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Guide Magazine Publishes a Story-based Adventist Fundamental Beliefs Book

Nampa, Idaho (November 18, 2020) — *Guide* magazine managing editor Laura Sámano has compiled 28 true stories, one for each of the Seventh-day Adventist fundamental beliefs, and written Bible study questions for each belief in the new book *What We Believe for Guide Readers*.

First of Its Kind

Taken from the weekly magazine for readers ages 10–14, the book’s stories, which include stories of Adventist pioneers as well as contemporary protagonists, introduce kids to each of the Church’s fundamental beliefs. No Adventist publisher has ever produced a book for this age group with the kid-friendly approach of storytelling and study questions.

Christ’s Method of Teaching

Jesus spent a lot of His time on earth teaching by using parables, otherwise known as stories. “Stories remain the most powerful means of transmitting information,” says *Guide* editor Lori Futcher. “Barriers crumble as the reader or listener begins to relate with the character and become receptive to the message the story is meant to teach. And when a story is memorable, that lesson may impact the reader for a lifetime. That is exactly what we pray this book will do.”

Some readers in the 10–14 age range haven’t yet acquired the skill of understanding abstract concepts. Storytelling makes abstract concepts easier to understand. The selected stories show how real people practiced or learned to understand the belief.

For Small Group or Individual Study

“Digging in the Word,” the Bible study portion of the book, can be used within a small group or by individuals. “Not everyone learns in isolation; some want to talk about what we learn. This book allows for that sort of interaction,” says Sámano.

Simplified Beliefs and Trivia

A comprehensive statement of beliefs is included in the back of the book, but in order to help readers remember each belief, former *Guide* editor Randy Fishell wrote one or two sentence versions of them with simple, kid-friendly wording. They are included at the beginning of each chapter.

A Time to Teach

“I believe that the Lord is coming soon,” Sámano affirmed. “If we expect to raise kids who love and know their Savior, it’s time to teach them by showing them what a Bible-based life looks like.”

This is best done when they are young. “Although it is possible for Jesus to transform our crooked ways when we get older,” says Carl McRoy, North American Division Publishing Ministries director, “life is more enjoyable and we are more useful when we’re nurtured in His ways while we’re young. As Fredrick Douglass said, ‘It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.’ ”

“It’s time to teach kids what we believe so that as they grow older they don’t depart from God’s ways,” Sámano said.

The book will be available soon at AdventistBookCenter.com.

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