



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

Air, earth and water

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “Air, earth and water” Sunday School 1 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 PDF lesson that is already prepared • Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc. • The Video Clip which is an additional optional resource tool <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 as possible, bearing in mind the retention 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 lessons are class specific (i.e. SS, RI or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher 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 Sunday School 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 children are at the same level <i>Example:</i> Sit on the mat or at 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 by telling the story. You can even read the story if you like.
9.	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning/purpose of the lesson.
10.	Refer your child to the activity in the child's workbook.
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 Sunday School 1 family.
2. Discuss 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 Teacher for additional information.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Air, earth and water
Text	Genesis 1: 1-19
Lesson Objective	The children learn to admire God's perfect creation and become aware that all life is dependent on the elements (air, earth and water) created by God.

Lesson Summary:

- Today I want you to use your imagination.
- Imagine that you are playing in the garden. You are busy making your own world.
- You break off flowers and twigs to put into the sand. You use mud to make a mountain and even make a tunnel through the mountain. Next you dig a lake and fill it with water.
- You stand back to look at this marvellous world that you have made.
- But something is missing. You need a sun, moon and stars, but how could you make those?
- You think back to your last lesson when you learned about these lights that God created.
- You are so excited when you run to your friend's house. You want them to come and see the world you created.
- You immediately start telling them: "Come and see, I have made a world of my own! It is so beautiful! I made mountains, a lake and I even put flowers and plants in it."
- But, Oh dear! When you and your friends get to the garden you almost start crying when you see the faded, wilted leaves and flowers.
- Even your lake has dried up. The scorching sun has ruined everything.
- As you try to fill up the lake with a bucket, the water splashes over the rim and destroys even the mountains and tunnels you built. You are very sad.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We are not able to build a world of our own.
- Everything that people build (cars, buildings and huge bridges) will one day go to ruins.
- **Only that which God created will last forever.**
- God created the elements air, earth and water and without these elements all living creatures will die, even us.
- The good news is, that you can build a new landscape using God's creation.
- God created seeds you can plant in the ground to give you beautiful plants.
- The air that God created fills your lungs when you take a deep breath. This is the same air your plants will need to grow.
- Your seeds will also need plenty of water to grow strong roots just like your body needs water to stay healthy. God created water in many different forms.
- God created the earth and the sea so that all living creatures would have a place to live. The earth and sea also provide food for people and animals.
- Without air and water all living creatures will die.
- We can only care for that which God has given us and we must never forget that God is the creator of everything.
- It's so exciting to think that we can use God's creation to plant our own beautiful garden.

Some questions that we can ask

1. **What happened during the first four days of the creation?**
Answer: Lesson 1
2. **Water is found on earth in different forms, name a few?**
Answer: dew, ice, snow, rain

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