



VISITOR'S DAY—FRIENDS OF HOPE SABBATH

Sabbath School Program Option 1

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Preparation

1. Identify three families who are unable to attend church due to health reasons or who are interested in learning about the faith. Prepare small gifts from the church and conduct a short worship service during the visit before the Visitor's Day Sabbath. You may choose to record the visit if all parties are in agreement. This video would have the purpose of being played during the Sabbath School program for the church congregation.
 2. The sample Sabbath School program has been adjusted to reflect the content of the church I attend, with the names of individuals changed. You should have those who actually visited lead the program according to the circumstances of your church members.
 3. If your church was unable to make the visit, **please choose Option 2** for your Sabbath School program.
 4. At the end of the program, there is an appeal to join the neighbors' visits planned for this Sabbath afternoon, hosted by the Women's Ministry and Community Services Department. If no visits are scheduled for the afternoon, omit this part.
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Sabbath School Superintendent's Message

Superintendent:

Happy Sabbath! Today is our special "Visitor's Day—Friends of Hope Sabbath." I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you visiting our church for the first time. Our church is always open to you, and we sincerely hope this is not your first and last visit, but the beginning of a meaningful relationship.

For today's Sabbath School, we have prepared a special program. Do you remember when churches had to close during COVID, and we had to worship online? Many of us expected that, once churches reopened, attendance would remain low. However, we were surprised to see so many members return. Many of you shared that worshipping alone at home felt lonely. You longed for in-person fellowship—to sing, pray, and worship together.

Similarly, though not due to COVID, there are members and seekers who cannot physically attend church because of health conditions. Today, we want to extend our love to them. Please pay close attention to the upcoming presentations and remember these individuals in your prayers.

**** (The following individuals are members of my local church. Please share real stories from your own congregation based on your church's situation.)**

Visit Testimonies

Visitor 1: Brother Michael

(Background Photo/video of the visit plays.)

Speaker 1:

Hello, Church Family. The first person we want to introduce today is Brother Michael. He is the younger brother of Sister Jane. Unfortunately, he became completely paralyzed after suffering a stroke and has been bedridden ever since. Despite facing many health crises, he continues to be cared for by his loving sister, Sister Jane, whose dedicated prayers and care have sustained him.

Although he cannot speak, he communicates through his eyes and his right hand, which still has some mobility. Whenever we sing praises and share God's Word, he expresses his joy by giving a thumbs up.

Can you imagine how lonely it must be for him to be confined to his bed all day? We decided that we need to visit him regularly on Sabbath afternoons. Michael also has severe digestive issues and can only eat soft or blended foods. He especially loves sweet potatoes, so if you join us for a future visit, please consider bringing some.

Let us pray for Brother Michael, as well as for Sister Jane, who has tirelessly cared for him. Interestingly, during our visit, the person who seemed the happiest was Sister Jane—our presence was a source of encouragement for her as well. Thank you.

Visitor 2: The Jackson Family

(Background photo/video of the visit plays.)

Speaker 2:

Hello, Church Family. The second household I want to introduce is the Jackson family. This is Brother Jackson, his son David (who is in a wheelchair), and his mother-in-law, Maria, who is bedridden.

Maria was originally being cared for by her daughter, Joe. However, Joe tragically passed away at a young age due to an unexpected illness. Now, Jackson has taken on the role

of caregiver for both his mother-in-law and his son, David, who has physical and intellectual disabilities.

Though government caregivers and nurses visit them occasionally, Jackson still carries a heavy burden as a single father and caregiver. However, despite these challenges, he remains cheerful and never complains. His unwavering gratitude and positive attitude deeply inspire us.

David, Mr. Jackson's son, often talks about heaven. He longs to go there so he can see his late mother again. He also frequently asks for prayers for his sins. The Bible tells us that God judges us according to the light we have received. Though David has received only a small amount of knowledge, his sincere longing for heaven and his repentance seem greater than my own.

Meanwhile, Sister Maria is already blind in one eye, and she fears that she may soon lose sight in the other. Please keep Jackson, David, and Maria in your prayers. They appreciate all kinds of food, so if you join us for a future visit, feel free to bring any dish you can prepare. Thank you.

Visitor 3: The JD Family

(Background photo/video of the visit plays.)

Speaker 3:

Hello, Church Family. The third household I'd like to introduce is the JD family. JD is the name of the eldest son. This family was recently evicted from their home and spent two months homeless before finding a place to live again. Around that time, they connected with our church, and we were able to help them move into their new home.

JD is a high school freshman, and his younger sister, Racheal, is in eighth grade. Despite the hardships they have faced, they are well-behaved, respectful, and obedient to their parents.

Their father, Joshua, is a handyman with many skills, but he struggles to find work because he does not own a car. If he could secure steady employment, their family's situation would improve significantly. If any of you need home repairs or handyman services, please consider hiring him.

Without a vehicle, fetching water is a major challenge for their family. If our church members could take turns helping them refill and deliver water regularly, it would be a great blessing to them.

Please keep the JD family in your prayers. When we visit them next time, we will bring some clean clothing for JD and Racheal, along with some food. Thank you.

Superintendent's Closing Message

Today, we have invited three families—those who, due to various circumstances, are unable to attend church—to join us virtually through these videos.

The greatest commandment Jesus gave us is to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). This aligns with the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Luke 6:31).

As I reflected on these three families, I asked myself: *If I were in their shoes, would I be able to smile and give thanks as they do?* I also repented for the times I was too busy to visit those in need, even when I knew they needed support.

Imagine if you were bedridden, unable to leave your home, or tied down with caregiving responsibilities—how lonely would that be? How much would you long for someone to visit you?

In Matthew 25, Jesus describes the righteous as those who care for the least among them:

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" (Matthew 25:35-36).

When the righteous ask, *"Lord, when did we do these things for You?"* Jesus replies: "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40).

This is why we must visit the lonely, the sick, and those in need—because when we do, we are serving Jesus Himself.

The love we have received from Christ is immeasurable. While we were still sinners and enemies of God, Jesus came to this broken, sinful world, served us, and ultimately gave His life for us on the cross. How can we repay that love? We can do so by serving those in need around us.

Our Sabbath School will be working with the Women's Ministries and Community Service teams to plan Sabbath afternoon visitation programs. When the announcements are made, I encourage all of you to participate. Thank you.