kings 2 vs 38, 39; I Chron. 28 and 29.
26		Learning another of David’s psalms: Psalm 51 vs 1 – 4; and 7 – 10
27	19	Solomon’s wise choice Read 1 Kings 3: 5 – 15 and questions 1 to 5
28		The judgement of Solomon between the two mothers. Read 1 Kings 3 : 16 – 28 and Questions 6 to 12.
29	20	Solomon’s Temple . Questions
30	21	The Queen of Sheba’s visit 1 Kings 10
31	22	Solomon and his idols 1 Kings 11: 1 - 13
32	23	Jeroboam’s dried-up arm. 1 Kings 12 : 25 to Ch

Wk	Lesson	
		13 v 7
33	24	Elijah and the ravens : wicked King Ahab 1 Kings 16 v 30; Ch 17; 1 – 7
34		As in previous week
35	25	A widow fed Elijah 1 Kings 17: 8 – 24
36		Revision and questions.
37	26	The two altars – Elijah and the prophets of Baal 1 Kings 18: 1 to 40
38	27	Elijah – the rain came ; Jezebel wanted to kill him. 1 Kings 18 : 41 to Ch 19 v 8
39		Revision and questions on Lessons 26 and 27
40	28	The call of Elisha 1 Kings 19: 9 – 21
41	29	Naboth's vineyard: the death of King Ahab 1 Kings 21; Ch 22: 34 – 36; 2 Kings 9: 30 – 37.
42	30, 31	The three captains; Elijah carried up to heaven in a chariot of fire. 2 Kgs 2: 1- 15
43	32	Elisha and the bears 2 Kings 2 : 23 – 25 The widow's oil Ch 4
44	33	Elisha's little room: the woman's child raised to life 2 Kings 4: 8 – 37
45	34	Naaman's leprosy healed. 2 Kings 5
46	35	Enemies took Israel captive 2 Kings 17: 1 – 34
47	36	Good King Hezekiah 2 Kings 18, 19
48	37	The three young men refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image. Daniel 3

Wk	Lesson	
49	38	King Belshazzar and the writing on the wall Daniel Daniel 5
50	39	Daniel in the den of lions Daniel 6
51	40	The return to Jerusalem. Ezra
52	40	The promise of the Saviour to come from the family of David – to be born in Bethlehem. He died and rose again and is to come again at the last day. Revision of the Gospel story.