



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 2

Lesson Title

Jesus Christ – 2nd Article of Faith

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus Christ – 2nd Article of Faith**” 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:

Step	Action
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	Jesus Christ – 2 nd Article of Faith
Text	Ephesians 4: 8-9; Matthew 3: 17; John 15:13; John 13: 4-5; John 8: 3-11; Matthew 11: 28
Catechism & Q&A	Chapter 3, Q&A 42; 93, 94, 178, 182; 194; 195
Lesson Objective	Jesus Christ is at the centre of our faith. He is our example in all matters. The confirmands recognise Him in His present-day activity. They want to experience His nearness.

Lesson Summary:

Who is Jesus Christ? What is Jesus Christ for me? What names did He receive?		
Prince of Peace	The Way, the Truth and the Life	Bread of Life
Resurrection and the Life	Saviour	Redeemer
Son of God	Light of the World	Example
The Risen One	Good Shepherd	Bridegroom
1. <u>Jesus Christ the Son of God:</u>		
<p>He is the only begotten Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary - line of David (Christmas). Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried (Good Friday). He entered the Realm of the Departed (Ephesians 4:8-9) and rose from the dead (Easter Sunday). Jesus ascended into Heaven (Ascension Day) and sits at God's right hand from where Jesus will return (First resurrection).</p>		
2. <u>Jesus Christ my Saviour – He loves me:</u>		
<p>Jesus Christ brought the ultimate sacrifice on the cross for our redemption, because He loves mankind very much. God, the Father, said to Him: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” Matthew 3:17. In this we recognise one of Jesus’ greatest characteristics: His great love for all people, also for me.</p>		
What are the other attributes of Jesus?		
Examples out of Jesus’ life		Attributes
In whom I am well pleased – Jesus always did God’s Will		Obedience and Trust
He washed His disciples feet (John 13: 4-15)		Humbleness, humility
He endured suffering and humiliation (Matthew 27:30)		Dignity and Gentleness
Treated sinners with compassion (John 8: 3-11)		Compassion



These examples show that it is easy to have a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus said; “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11: 28). **We want to become like Jesus Christ.**

3. Jesus Christ today:

How do we experience Jesus Christ today?

- His patience and mercy in absolution (forgiveness),
- His nearness in prayer,
- His presence and love in Holy Communion,
- His help in our battle to overcome sin and His care in need and affliction.

Where and how have you experienced the Love of Jesus in your life? When have you personally experienced the help of Jesus? Think about your fellowship with Jesus and His activity in your own lives.

- Ø Jesus started His work and today He is completing it.
- Ø Jesus Christ sent His Apostles and still sends them today (John 20: 21).
- Ø Jesus’ sacrifice is still valid today (Matthew 28: 20).
- Ø Through the Holy Sealing we belong to Jesus Christ’s bridal congregation.

Jesus will come again and take you unto Himself!

Second Article of Faith:

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, entered the realm of the dead, rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from where He will return.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.
- Jesus is the center of our faith.
- He is our example in all matters.
- As confirmands, we recognise Him in His present-day activity. We want to experience His nearness and become like Him.



Some questions that we can ask:

1. Who is Jesus Christ?

Answer: He is the Son of God. He is true Man and true God.

2. What is Jesus Christ to me?

Answer: *Jesus is my Saviour and Redeemer, the bridegroom of my soul. He brought His sacrifice for me.*

3. What names were given to Jesus Christ? Mention just a few?

Answer: *Prince of peace, God's Son, good shepherd, the bread of life, etc.*

4. What happened on Christmas day and Good Friday?

Answer: *The birth of Jesus Christ. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ*

5. What is the text of the second article of faith?

Answer: *I believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, entered the realm of the dead, rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from where He will return.*

Additional Notes Dear Parents

1. As part of homework, your child needs to learn the second article of faith by heart.

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.