

Adventist Education

INTRODUCTION

The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates the largest Protestant education system in the world, with more than 8,000 schools in more than 100 countries. With the belief that education is more than just intellectual growth, Adventist education also focuses on physical, social, and spiritual development. The church's educational institutions range from elementary school education to university level.

1 LEADER PREPARATION

Read the introduction and objective, watch the video and review the discussion/contemplation section prior to sharing with your team members. Invite them to think about their own perspectives and be prepared to share yours.

2 OBJECTIVE

Share the story of how the principles of Adventist education came to be. Help team members understand that formal education has been foundational to the Seventh-day Adventist Church as it has sought to develop and nurture the character and talents of students while teaching them the principles of wholeness and preparing them to serve others.

3 VIDEO



Adventist Education
2:28 minutes
youtu.be/7GLANvzyJkQ

4 DISCUSSION/CONTEMPLATION

- We use our talents and skills to restore wholeness in mind, body and spirit. What's one way your work adds to a patient's health in one of these three areas of their life?
- Share one way you believe your education has equipped you to serve others. In what ways can the mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ be wholeheartedly embraced, regardless of one's faith?

COMPASSION IN ACTION

It's not always easy to serve—because it can be emotionally and physically draining, especially when we face challenges in our own lives. Try to think of one or more team members you can encourage—because we all need each other. Today, tell them that their acts of service are noticed, are appreciated and are making a difference.

PRAYER/REFLECTION

May we use our gifts and talents to extend the healing ministry of Christ. May we show people how much they matter. May we seek to ensure that all patients and team member find the hope and strength they need today.