



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

John the Baptist

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**John the Baptist**” 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 Example: 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	John the Baptist
Text	Luke 3: 1-18
Lesson Objective	The children learn to understand how God prepared the way for His Son on this earth, thus fulfilling His promise.

Lesson Summary:

- After a time of preparation spent in the desert, John returned to be among the people so that he could prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the Redeemer.
- He preached clearly, in simple terms, and baptised souls in the river Jordan.
- The Lord's promise through the prophet Isaiah was fulfilled: "Prepare the way of the Lord". Isaiah 30: 3-5
- In John's preaching he called people to change the lives: "Better your lives! God wishes to establish His kingdom. The Redeemer comes soon! We must be prepared! God only wants people who repent their sins!"
- John's preaching made a profound impression on many people that they believed he was the promised Messiah.
- John pointed out to them: "I can only baptise with water. The one who comes after me, is mightier than I. He shall baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- John found peace in the desert and during this time he heard the word of God given to him. We too must find a quiet place and spend time with God in prayer so we can understand what God wants to tell us.
- The Lord always keeps His promises. He sent John to prepare the people for the coming of His Son, Jesus, the Redeemer.
- John called people to change their lives and baptised them with water if they repented their sins.



- The promise of the return of Jesus Christ will also be fulfilled. God always keeps His promises.
- We are being prepared for this day in our divine services so that we are found worthy to be taken by Jesus and have eternal fellowship with Him in God's kingdom.

Some questions that we can ask

1. **What is the name of the person that prepare the way for the Redeemer?**

Answer: John

2. **What did John preach about?**

Answer: that people should change their lives and repent from their sins

3. **What happened if the people repented from their sins?**

Answer: John baptised them in the river Jordan

4. **Who did the people think John was?**

Answer: they thought he was the Redeemer

5. **What did John say to them when he heard that he heard this?**

Answer: I baptise with water. The Redeemer will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

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