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Hello Adventurers and Adventurer leaders!

This year I hope you are all ready to take a trip, to embark on A WONDERFUL JOURNEY!

We are all awaiting Jesus' soon return and we are going to learn more about this journey today on our World Adventurer Day and we hope all of our Adventurers can tag along as we prepare for this much-awaited trip.

In the world of Adventurers, every day is a special day when you are a joyful, energetic and friendly child of God, but we know that today will be a day to remember. We know that our Adventurers love to move, whether it being running or jumping, so we cannot wait to see you how you run, jump, skip and hop as you accept the call to GO with Jesus in a "Wonderful Journey."

We pray that today will be a blessing for all of you, your families, churches and local communities. We know that whatever you do for God, will always bring a smile to all of our faces!

#### HAPPY WORLD ADVENTURER DAY!



**Andrés J. Peraltà** World Adventurer Director



## Adventurer Ministries Philosophy & Objectives

GC Adventurer Director Manual, Pages 8-9

#### **Philosophy:**

The Adventurer program has been created to assist parents in their important responsibilities as a child's primary teachers and evangelizers. The program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship and to further the child's development in spiritual, physical, mental, and social areas. Through the Adventurer

Program, the church, home, and school can work together with the parent to develop a mature, happy child.

Adventurer Ministry is a Family Ministry. One of the most important elements in the Adventurer philosophy is that Adventurers is not a kindergarten ministry but a family-building relationships ministry, it is a parental involvement and support ministry!

So why have an Adventurer club? The Adventurer program is designed by the church to support parents in assisting children with the challenging task of developing fully as followers of Christ in today's world.

#### **Objectives:**

1. to develop a Christ-like character;

- 2. to experience the joy and satisfaction of doing things well;
- 3. to express their love for Jesus in a natural way;
- 4. to learn good sportsmanship and strengthen their ability to get along with others;
- 5. to discover their God-given abilities and to learn how to use them to benefit self and serve others;
- 6. to discover God's world;
- 7. to improve their understanding of what makes families strong;
- 8. to develop parental support for their upbringing.

The Adventurer Club strives to also foster an environment where:

- 1. Children will, at their own level, commit their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ.
- 2. Children will be able to gain a positive attitude toward the benefits, joys, and responsibilities of living a Christian life.
- 3. Adventurer families can acquire the habits, skills and knowledge needed to live for Jesus today.
- 4. Parents and other primary caregivers will become more confident and effective in their role as co laborers with Christ for their children.
- 5. The church leadership will accept its responsibility in assisting to care for its youngest members.





## The Philosophy of Learning: Bloom's Revised Taxonomy

#### GC Adventurer Director Manual, Pages 14-15

Educators and Ministry leaders have been analyzing how children learn for many years. One of the most popular ways to define how children (and adults) learn is with Bloom's Taxonomy, used for many years, and revised for today's modern learners.

Blooms Taxonomy is incorporated in many of the activity books and award activities. Take time to help your kids Remember, Understand, Apply, Analyze, Evaluate, and Create while they are earning their pins and awards! Even though the youngest learners will spend most of their time learning in the lower levels of Bloom's taxonomy, it is important for all of our Adventurers to experience multiple levels of learning growth throughout their Adventurer experience. The goal is not to achieve all levels all the time, but instead to be aware of how your Adventurers can explore and grow in their learning!

### Learning Process in 6 Steps

#### Remembering

Retrieve, recall, or recognize relevant knowledge from longer-term memory.

Actions to achieve - Choose, Define, Memorize, Select, List, Name, Label, Identify, Locate, Recite, State, Recognize, Recall, Match, Identify, Show, Tell, or Report

#### Understanding

Demonstrate comprehension through one or more forms of explanation.

Actions to achieve - Restate, Discuss, rewrite, Give Examples, Express, Diagram, Rephrase, Illustrate, Explain Defend, Distinguish, Summarize, Interrelate, Interpret, or Diagram.

#### Applying

Use information or a skill in a new situation.

Actions to achieve - Organize, Generalize, Dramatize, Prepare, Produce, Choose, Sketch, Apply, Solve, Draw, show, Paint, Predict, Infer, Modify, or Rearrange.

#### Analyzing

Break material into its separate parts and determine how the parts relate to one another and/or to an overall structure or purpose.

Actions to achieve - Compare, Analyze, Classify, Point Out, Distinguish, Categorize, Differentiate, Subdivide, Infer, Survey, Select, or Prioritize.

#### Evaluating

Make judgments based on criteria and standards.

Actions to achieve - Judge, Relate, Criticize, Support, Evaluate, Consider, Critique, Recommend, Test, Conclude, Convince, Appraise, or Compare.

#### Creating

Put elements together to form a new coherent or functional whole; reorganize elements into a new pattern or structure.

Actions to achieve - Compose, Originate, Hypothesize, Develop, Integrate, Design, Combine, Construct, Produce, Plan, Create, Invent, or Organize.

Not all activities use all six levels of learning. However, if we can continue to encourage our Adventurers, even the youngest ones to reach the upper three levels of learning as often as possible, their experience in Adventurers will be deep, rich, and memorable.

## **Pledge and Law**

### PLEDGE

Because Jesus loves me, I will <mark>alw</mark>ays do my best.

### LAW

- Be obedient
- Be pure
- Be true
- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be attentive
- Be helpful
- Be cheerful
- Be thoughtful
- Be reverent



SERMON FOR WORLD ADVENTURER DAY

# A WONDERFUL JOURNEY

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KEY TEXT: John 14:2 and 3

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#### INTRODUCTION

Traveling is one of the best activities we can do as children. I am sure that we have all traveled at one time or another—either to visit a relative or simply enjoy a well-deserved vacation— somewhere attractive, with our parents, family or friends.

Many of those trips were unforgettable, filled with great times so we would always like to repeat them again.

But in the Bible, we have studied that there will come a day when all of us who have accepted Jesus will take a wonderful journey. A trip much more attractive and meaningful than any trip we have made. The trip that will change our lives forever.

Let us take a look at what conditions must be there for a trip to be considered wonderful?

#### **1. WONDERFUL DESTINATION**

My dad told me that when he was a little boy traveling by plane was very expensive, so traveling by bus or train was the most convenient alternative. My grandparents, who lived more than 2,000 kilometers away, always traveled to visit the family. Dad said that despite the distance and the discomfort of the trip, just knowing that the place where they were going to was beautiful and entertaining, it made them bear the tediousness of the trip easier. The anticipation of arriving at the destination where they would have a good time, made them ignore the boredom of traveling more than 28 hours on a bus. The important thing was, it was worth the sacrifice.

All of us have been invited to a place worth knowing. Personally, I am very excited to know that Jesus Himself went to prepare a place for me.

John 14:2 tells us, "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?" (NIV)

We know that Jesus and His Father made this world. A perfect world. It was perfect, not like the world we know today. But, even with all of the flaws and problems in the world today, there are many wonderful places on our planet. Can you imagine what this world was like before the entrance of sin? It must have been wonderful. But even as wonderful as it was, the dwellings that Jesus said He would prepare will be even more wonderful.

In 1 Corinthians 2:9 , the apostle Paul gives us a glimpse of what God can do on behalf of all those who want to be saved.

"However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" the things God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9, NIV)

Let us do a little exercise:

Close your eyes and remember the most beautiful landscape you have ever seen. Close your eyes, and remember...

Yes, you did it. Did you feel that desire to be there again resurface? Something similar can be done when we imagine the heaven. Imagining being in Heaven should be a great motivation, which should help us cope with the problems that we may be experiencing in the present.

Have you sung hymn 342 (Spanish Version) Look at the second stanza:

I have dreamed of those beautiful dwellings. That no one has ever seen in this world. Of beauty that cannot be compared For the glory of the Lord is there. Much more beautiful than the sun at sunset Or the reflection of dew on a flower It is that meeting for the redeemed. Well, it was worth it here to fight and win.

#### 2. TRAVEL IN GOOD COMPANY

Another thing that makes a trip wonderful is who you take the trip with. Travelling in good company. And this will also make you forget any discomfort the trip may bring. When we travel with those we love and have a good time, the trip becomes easier and shorter.

But how long will the journey to heaven take?

Ellen White wrote:

"Together they entered the cloud and for seven days we ascended to the sea of glass, where Jesus drew crowns and held them with His own hand. He also gave us golden harps and victory palms" (First Writings 16)

How is it going? When Christ returns to seek us, we will make a journey that will last seven days. As we said before, a long trip is endured when you know that the destination is attractive, wonderful, and the sky must surely be very spectacular, to the point that we can hardly imagine it.

But it is also important to know that on this trip you and I can be accompanied by good company. And, as we already said, traveling with nice, wellknown and beloved people, can make the trip even more wonderful.

Pay attention... When we talk about company, we are talking about:

- a. Our Family
- b. Our relatives who died but who went down to rest believing in Jesus
- c. Our friends
- d. The members of my unit
- e. The people to whom we have presented the message of salvation.

That's right, when Christ comes, all our acquaintances who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior will be part of our company. The Bible also tells us that those who died believing in Jesus will be resurrected, that is, if you lost a friend or family member, if they accepted Jesus before they died, they will rise again and will also be part of our journey, contributing to make our journey to heaven wonderful.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 says,

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words." (NIV)

Can you imagine what this will mean!

#### **3. JESUS THE BEST HOST**

We have already looked at two requirements to having a wonderful trip. The first is that the destination has to be beautiful, attractive, and spectacular; the second has to do with who accompanies us on the trip. Having good company makes the trip pleasant and the journey feels short, but what if, the person who has the responsibility of being our host makes us strange? Don>t you receive us? Or do you dedicate yourself to making our lives checkered?

A good host can make everything worthwhile, even if the landscape is not so beautiful or the weather is not good. Even if those who travel next to us are not up to the task. Friends, a good host can make you forget all the bad times experienced on a trip. It can relieve our fatigue and boredom. A good host can make the moments unforgettable. On this journey we are taking, the host is Jesus, our Friend and Savior Jesus. He himself went to prepare a place for each of us; and if He is the one who is taking care of all the details, we can be sure that He is preparing the best for us.

Let>s read John 14:2-3 again:

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am".

Being with Jesus will mean being in a "Kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world for us" (Matthew 25:34). That Jesus himself, creator of all that surrounds us, has prepared a place for you and me?

Something that is expected of a host, is that the host does everything in their power to serve the guests well. The host must take all the measures so that those who are under their care feel good, happy and, in one way or another, make them forget the bad times experienced in the past.

Knowing that Jesus was resurrected, and then ascended into heaven to prepare the promised dwellings, should motivate us to want to know and enjoy His hospitality. This should fill us with joy and hope.

#### CONCLUSION

Dear friends, very soon, those of us who have accepted Jesus with all our hearts, will have the opportunity to embark on a wonderful journey... Yes! A

spectacular journey with the destination being the dwellings that Jesus has prepared for us.

The good news I give you is that where we are going, Heaven, is a wonderful place. On the journey to heaven we will be surrounded by good people, including friends and family who were resurrected to make this journey and live for eternity. In the sky we can enjoy the beauties of a sea of glass and play with all kinds of animals. We will be able to taste delicious fruits, and we will periodically travel to other worlds. This will last for a thousand years... But hey, that will be the subject for another time.

What do you think? Do you want to make this trip? Do you want to be with Jesus and enjoy His hospitality?

Well, to be on this journey you must be saved, and to be saved you must believe in the Lord Jesus and be baptized. But also, you must be the hands of Jesus in helping others to know Him. All of us who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church should want to communicate the message of salvation so that many others can make this wonderful journey.

Do you want to make this trip? Do you want to be with Jesus and enjoy His hospitality?





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