



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 2

Lesson Title

Holy Spirit – 3rd Article of Faith

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Holy Spirit – 3rd 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 |
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| 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

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| Lesson Title | Holy Spirit – 3 rd Article of Faith |
| Text | Bible texts recorded within the lesson summary below |
| Catechism & Q&A | Chapter 3, Q&A 43; 197; 198; 202; 204 |
| Lesson Objective | The confirmands become aware of the wealth they have received through the Holy Spirit. They want His power to be active in their life. |

Lesson Summary:

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| <p><u>When do we use the word “holy”?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When an Angel appeared to Moses in a burning bush and Moses was amazed by what he saw and walked closer to see, God announced Himself then said to him, “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” (Acts 7:30-33 and Exodus 3: 2-6) • God’s presence creates holiness. • ‘Holy’ means being separated from that which is earthly, ordinary and impure; it means to be dedicated to God. <p><u>Different spirits and thoughts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are different spirits. Read 1 John 4: 1. • We are to avoid thoughts that are foreign to God and which are inconsistent with the gospel as these thoughts seek to lead us away from God. • Often some of these ideas even seem logical, but they are generally directed against God. • God, the Holy Spirit, is the third Person of the Trinity. • The Holy Spirit is the Helper Jesus promised and teaches us the divine truth and guides us into all truth. Read John 14: 26 and John 16: 13 <p><u>The activity of the Holy Spirit:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Holy Spirit was active in the time of the Old Testament. • Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, David was able to prophesy the future of the Son of God. Read Psalm 16: 10, Psalm 22: 19 and Psalm 69: 21 • King David did not receive the sacramental gift of the Holy Spirit, therefore he asked God not to take His Holy Spirit from him. Read Psalm 51: 11 • After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the Apostles were able to dispense the gift of the Holy Spirit to believing Christians. Hereby we attain the |
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childhood in God and the prerequisite to become a firstling. Read Romans 8: 16 and Romans 8: 28

Effects of the Holy Spirit:

- The sealing with the gift of the Holy Spirit is part of the rebirth. Through it a new divine life is generated within us. Read James 1: 18
- The Holy Spirit reveals God's will primarily through Jesus Christ's Apostles. Read John 16: 13-14, Luke 12: 11-12
- The Holy Spirit also lays thoughts directly into our hearts and encourages us to act on it. Take this opportunity immediately.
- The Holy Spirit reminds us of Jesus Christ's promises and helps us to expect and prepare for His return.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to decide what we should do in such situations where we must distinguish between right and wrong. Read 1 Corinthians 12: 10-11 When the Holy Spirit can sanctify/purify our thoughts, Christ rules within us.
- All children of God have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, which strengthens the bond of fellowship among them. Read 2 Corinthians 13:13 They are of one mind and spirit.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- As New Apostolic Christians we believe in the Triune God, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- Our 3rd Article of Faith speaks about the Holy Spirit. "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one, holy, universal, and apostolic church, the community of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and life everlasting."
- We should strive to listen to and have the Holy Spirit be active within us!

Learn the 3rd Article of Faith by heart and allow the Holy Spirit to be your guide.



Some questions that we can ask:

1. When do we use the word “holy”?

Answer: God’s presence creates holiness. ‘Holy’ means being separated from that which is earthly, ordinary and impure; it means to be dedicated to God.

2. What are the implications of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit through an Apostle for the recipient?

Answer: The sealing with the gift of the Holy Spirit is part of the rebirth. Through it a new divine life is generated within us.

3. Give an example of how the Holy Spirit help us?

Answer: It helps us to decide what we should do in situations where we must distinguish between right and wrong. (other acceptable answers can also be provided)

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

Dear God, thank you for this day

Bless all parents and children

May we feel your presence

Bless the lesson we will have

Please teach us how to serve you

And help us to do your will

So that we grow closer to you

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

Amen