

French History Sample Lesson

1. *Lesson Topic:* French history (reign of Louis XIV and the Waldenses)
2. *Spiritual Concept:* Standing firm for one's faith despite societal pressures
3. *Background:* Teacher discusses lesson using PowerPoint

Louis XIV

Became most powerful king in French history.

Used his absolute power to make France powerful.

Used his absolute power to crush ideas contrary to his.

Determined to make Catholicism the official French religion.

Revoked Edict of Nantes.

Law that granted religious freedom.

Declared illegal many faiths.

Protestant reaction to France's Catholic dictates: internal decision to stand firm for their faith

4. *Group Activity:*

Tell the students that they are all Waldenses.

Inform them that they may not worship as they choose.

Send them to their 4-member groups to discuss:

what this decision by the King means to them

what they are going to do about it

how they are going to be able to survive this dilemma

physically

spiritually

Have the students share their group's findings with the class

Have the students go back to their groups and discuss how this experience ties into their SDA experience

5. *Closure:*

Discuss with the students:

The importance of knowing what you believe

How to stand firm for your belief

Having a daily relationship with Jesus

Knowing the promises He has for us

How can we see God's leading in the French-Waldenses?