



## Future-proofing our children

### Confirmation 2

Lesson Title

Blessing

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Blessing**” Confirmation 2 lesson.

This document provides you with a minimum guide on how to present the lesson.

## How to prepare and present the lesson

Below are some tips on how to go about preparing and presenting the lesson:

Step	Action
<b>1</b>	<p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• The lesson in PDF format that is already prepared</li> <li>• Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc.</li> <li>• The Video Clip which is an additional/ optional resource tool</li> <li>• Catechism and Questions and Answers (especially for Confirmation)</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>2.1: An ideal time preferably to present the lesson is after the Sunday morning service in line with the normal Sunday School time to maintain the routine.</p> <p>2.2: Please keep the lesson as concise (brief) as possible, bearing in mind the attention span (to focus on the lesson) of our children - you know your child best! <i>Sunday School normally does not exceed 45 minutes.</i></p> <p>2.3: The lesson is class specific (Confirmation 2).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your Confirmation Teacher if you need any assistance or if you need any of the above resources.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Pray (see the prayer at the end of this document) and ask God to use you as a tool to present the lesson the way He would want us to present it.</p>



## Present a Confirmation Lesson at Home

### How to prepare and present the lesson

We continue to share some tips on how to go about preparing and presenting the lesson:

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4	Create a pleasant, disturbance free learning environment where you and the child/ren are at the same level. <b>Example:</b> Sit on a mat or around a table.
5	Read through the lesson. Re-read the lesson so that you understand it. Watch the video-clip of the lesson to get a better understanding of the lesson.
6	Make notes for yourself on important points that you would like to remember.
7	Understand the objective of the lesson that your child must remember.
8	Present the lesson to your child.
9	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning.
10	Refer your child to the activity in the child's workbook (I Also Want To...)
11	Pray, or ask your child to pray and close the lesson.

### Available tools in terms of Home Schooling

Herewith some tools to enhance the quality of the lesson:

1. WhatsApp chat the lesson with another Confirmation 2 family.
2. Discuss the lesson with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct (do) your own research for additional (extra) information.
4. Contact your congregation Sunday School Coordinator and/or Confirmation teacher for additional information.



# The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Blessing
<b>Text</b>	Genesis 32: 10 & 26, Matthew 14: 15-21, Matthew 13: 3-8, Deuteronomy 11: 26-27 and Matthew 21: 22
<b>Catechism &amp; Q&amp;A</b>	Chapter 4 & 12, Q&A 260 - 270, 660 - 672
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The confirmands know how they are blessed by God and what effects blessing has on them.

## Lesson Summary:

### What is Blessing?

Blessing is an expression of God's loving care, which no one can earn. To be blessed means to receive good things from God. Blessing contains divine strength as well as the assurance that God grants His help and guidance. The opposite of blessing is curse.

God often imparts His blessing through people who have been commissioned by Him for this purpose, i.e. our Ministers. No one can bless himself. Blessing develops when faith is present and the lasting effects of blessing depends on the attitude and conduct of the person being blessed. Blessing is a gift from God that can always be renewed. Blessing can also be extended beyond the person who received it to future generations.

### When whom and what does God bless?

- At the end of divine services
- At Holy Baptism
- At Holy Sealing
- At Confirmation
- At engagements
- at weddings
- expectant mothers
- at wedding anniversaries
- offerings
- the food we eat

### What is the significance of blessing?

Blessings has great significance. The blessings Jacob received from his Father and from God had an effect on his earthly life - Genesis 32: 10 & 26. The Lord Jesus made it possible for 5000 people to be fed from two fish and five loaves of bread - Matthew 14: 15-21.

What is the effect of blessing? It is clear that God's blessing always results in an increase. With the parable of the sower Jesus Christ referred to how God's word is received. Depending on the condition of the soil the seed will not yield a good harvest - Matthew 13: 3-8. God's blessing cannot develop without faith, good attitude and good conduct.

### How do we obtain God's blessing?

To be blessed our attitude plays an important role. We will be blessed if we open our heart wide to His activity. This means:

- I want to obey God's commandments!



- I want to live in accordance with the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles.
- I want to pray for God's blessing! For example, I pray: Heavenly Father, help me to become worthy and bless my activity in Your work.
- I want to take my vow and keep my promise to the Lord God!

### **What is the effect of God's blessing for us?**

God's blessing preserves and increase the following within us:

- divine **peace** which gives us inner calm;
- God's **love** enabling us to love our neighbour as ourselves;
- the **joy** in God's work enabling us to joyfully live in accordance with our faith, to profess God, and to sacrifice;
- godly **wisdom** enabling us to recognise and accept God's will and act accordingly;
- the ability to love my Heavenly Father and to remain faithful to Him until Jesus Christ returns.

### **What does this lesson mean for us today?**

We want to remember how we are blessed by God and what effects His blessing has on us.

### **Some questions that we can ask:**

**1. Define the word blessing?**

*Answer: Blessing is an expression of God's loving care; which no one can earn.*

**2. Can a blessing be renewed?**

*Answer: Yes, it can also be extended beyond the person receiving it to future generations.*

**3. What is the significance of blessing?**

*Answer: God's blessing always leads to an increase.*

**4. What should we do to be blessed by God?**

*Answer: We should open our hearts wide to His activity and realise that our attitude and conduct plays an important role.*

**5. What is the effect of God's blessing on me?**

*Answer: God's blessing can preserve and increase His peace, love, joy and wisdom within me and grant me the ability to love God and remain faithful until Jesus Christ's return.*

### **Additional Notes Dear Parents**

1. As part of homework, your child is to prepare themselves intensively for their confirmation.



## **A Prayer for Daddy and Mommy to pray before the lesson:**

*Almighty God and eternal Father,*

*Thank you for this wonderful day.*

*With gratitude we bow before you today and*

*Thank you for another opportunity to learn.*

*Please help us today to understand and grasp the lesson but most of all, the ability to apply it in our daily lives.*

*We ask this in Jesus's name, Amen.*