



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 2

Lesson Title

Confirmation

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Confirmation**” 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
1	<p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</p>
2	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible • The lesson in PDF format that is already prepared • Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc. • The Video Clip which is an additional/ optional resource tool • Catechism and Questions and Answers (especially for Confirmation) <p>Note:</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>
3	<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. Example: 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

Lesson Title	Confirmation
Text	No Bible reading
Catechism & Q&A	Chapter 12, Q&A 663 – 666
Lesson Objective	The confirmands are aware of their personal responsibility and are able to take their vow in a devout manner.

Lesson Summary:

It is important that we understand the **significance of confirmation** and the role our parents played. Today we can truly express our gratitude to our parents for keeping their vow. Until the day of our confirmation, our parents will have the responsibility for our spiritual life. At your Holy Baptism and Holy Sealing your parents vowed to bring you up in the church’s doctrine and to develop your soul in accordance with divine standards.

We assume this responsibility on the day of our confirmation and will become fully responsible to God for everything we do. We will render a vow before God. It is thus imperative to know the **difference between a consent, a promise, and a vow.**

Consent – quick yes to do something, you don’t feel obligated to keep your word.

Promise – we are more obligated and do not carelessly make a promise – we think of the consequences associated with the promise.

Vow – a vow is binding and a vow taken before God has even greater significance. We strive to keep it wholeheartedly and live our life in accordance with the vow. On the day of confirmation our Heavenly Father affirms this vow and grants us His blessing.

The Confirmation vow: Recite the vow

I renounce Satan and all his works and ways, and surrender myself to You, O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in belief, obedience, and the earnest resolution to remain faithful to You until my end. Amen.

With this vow you solemnly promise (acknowledge your decision) to commend yourself completely to God, to obey the triune God and align your lives to His will as well as pledge loyalty to the Lord. The blessing associated with confirmation is to strengthen you in your striving to keep your vow and profess Jesus Christ in word and deed.

The sequence of events in a divine service with Confirmation is the same as a for a regular divine service up to the time of the Eucharistic prayer and before the consecration of Holy Communion. The Chief Apostle’s letter is read followed by an address of the officiant. At this point confirmands are asked a question of faithfulness followed by their answer of YES. Recital of the confirmation vow follows and afterward the confirmation blessing is dispensed upon the confirmands. All are congratulated and welcomes and then they return to their seats. At this point, the normal divine service proceedings continue.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

We want to be fully aware of our personal responsibility, take our vow in a sincere manner and strive to keep our confirmation vow.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. What is confirmation?

Answer: It is the act of blessing in which young New Apostolic Christians take upon themselves the obligations which their parents or guardians undertook on their behalf at their baptism and sealing.

2. What is the main prerequisite to be confirmed?

Answer: You must have received the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Sealing.

3. What is the effect of confirmation blessing?

Answer: The blessing strengthens the confirmands in their endeavor to keep their confirmation vow and profess Jesus Christ in word and deed.

4. What is the text of the confirmation vow?

Answer: I renounce Satan and all his work and ways, and surrender myself to You, O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in belief, obedience, and the earnest resolution to remain faithful to You until my end. Amen.

5. What happens after confirmation?

Answer: Once confirmed, these Christians, who have now reached spiritual maturity, bear full responsibility before God for their life of faith.

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.