Objective:
To make sure that we are the witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Scriptures from the Bible:

To the director: This program is a drama on the platform. Imagine the Sabbath School class. A few participants, four young people, are sitting at the table and will answer questions from the Sabbath School teacher.

Opening hymn and prayer
SDA Hymnal #348 – “The Church Has One Foundation”

Opening lesson:

Director: Praise the LORD, we are all here. We came here to worship our God and listen to His Word. It is a well-known fact that we are called to be His witnesses. But often we don’t think about what this actually means. There are many testimonies from the Scripture that testify to the fact that 2000 years ago in the church of the first century the disciples were quite successful in preaching the Gospel to the people. The formula was that He was baptized, as was the whole of his house. It is strange that today this formula changed—there is no prophet in his country. But what is the reason for this change? Has our God changed? Maybe the Holy Spirit has been changed? But we know that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. It means that we, His church, have changed. Let us discuss this challenge.
**Question:** When do we meet “witness” in our lives? (*The teacher writes on a board the word “witness” and asks the participants to answer this question. Then he should also write the answers on the board.*)

**Question:** Well. When do we meet “witnesses” in the Bible? I will write some of your examples from the Bible on the board. Then we will discuss some of them.

**Question:** What is the role of the “witness”?

**Answer (1st participant):** Their role is to communicate all the details known to that witness about a particular issue in order to help decide the best way to resolve the issues in that circumstance.

**Teacher:** Let us read **Exodus 20:16:** “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” (KJV).

**Question:** This is the ninth commandment in God’s law. But what does it mean to be a false witness?

**Answer:** A false witness is a person who testifies untruthfully, who lies in the court, and says the wrong details to the staff. In general, the Bible tells us about men as false witnesses. But in some ways, Satan himself can be a false witness: “Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause’. So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life’ ” (Job, 2:3, 4, NKJV). We know that Satan lies, and by his lie he incites God to stand against Job.

**Question:** Based on the verses above, who is our false witness? We know Satan as our accuser. “… for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down” (Revelation 12:10, NKJV). However, Satan uses our weaknesses as he likes every day. In such a way, he is also a witness trying to destroy us in front of God. But this is not all about him.
Satan is also the lying witness against God in front of human beings: “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil’ ” (Genesis 3:4, 5, NKJV).

**Answer:** As we can see in these verses, the devil is the one who bears false witness about God and us. He lies and tries to convince anybody to believe in his lies.

Let’s read Mark 14:55-59: “Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, ‘We heard Him say, *I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.*’ But not even then did their testimony agree” (NKJV).

**Question:** We can see here that the witnesses testified against Jesus. Why are they called *false witnesses*? What was their lie?

Let’s read John 2:18-21: “Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body” (KJV).

**Answer:** First, they took Jesus’ words out of context. Second, they changed His words. What they said was not what Jesus said.

**Question:** After discussing these examples, what does it mean to be a false witness?

**Answer:** A false witness is one who testifies with misinformation about someone else, to accuse him, though he is not guilty.

**Question:** Are all human beings false witnesses?
**Answer:** According to their sinful nature, yes. But there is One Who has a sinless nature and cannot lie, that is to say bear false witness.

In Revelation 1:5 we read, “And from Jesus Christ, who is *the faithful witness*, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,” and Revelation 3:14 says, “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, *the faithful and true witness*, the beginning of the creation of God” (KJV).

**Question:** Who is the witness in these verses?

**Answer:** Jesus, the true witness. We are also witnesses who have to testify in court (the court for us is our families, friends, all the people around us, etc.). We are called to follow Jesus’ example, not Satan’s.

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:6 we find that “Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you …” (KJV).

**Conclusion:** In Matthew 28:18-20 the Bible says, “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (KJV). Also we read in Acts 1:8: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (KJV).

We’re sent to witness about Jesus, and our witnessing must be true and confirmed by our actions. It is impossible to teach someone else without giving an example in the subject of the teaching. So, we must live according to the Jesus’ words and say to the people around us that this is the power of the Master, His Spirit in us. This is the true witnessing.

**Closing Hymn:** SDA Hymnal #369 – “Bringing in the Sheaves”

**Closing Prayer.**