



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

**Lesson Title**

The three men in the fiery furnace.

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “The **three men in the fiery furnace**” Sunday School 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: <a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a>
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• The PDF lesson 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 Question and Answer (for Confirmation classes)</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 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 (SS1, RI1 or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	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.
4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level  <b>Example:</b> Sit on the 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.



# 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
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 family.
2. Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct your own research for additional information.
4. Your congregation's Sunday School Coordinator and Sunday School Teacher is on standby to assist.





## The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	The three men in the fiery furnace
<b>Text</b>	Daniel 3: 1 - 30

<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children experience what power, confidence and steadfastness is kindled by complete trust in God. The children learn to know God as their Saviour in need.
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### Lesson Summary:

- King Nebuchadnezzar had an idol built and commanded that his kingdom worship it.
- Three young men refused to kneel to worship the idol.
- They were willing to follow God no matter what.
- They were thrown into a fiery furnace as punishment.
- As the king watches, he notices that there are now 4 men in the furnace.
- When the three men stepped out of the furnace, they were unharmed by the flames and did not even smell of smoke.
- Nebuchadnezzar recognises the power of God and announces God's greatness to his kingdom.

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

This lesson teaches us that:

- Our God is powerful.
- We must have confidence in him even though things look scary.
- We must stand strong, even though our friends want us to do things which Mommy and Daddy would not want us to do.
- We must have complete trust in God.



### Some questions that we can ask:

#### What do you remember of the Lesson?

1. What did king Nebuchadnezzar build?

**Answer:** A statue / idol

2. What did he want people to do in front of the idol / statue?

**Answer:** Kneel down / praise the statue / idol.

3. Did all the people listen to the king?

**Answer:** No

4. What happened to the three men who disobeyed the king?

**Answer 1:** They were punished.

**Answer 2:** They got arrested.

**Answer 3:** They got thrown into a big fire.

5. What happened to the 3 men inside the furnace?

**Answer 1:** God sent an angel to protect them.

**Answer 2:** They didn't burn

6. What was the king's response when he saw the 4<sup>th</sup> person in the fire?

**Answer:** The King said that their God has sent an angel and saved those who "trust in him and worship no other God. There is no other God who can save so miraculously!"

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

*Dear Lord*

*Thank you for today.*

*Thank you for your protection and love.*

*Help me to focus my heart and mind*

*on what I am about to learn.*

*May I always remember that I can trust You completely.*

*Thank you for all my blessings.*

*I love you Father.*

*Amen.*