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Title: Good Report Card

Theme: Study hard to get good grades in school; study God’s word to get good grades in life.

Object: Bella’s second grade report card.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

I was really happy this week when my granddaughter Bella gave me this envelope. [Show envelope]

What do you think this envelope has inside it? Let’s find out!

This is Bella’s report card.

She’s in the second grade at the Amesbury SDA School, and her teacher is Mrs. K.

[Show report card and read through the grades.]

This is a very good report card, and I was very proud of Bella.

She studied hard and got good grades. She’s learning her lessons and getting smart.

And if she keeps studying hard and gets smart, she will be able to go on to high school and college.

Then she’ll be able to get a good job that she enjoys and have a good life.

Now there’s something else we need to study besides our school books in order to have a successful life.

What do you think it is? It’s the first thing on Bella’s report card, the Bible.

Our Bible verse today says: “Study to show yourself approved unto God, a worker that doesn’t have to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

The word of truth is the Word of God, the Bible.

And God wants us to study it so we will know the truth and be able to teach it to others.

God wants to be able to approve the way we handle the truth of the Bible.

He wants to give us a report card that says “Excellent” for our Bible grade.

Do we need to study hard to get an excellent grade from God on our report card? (Yes we do!)

So be here each Sabbath to go to Sabbath School and learn what’s in the Bible.

Listen at family worship so that you know what’s in the bible.

Go to our church school so you can learn what’s in the Bible.

And memorize all the Bible verses you can so that you can know what’s in the Bible.

The more you know the Bible, the more you will know God’s truth.

The Bible is filled with truth about lots of things, but the most important truth in the Bible is the truth about Jesus.

In fact, Jesus said that He is the truth.

Here’s the truth: God loves you. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for your sins. If you love Jesus, and trust in Him, and tell Him you’re sorry for your sins, He will forgive you and give you eternal life instead of eternal death.

Does that sound good to you?

When you love Jesus and hold onto Him no matter what, then God can put an “Excellent” on your report card, because you know the Truth.

Let’s ask Jesus to help us learn the truth about Him so we can get an “excellent” on our report card from God.