

Pathfinder Honour: Trainer's Notes

World Changer 1



Instructions to Trainers / Instructors of this Honour

Thank you for being involved with this Honour. These notes have been developed to assist in teaching / instructing this honour. We recognise that there is much more information available and we are grateful that you should share your expertise.

Please remember that Honours are designed to develop our Pathfinders in many ways; their interests, their knowledge and their relationship with their Saviour and Creator. Your enthusiasm and creativity will have a huge impact on those doing the honour.

To complete an Honour, the following (where applicable) must be completed satisfactorily:

- Physical and Practical Requirements.
- Honour Workbook.
- Honour Assessment Sheet. (On SPD Honour Website but Leader's level access is required)

Additional Reference Material

Acknowledgements

BACKGROUND

Everyone who believes in Jesus should have their own Bible. This is a fundamental right of every Christian. This vision ignited the World Changers Bible Project in 2011 when the South Pacific Division Youth leaders began raising funds to place a bible in the hands of every young person in the Adventist church across the South Pacific. To date there are 750,000 Bible kits being distributed across 17 pacific island nations. But that's not the best part. With these bibles and study guides, young Adventists began sharing their faith and bringing their friends to Jesus. You are now the next generation of World Changers who will get the opportunity to introduce your friends to Jesus too. This is why Jesus has placed us on the earth. It is our true calling, so get started and enjoy the journey of becoming a World Changer for Jesus.

Historical Snapshot of a World in Chaos

As Christians, we understand that there has been a cosmic conflict between the forces of good and evil for thousands of years. Whether we like it or not, we cannot escape it.

The evil forces are marshalled by the evil one who is also called the Devil or Satan. Being a superior being to humans and having thousands of years to fine-tune his 'tricks', he is more cunning than anyone can imagine. He uses these tricks to drag as many as possible down with him on his lost cause.

On the other hand, there is the winner of this conflict; the God of the Universe who loves each one of us; so much so, that he sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross for everyone, no matter who we are or what we have done. Jesus rose from the dead and is preparing a special place in heaven for His people when he comes back for us – that is those who love and obey Him. That's great news!

As planet earth gets whacked by one disaster after another, we see ancient prophesies being fulfilled before our own eyes. When one thinks about it, it is logical that the Being that has power over the universe should have insights into the future. These insights are to be found in the World Changer Bible you have in your hands. The WC Bible is unique in that it also contains a VERY special section at the front that will help you become a World Changer. This honour will guide you in learning some valuable skills that will help you impact your relationship with God and your friends. You may be the one who introduces your friends to Jesus the main character in the Bible. This is going to be really fun as you learn how to share your faith with your friends. Enjoy the journey as you work through the World Changer Bible discipleship insert. This will be your text for the honour.

You also have 58 World Changer Bible Reading guides that will help you to understand some of the major themes of the Bible. These reading guides are story based and are easy to use for Pathfinders. Remember to pray before you share the word of God.

The World Changers Project

The World Changers Bible Project is an exciting initiative of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The focus is on, but not limited to, our young people who live in the countries which are situated in the South Pacific.

This honour has been adapted from the World Changers Bible project. The Challenge is to change people's worlds by giving them an informed opportunity to follow Jesus. It's very silly if we try to guess things about Jesus without checking out what He says in the Bible.

As you read through the pages of the WDBI, you will learn the basics of sharing your faith. Your pathfinder leaders will help you as you go. You must remember to work with your leaders, parents and Pastor to follow their instructions. Your local Youth department will also

help you where they can. The important thing is to stay safe in your efforts to share your faith with friends. Always work with at least one other friend who knows you well. Work together with your friends. You may even want to include your parents or other adults you know well as you tell your story of how Jesus has blessed your life.

Finally, be sure to complying with local church outreach, youth ministries protocols, work health policies and Adsafe codes of conduct.

Important:

Leaders. Before you give approval for someone to do this honour, please carefully and prayerfully consider the following:

- The well-being of young people as they may meet with people not fully known to them, yourself or to other leaders.
- How to provide ongoing support as participants complete the honour.
- You can shorten the "World Changers Bible Insert" to WCBI to make life easier as you teach the honour.

REQUIREMENT 1: With the help & approval of your leader/s:

a. Plan your journey to become a World Changer.

Throughout our lives we go on many, many journeys. It could be just to visit a friend who lives minutes away or to an exotic place on the other side of the world. Think about it. We automatically plan the journey – transport, what to take, when, why . . .

Becoming a World Changer entails a more important journey. For real World Changers, it involves the exciting journey of a lifetime. However, these World Changers had to start somewhere. That's the purpose of this honour; to up-skill potential World Changers into the ranks of the real ones. It makes sense to plan this journey.

Many Pathfinder Honours can be successfully completed in a relatively short time; say a few days at most.

b. Find a prayer partner to share your journey.

Finding a suitable prayer partner involves a dose of creativity combined with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Here are some suggestions to get started, A trusted:

- · Friend
- Relative (sibling, mother, father, grand parent, uncle / aunt, cousin etc.
- · Church leader (Pastor, Elder, Pathfinder / Youth Leader etc)
- For the really daring, an 'elderly' spiritual 'saint' that elderly woman person who is everyone's grandma or grandpa. They will love it!

REQUIREMENT 2: In a few words explain:

a. What it means to be a World Changer for God. Hint: Refer to the WCBI, Part (i).

b. How Jesus can help you become a World Changer. Hint: Refer to Philippians 4:13

REQUIREMENT 3: Select five friends you will pray for daily.

Note: You need to outline that the people they pray for are not the leaders in the church, but friends they know who don't know Jesus. People who may not have ever prayed before, or people who may know about God but are not attending church. They also need to be people who the pathfinders will be spending time with for more than one weekend camp for example. They need to have an ongoing relationship with those they are praying for.

REQUIREMENT 4: Read John Chapter 17 and document your personal devotional life by keeping a journal, outlining your prayer life, for at least 5 days. Refer to WCBI, Part (iii)

REQUIREMENT 5: Explain the 'Word Stack' (*WCBI, Part vi*) **outlining how to develop conversations with friends.** *Hint: Use creativity to dramatize the Word Stack.*

REQUIREMENT 6: Explain the three steps to leading people to Jesus (WCBI, Part vii) **a. You must be credible**

b. You must be relational

c. You must be intentional

- **REQUIREMENT 7: Demonstrate the following steps on how to conduct a Bible reading or study** (WCBI Part viii):
- a. Before the Bible reading
- b. During the Bible reading
- c After the Bible reading

REQUIREMENT 8: In a few paragraphs outline, either your own testimony, or the testimony of someone your respect. Adapt the three stages based on the testimony of **Paul the Apostle:** *Hint: Read Paul's story in Acts: 26:4-23. (WCBI Part ix)*

a. Before you met Jesus

Note: Some pathfinders may not have had a conversion experience and this could become quite intimidating for them. The option of writing out someone else's testimony may relieve the stress for some pathfinders. Other Pathfinders may feel that they have always loved Jesus and may not have had a memorable conversion moment in their lives. Another way of explaining a testimony is to ask the question: 'Has there been a time when Jesus became a personal friend? When your faith became personal to you. It could have been at a summer camp, an outreach program, or at church'. There are many young people who feel they need to have a dramatic life and a dramatic change to become a Christian. This is not true. What better testimony that the life of a young person who have always loved

Jesus. Share the stories of Bible hero's like Samuel, Joseph, Daniel and others who stood tall even in their youth for Jesus. These can be great teaching moments during your teaching time. Assure all within your group, that no matter what their journey Jesus loves them and wants to help them with their lives. Another great way to help a person is to ask them: How has Jesus been good to you. This will open up many stories that are worth sharing.

The point here is that every young person can know and have a lovely testimony without having to leave the church.

b. Meeting Jesus (ie conversion)

c. After you meet Jesus

REQUIREMENT 9: Choose one of the 'Easy Ways to Share the Gospel' (World Changers Bible Insert parts x-xii) and demonstrate by sharing the story with another person.

Note: There are good video links to both the Bridge and 3 circles illustration. These may help in your presentation.

For the bridge illustration, see: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzHgzVgVnQc</u> For the Three Circles illustration, see: <u>https://vimeo.com/128678770</u>

REQUIREMENT 10: In a group of at least three people, begin reading some of your favourite stories in the Bible. *Hints: i) The book of Mark is a good place to start. ii) Invite one of your five friends if you're comfortable.*

REQUIREMENT 11: Don't forget to continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you introduce others to Jesus, our personal friend and saviour. Don't cease to provide support and encouragement to those whom you've played a part in changing their world.