

BiVA *Reading* **2026**

Digital Reading Programme



*"No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts or give vigor
to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible."
GW 249.2*



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*“If the Bible were studied as
it should be, men would
become strong in intellect.”*

CE 189.1

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DEAR EDUCATION DIRECTORS OF UNIONS AND LOCAL FIELDS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS:

With gratitude to God, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the valuable support you have given to the **BiVA Reading 2025** Contest. It is our desire to continue this reading journey until Christ comes.

With God's help and with your leadership and commitment we propose to instill in our students a love for reading the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, thereby strengthening their minds and, above all, their spiritual life. Hence, we are pleased to inform you that we are ready to launch the second edition of the digital reading programme, "**BiVA Reading 2026**" which is being promoted by the [Adventist Virtual Library \(BiVA\)](#) and the Education Department of our Inter-American Division.

This second edition will focus on the book par excellence, the Bible. We will study the first twenty chapters book of Genesis. It will be a fascinating journey based on the creation and the origins of our faith. It will also be accompanied by readings from the Spirit of Prophecy that exalt God's creative work and His eternal purpose for humanity. On each page, our students will find not only knowledge but also an invitation to strengthen their relationship with our Creator.

We are encouraging you, with God's help, to enthusiastically motivate students to participate in the "**BiVA Reading 2026**" programme. This experience should not be seen as another contest but as a sacred opportunity to form committed readers, biblical thinkers, and young people with a clear vision of their identity and sense of mission for this world, which will prepare them for the world to come.

As educational leaders, we are God's chosen instruments to ignite the flame of knowledge and faith in this generation. And as God told Abram in Genesis 15:1, *"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, and your reward will be very great."*, that same God is promising that your reward will be great. May He give you wisdom and passion to make this digital reading through the "BiVA Reading 2026" programme an even more transformative experience. Remember that: *"Pure healthful reading will be to the mind what healthful food is to the body. You will thus become stronger to resist temptation, to form right habits, and to act upon right principles."* 1MCP 107.2

Let's move forward with determination and commitment, fulfilling the mission!

With appreciation and prayer,

The **BiVA**

BiVA READING CONTEST

2026

Subject:

"In the beginning God created..."Genesis 1:1
A Journey through Genesis and Creation
According to the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Level: Secondary School.**Participant:** Only one student per Union.**Grand Contest Finale:** September 22, 2026,
at 5:00 p.m. Miami time.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DIGITAL READING PROGRAMME

1. To deepen the knowledge of the Creator by studying the book of Genesis as the biblical foundation of creation and God's plan for humanity.
2. To develop the habit of reading among the students at the Adventist schools of the Inter-American Division, promoting access to and active use of the BiVA (Adventist Virtual Library) as a resource during their formative years in all the academic levels.
3. To foster in students a love of digital Bible reading through the BiVA Reading programme.
4. To promote the use of the Adventist Virtual Library (BiVA) as a resource for study, reading, and research.

STUDY CONTENT

The Bible: Reading from the book of Genesis, chapters 1 through 20.

Spirit of Prophecy:

Patriarchs and Prophets

Chapter 2: "The Creation"

Chapter 3: "The Temptation and the Fall"

*The study resources are digital and are available in the **BiVA**: The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy books. You can access the books in the following link:*

<https://biva.interamerica.org/bivaleyendo/en/index.html>



PROGRAMME CALENDAR

School year August 2025 to June 2026

This is a suggested programme which you can adapt according to your institution's school calendar. The important thing is to complete each stage on time and be ready for the grand finale on **September 22, 2026**. Let's move forward together with the same purpose!

STAGE	LEVEL	SUGGESTED DATES	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
1	BiVA	August 2025	Send the 2026 Digital Reading Programme to the Union Education Directors.	BiVA
2	Union	August and September 2025	Promote the Digital Reading Programme "BiVA Reading 2026"	Union Department of Education
3	School	March 2026	Contest at school	School Principals
4	Local Fields: Mission/Conference	April 2026	Contest at the Local Fields	Local Fields' Department of Education Director
5	Union	May 2026	Contest at the Unions	Union Department of Education
6	Finalist	August 2026	Submit the name of the finalist who will represent the Union in the BiVA-Division contest.	Union Education Directors
7	Live Virtual Grand Finale (via Zoom/YouTube) - Division	September 22, 2026	BiVA Final Reading Contest to be held at the Union which obtained the first place of the 2025 contest.	BiVA – Union and Division Education Departments

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School year January to October 2026

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MODALITY OF THE CONTEST

- **Virtual:** via Zoom and YouTube platforms
- **Question Format:** Multiple Choice
- **Rounds:** 4 rounds consisting of 10 questions each.
- **Finalist:** based on total score and time.

RECOGNITIONS

- **First place:** High School Tuition scholarship + tablet + medal.
- **Second place:** High School Tuition scholarship + school materials + medal.
- **Third place:** High School Tuition scholarship + medal.
- The Unions of the three finalists will receive special recognition from the BiVA.



ADVERTISING AND ACTIVITIES

- The official promotional poster for "BiVA Reading 2026" will be sent later (digital version to print and share).
- Motivational video song for Bible study.
- It is suggested that schools have devotionals and activities with themes based on Genesis.
- Make use of the Faith and Science material located in the BiVA in the resources area.
- It is suggested to prepare a small motivational activity before each stage.



DIGITAL AND PRINTED BOOK DAY

We remind you that the **International Book and Copyright Day celebration**, proclaimed by UNESCO, has a fixed date which is repeated every year. Include this celebration in the school calendar: **Thursday, April 23, 2026**. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to promote reading and research among students and teachers.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure the strengthening and continuous improvement of the **2026 BiVA Reading** programme, it is recommended that you carefully review the **2025 BiVA Reading programme**, specifically pages 23 to 28. These sections contain strategic information that will be essential for the development of the second edition of the digital reading programme.

On these pages you will find important details about:

- The general structure of the contest.
- The methodology used by schools, Local Fields, and Unions.
- The responsibilities assigned to each organizing committee.

We encourage you to use this content as a frame of reference to project improvements and plan the 2026 contest with greater clarity and efficiency. With God's help, we will achieve the spiritual and formative objectives promoted by the **BiVA**.

If schools wish to extend this reading experience to students of the primary level, they are completely free to do so. In addition, if they consider it necessary, they can organize an internal reading contest with primary school children and develop it to the level they deem appropriate, either at the school level, Local Field or Union, according to their possibilities and objectives.

This is a valuable opportunity to sow the love for reading at an early age which strengthen the students' spiritual understanding.



CONCLUSION

DEAR ADVENTIST EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY:

We are happy to invite all students in all the Adventist schools of the Inter-American Division territory to participate in the Digital Reading Programme "**BiVA READING 2026**" of the [**ADVENTIST VIRTUAL LIBRARY**](#).

This programme will be a great opportunity to foster a love for reading and grow together as a community of readers through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, learning to discover new ideas, learn values, and develop skills that will accompany them in their spiritual and academic lives.

This programme seeks to unite us as an Adventist educational family so that we share a taste for reading and spiritual reflection. Hence, Ellen G. White reminds us that: *"Children need proper reading which will afford amusement and recreation and not demoralize the mind...but if pure and good reading is furnished them, they will cultivate a taste for that."* (AH, 411.2)

We invite each school to join enthusiastically. Let's make this reading journey an enriching experience for our students, teachers, and parents.

May God bless your educational work. Let's keep sowing for the Kingdom!

Maranatha

Your **BiVA** team





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