



**BENJAMIN'S INVITATION
(Children Story/Parable)**

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“Hey, Alex, what are you doing this weekend?” whispered Benjamin, as their teacher was giving instructions about an upcoming test. “I don’t know,” said Alex, “but I will call you tonight.”

These two boys had been best buds ever since they met. They were both the same age, the same height, and the same build. They liked many of the same things. Benjamin and Alex each had a sister, but they themselves were the only boys in their families.

One day as Benjamin was telling his grandmother about how much he enjoyed playing with Alex, his grandmother said, “Why don’t you invite Alex over to play with you here at home?” As much as Benjamin liked being with Alex, it never occurred to him to invite Alex to come to his house to play. Very soon they were together at Benjamin’s house and really having a ball. They enjoyed a delicious meal fixed by Benjamin’s grandmother, they played outside, they talked about their favorite things, and had a really great time together.

As Benjamin thought of how much fun he and Alex always had, he thought about a camping trip that was coming up very soon with families from the church. “Boy, I sure wish that Alex could be there too,” he thought. But he reminded himself that Alex was not even going to his church. Then, it hit him! “Hey, why don’t I invite him to come to our next game night at church?” The idea seemed so logical that Benjamin was totally amazed he had not thought of it sooner!

The very next time they met, Benjamin invited Alex to join him along with other boys and girls at the next church game night. Alex said he would like that, and Benjamin was glad that he had asked. They had a great time with Benjamin’s Sabbath School buddies for the game night at church.

Is there someone that you really enjoy being with, someone who does not attend your church? Why not invite them to go to a church game night or another program or activity at church? Talk to your Sabbath School teacher or pastor about any upcoming events that would be good for someone visiting your church, perhaps for the first time. You could even invite someone to join you in Sabbath School one Sabbath. Pray to Jesus and ask Him to help you identify someone you can invite to your church.