

# Children's Ministries

Hi Everyone,

In March the Global Children's Day is coming and we look forward to hearing all about the efforts in your territories. Each year we are amazed at the stories coming out of Global Youth Day and I am sure that the Children will also come up with some fun and exciting ways of helping others.

When we start young we impress on the minds of the children a need to not just think of yourself but you are also able to help those around you. When they discover that they can make a difference it will be a life changing experience.

Please visit the CM website at the GC <https://children.adventist.org/global-childrens-day> where you will find postcards, brochures and the logo.

Blessings to you all as we do our best for others showing them how Jesus treated people. Let's be the Hands of Jesus.

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## NEWS FROM THE NETHERLAND UNION CONFERENCE

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### Teen Club

Most churches in the Netherlands only have a few teens (12-15 years old). As friendship is very important for youngsters, we organise a monthly Teen Club! A club where teenagers from all over the Netherlands gather to meet and interact with each other on a Sabbath. During the Teen Club we always engage in an interactive Bible study. We also play games, enjoy good food and in the evening



we challenge the teens to take part in some awesome activities. For example: bowling, swimming and ice-skating. The teenagers love it and look forward to the Teen Club every month. Around 50 teens join the Teen Club every month. We always end our season with a Teen Camp. Last year the theme was: The choice is yours!



### KIDS in Discipleship

More and more churches in the Netherlands are implementing Kids in Discipleship. On request our department provides a K.I.D. training. The last five years nine teams from different congregations attended the training. We even had a team from Antwerp, Belgium.

**Training event**

Once a year we organise a training event for all the Dutch children's ministry leaders and children Sabbath School teachers. This event empowers the teachers and gives them inspiration to continue their great voluntary work in their local church. Last year almost 100 teachers and leaders attended this training event.



The participants learn new songs and listen to an inspirational speaker. They also attend a variety of workshops.

The workshops deal with a number of topics, such as Creative prayer, Music and Creativity, Organising a Children's Service, Dealing with Puberty, Messy church and Coping with loss.

**KIDZRALLY**

For 16 years now, the Dutch children's ministries in the Netherlands has been organizing the Kidzrally for our elementary school children (4-12 years). This Sabbath is the highlight of the year for the children. A day full of happy smiles and loads of fun, where they learn about and experience stories from the Bible.

For instance, last year the theme was 'Lost, detection requested', and was all about the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son. There was a play with actors and puppets, a detective looking for everything that was lost, music and of course a theme song about the lost, coin, sheep and son. In the afternoon the children could play and have fun. Envision it as a kind of huge messy church: there are crafts and a playground, and the children are divided into age groups.





The children's ministry in the Netherlands encourages young people to develop their talents. We have many teens and youth in our volunteer team and we train them to use and develop their skills. During the programme we also provide opportunities for children to show their gifts and talents on stage:



Every year over 600 children and their chaperones come from every part of the country to enjoy this wonderful Sabbath together. A team of 80 volunteers are vital in making the Kidzrally an unforgettable experience.

