How to Write a Sabbath School Lesson Study

Step 1 Read the Sabbath School Lesson. While doing so, underline verses and points that stand out to you.
ex: Revelation and Inspiration [October 24-30, 2026]

Step 2 Establish the main point that you want your group to understand and accept.
ex: Prophecy is the message that has been inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Step 3 Establish your application goal. What do you want your group to apply to their lives based on the main point.
ex: Read the inspired scriptures for guidance in life.

Step 4 Choose 5-7 passages that would best help the members in your group to understand, accept, and apply the main point.
ex: Revelation 1:1-2 / Hebrews 1:1-2 / 2 Peter 1:19–21 / 2 Timothy 3:15–17 / Acts 17:28 / Daniel 8:27 / Ezekiel 4:1–8

Step 5 Put the passages in a logical order.
ex: *1) Hebrews 1:1-2*
2) Acts 17:28
3) Ezekiel 4:1–8
4) Revelation 1:1-2
5) 2 Pet. 1:19–21
6) Daniel 8:27
7) 2 Timothy 3:15–17

Step 6 For each passage, write at least one open-ended question. The questions should bring out the principle of the passage. A good open-ended question is one where there is no wrong answer and generates discussion. Don't use compound questions. Doing so will confuse the one trying to answer. Better to use two questions instead of a long complicate one. The best open-ended questions are ones that start with 'Why', 'How', or calls for people to give examples.
ex: *Why does God want to speak to us?*
How does the Holy Spirit move the prophets?
What are some examples of ways that God speaks to us?

Step 7
Write an opening question. This is a fun question that will serve as an introduction to your topic and your first passage.
ex: When you are not face to face, what is your favorite mode of communication?

Step 8
Write a closing rhetorical question. This question is the appeal of your study. Therefore, you want it to be personal and call for a decision.
ex: Will you read the scriptures regularly so that the Holy Spirit can guide your life?

Writing a Sabbath School Lesson Study Sample Worksheet

Lesson: Revelation and Inspiration [October 24-30, 2026]
Main Point: Prophecy is the message that has been inspired by the Holy Spirit.
Application: Read the inspired scriptures for guidance in life.

Passages: Revelation 1:1-2, Hebrews 1:1-2, 2 Peter 1:19-21, 2 Timothy 3:15-17, Acts 17:28, Daniel 8:27, Ezekiel 4:1-8

Opening Question: When you are not face to face, what is your favorite mode of communication?

Passage 1: Hebrews 1:1-2
Why Question? Why does God want to speak to us?
Example Question? What are some examples of ways that God speaks to us?
Why Question? Why did God sometimes ask His prophets to write down the messages?
Why Question? Why didn't the prophets always write down the inspired message?
Why Question? Why does God communicate in a variety of ways?

Passage 2: Acts 17:28
Why Question? Why do prophets sometimes quote people who aren't prophets?

Passage 3: Ezekiel 4:1-8
Why Question? Why do you think God sometimes had his messages dramatized?
Example Question? What are some ways that messages can be dramatized today?

Passage 4: Revelation 1:1-2
Why Question? Why does God relay his message to us rather than speaking directly?

Passage 5: 2 Peter 1:19-21
How Question? How does the Holy Spirit move the prophets?
Why Question? Why do the prophets share the messages in their own words?
How Question? How is it helpful to know that the Bible is thought inspired rather than verbally inspired?
Why Question? Why do talking prophets carry authority along with the prophets who write their messages down?

Passage 6: Daniel 8:27
How Question? How does reading the thoughts, emotions, and reactions of the prophets bless us today?

Note: Read your highlighted portion on page 44: "Ellen G. White noted that not all of her human experiences and communications were inspired…"

Passage 7: 2 Timothy 3:15-17
Example Question? What are some examples of the benefits that come from reading the scriptures?

Closing Question: Will you read the scriptures regularly so that the Holy Spirit can guide your life?

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(Don't write. Use this to make photocopies)

Lesson: _____
Main Point: _____
Application: _____

Passages: _____ _____
_____ _____ _____
(Optional) _____ *(Optional)* _____

Opening Question: _____

Passage 1: _____
Why Question? _____
How Question? _____
Example Question? _____

Passage 2: _____
Why Question? _____
How Question? _____
Example Question? _____

Passage 3: _____
Why Question? _____
How Question? _____
Example Question? _____

Passage 4: _____
Why Question? _____
How Question? _____
Example Question? _____

Passage 5: _____
Why Question? _____
How Question? _____
Example Question? _____

Passage 6 (Optional): _____
Why Question? _____
How Question? _____
Example Question? _____

Passage 7 (Optional): _____
Why Question? _____
How Question? _____
Example Question? _____

Closing Question? _____