



Inter-European Division - Sabbath School Ministry
Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson No. 02 **03 -09 April 2021**
Title: **Covenant Primer**

Pastoral Group Objectives

In your group reflect on how to create and develop moments of communion which also include also those who are alone.

Let's Share the Word

Key Texts: **Genesis 9:15; Isaiah 54:9; Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:6-9; Exodus 6:1-8; Jeremiah 31:33,34.**

Themes to Explore

1. The lesson presents an introduction to the four covenants recorded in the Old Testament: with Noah, Abram, Moses and the New Covenant (in Jeremiah).
2. In every covenant God takes the initiative; one after the other the project is taken up again, each time more complete and more centred on God's work.
3. It is always God who introduces Himself and proposes a covenant together; He offers a solution and requests participation and solidarity. The example we see in the covenant with Noah is significant: God presents to Noah the rescue plan, but Noah must build the Ark.

Suggestions for Teaching and Spiritual Objectives:

Confirm the elements present in all 4 covenants and those that are distinct to each of them. In particular consider the covenant with Abram.

Possible Questions for Deeper Study, Sharing and Application:

1. Why is the word 'covenant' used (implying 2 parties) in circumstances when it is God who offers the solution?
2. What extra elements are added to the covenant with Abram and then Moses compared with that of Noah? In what way are we all blessed in Abram?
3. Read Galatians 3:6-9 & 29. How does this text help us to understand that we, today, can benefit from the covenant made with Abram?
4. In a time when people are isolated and alone how can we offer the benefits and communion of the divine covenant?

Personal Testimony and Church Mission:

Ask God for effectiveness and ability in transmitting the blessings of the covenant to our contemporaries and friends.