

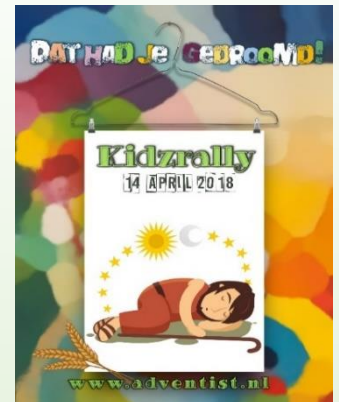
Children's Ministries PAGES

NEWS FROM THE NETHERLANDS UNION CONFERENCE

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KIDZRALLY

For 16 years now, the Dutch children's ministries department 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 'Dream it!', and was all about the story of Joseph. There was a play with lots of actors and of course the Kidzrally house band. 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.





Training events

Most training events for Children's Sabbath School leaders comprise several subjects.

However, during our last training event we changed things up and focused on one single topic: The new programme for teenage girls developed in a European context, Girls for Christ.

Girls for Christ covers health, lifestyle, Bible study and creativity. During the training Children's Sabbath School leaders and Women's Ministries leaders got familiar with the material and how to use it in their congregation.

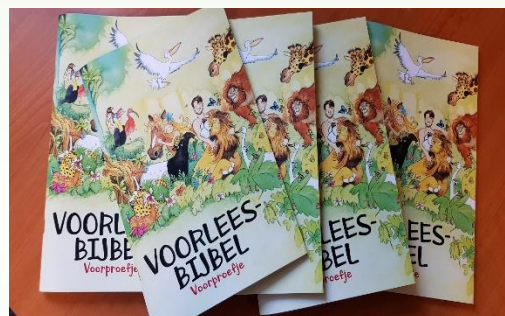
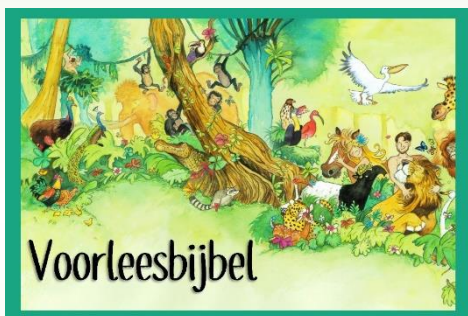
A programme specifically aimed at teenage boys is currently being developed.

Clair Sanches provided the training. Fun fact: Clair had men participating in the Girls for Christ during the Dutch training sessions. A first!



Read Aloud Bible

The Read Aloud Bible is a new project by the Dutch church. Never before did the Adventist church publish a Dutch language Bible for children from 4 to 7. This new Bible, to be published in four volumes, contains all the stories of the Old and the New Testament appropriate for 4 to 7-year-olds. The language and didactic components suit their level of understanding: the stories can be read to the little ones; older children can read them aloud. We hope to publish volume One this summer.



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 in the local church. The last five years nine teams from different congregations attended the training. We even had a team from Antwerp, Belgium.



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.



Teen Club



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: Christ scene investigation!



Global Children's Day

GLOBAL CHILDREN'S DAY, MARCH 16, 2019



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