

“LIGHT TO DEFEAT THE DARKNESS” and “SLAM-DUNK GRACE”

Teacher’s Guide

Topic: Ellen G. White’s prophetic ministry

Interest Level: Ages 9-14

“Light to Defeat the Darkness” Reading Level: 7.4

“Slam-Dunk Grace” Reading Level: 4.0

Learning Objectives:

This unit addresses the following core elements from the “Journey to Excellence” curriculum goals for Seventh-day Adventist schools:

- Embrace God’s gift of grace by accepting Christ as one’s personal Savior (1C).
- Value God’s revelation of Himself through inspired writings and creation (1E).
- Accept the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (2D).
- Appreciate the heritage of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (2E).

Language Arts:

1. Make an angel report. Do this as if you are Chris’s angel reporting to God on the spiritual progress of Chris.
2. Imagine you are Ellen White and write in your own words one of her visions.
3. Write a children’s book about Ellen White or one of her visions.
4. Tell about a strange dream you have had. How do these dreams differ from prophetic visions and dreams?

Social Studies:

1. Make a time line from 1858 up till the current date. As a class, decide what major religious events will be featured on this time line.
2. On a map of the United States, trace the journey of James and Ellen White through the story.

Physical Education:

1. Divide into teams of at least four players, and have team members stand at least 20 feet apart along a line. Give the first person in each line the same message, such as “God wants His people to serve Him from love rather than fear.” Each player must run to the next player and repeat the message from memory until the message reaches the last player. How accurately did the message come through? Discuss the challenges God faces in getting His messages through to us.

Music:

1. In groups, compose a song celebrating the final end of sin. Perform the song for the class.

Art:

1. Illustrate your favorite passage from *The Great Controversy*.
2. The teacher will read aloud a passage from one of Ellen White’s books, such as her description of the Second Coming and of heaven (*Early Writings*, pp. 15-20) or Jesus’ resurrection (preferably from the *Messiah* adaptation of *The Desire of Ages*, chapter 81). Meanwhile, the students will draw or sculpt the scene as they listen. Here is a clay recipe for sculpting.

Cornstarch Clay

- 1 cup cornstarch
- 2 cups salt
- 1 1/3 cup cold water

Put salt and 2/3 cup water in pan and bring to a boil. Mix cornstarch with 2/3 cup water and mix well. Blend two mixtures together and knead into clay. Makes 3 cups. This clay can be air-dried and then painted. Refrigerate unused clay in airtight container.

Close:

1. Create and decorate a card with this statement from Ellen White (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 431): “Christ is our only hope of salvation. . . . At this very time He is inviting us to come to Him in our helplessness and be saved.” Write your response to Jesus’ invitation on the card.

Resources:

(These resources are available at www.adventistbookcenter.com, at local Adventist Book Centers, or by calling 1-800-765-6955.)

- His Messenger* by Ruth Wheeler
 - Ellen White: Friend of Angels* by Paul B. Ricchiuti
 - Ellen White: Trailblazer for God* by Paul B. Ricchiuti
 - Where’s Moo Cow?/Tig’s Tale* by Paul B. Ricchiuti
 - Charlie Horse* by Paul B. Ricchiuti
 - Mr. Squirrel’s Treasure/Ellen’s Miracle Horse* by Paul B. Ricchiuti
 - Stories of My Grandmother* by Ella M. Robinson
 - Walking with Ellen White* by George Knight
 - Heartwarming Stories of Adventist Pioneers* (2 volumes) by Norma J. Collins
 - A Call to Stand Apart*, selections from the writings of Ellen G. White
 - The Church at Washington, New Hampshire* (VHS, Book, and Audio CD) by Mark Ford
 - Keepers of the Flame* DVD, Episodes 3 and 4
 - Legacy of Light* CD-ROM, Version 2.0 (PC), by Ellen G. White Estate
- www.whiteestate.org

Worksheet answers:

1. F. 2. Bible. 3. Christ, Satan. 4. *The Desire of Ages*. 5. b. 6. love, destruction.
Puzzle: 1. T. 2. F. 3. T. 4. T. 5. F. 6. T. 7. T. 8. T. 9. F. 10. T. Hidden word: Jesus.

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ELLEN G. WHITE?

Student Quiz Sheet

Test your knowledge about this woman who had a special mission from God.

1. T or F: The job of a prophet is mainly to predict the future.
2. A true prophet's messages will agree with the _____.
3. Unscramble: One of Ellen White's books described the great controversy between (trihcs) _____ and (aatsn) _____.
4. Change the underlined letters to make the name of a book by Ellen White about the life of Jesus: *THE DESERT ON EGGS* _____.
5. Multiple choice: God did not immediately destroy Satan when he sinned because
(a) Satan was too powerful, (b) the other angels didn't understand how bad sin was,
(c) Satan's rebellion wasn't a very big problem.
6. Jesus' death proved God's _____ and assured sin's _____. Choose the correct pair of words: (power, victory) (love, destruction) (faithfulness, corruption).

Ellen White's writings can teach us a lot about _____. To see the answer, connect the pairs of dots listed by each TRUE statement. (For example, 1-2 means to draw a line between dots 1 and 2.)

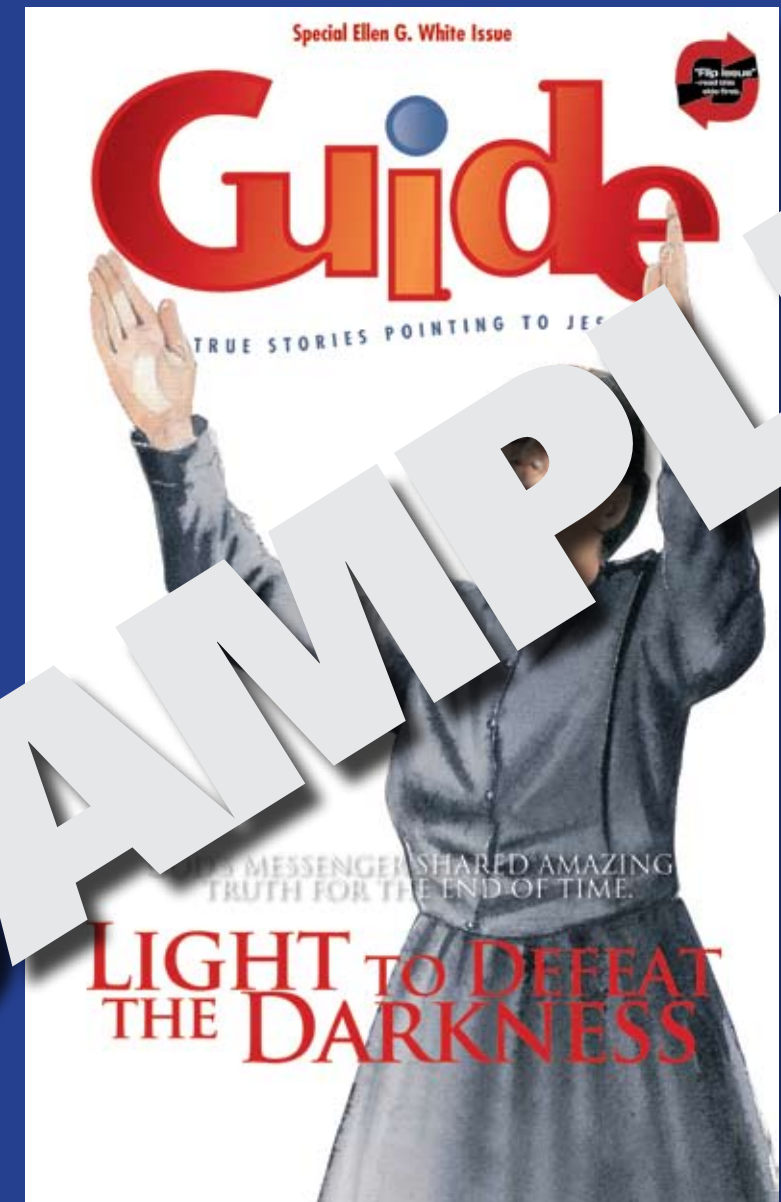
1. Ellen's husband was named James. 4-5, 18-29, 30-31
2. Everyone will eventually choose to follow God and be saved. 5-27, 19-20
3. Ellen recovered full health after her attack of paralysis. 15-16, 22-33, 23-24
4. Satan was once an honored angel in heaven. 9-31, 10-11, 17-18
5. Sin will never disappear completely from the universe. 9-10, 13-15, 24-26
6. Ellen called herself a "messenger" of God. 2-24, 6-17, 26-27
7. Ellen was born more than 150 years ago. 6-7, 10-21, 32-33
8. During her visions, Ellen did not breathe. 1-3, 8-30, 28-29
9. Ellen never had any children of her own. 3-14, 11-22, 29-30
10. People today can get closer to God by reading what Ellen White wrote. 4-26, 21-22

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