



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School 1

Lesson Title: Daniel in the lions' den

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the Sunday School 1 lesson entitled **Daniel in the lions' den**.

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 <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 (Sunday School 1).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS 1 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 SS 1 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 (Come Lord Jesus, volume 1)
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 SS 1 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 Teacher for additional information.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Daniel in the lions' den
Text	Daniel 6

Lesson Objective	<p>The objective of this lesson is:</p> <p>God guides and strengthens His faithful children, and can also save them miraculously from the greatest danger</p>
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Lesson Summary:

- Daniel refused to obey the laws of the land
- He continued to praise and worshipped God earnestly despite the consequences
- He was not afraid to be cast in the lions' den because he knew his God would save him
- His confidence and trust in God resulted in the king Darius changing his decree: Daniels God is to be worshipped throughout the land!

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- ü God does not want anything bad to happen to us.
- ü He loves us and will always save us from danger.
- ü He always answers our prayers.
- ü We can constantly depend on Him.



Some questions that we can ask:

1. **Question:** What was the name of the king in this story?

Answer: King Darius.

2. **Question:** Why was Daniel thrown into the Lion's Den?

Answer: He did not obey the rules of the king, that no one will be allowed for a period of thirty days to make a request to any God or any man other than to the king.

3. **Question:** What happened in the Lion's Den?

Answer: The lions did not harm Daniel.

4. **What was the king's new rule?**

Answer: Daniel's God is to be worshipped throughout the land

Additional Notes Dear Parents

1. The activity to be done in the child's workbook is on page 17. It is part of lesson 1.3.4. This can be done after the lesson is presented to them or if you choose, you can do it as an activity where you and your child do it together.

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

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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