



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

I am a child of God

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “I am a child of God” 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	I am a child of God
Text	No Bible Reading
Lesson Objective	The children feel that they have a Heavenly Father. God is the strongest Father they could wish for.

Lesson Summary:

We learnt the following in the previous three lessons:

1. **John the Baptist:** God cares for us and has forgiven all our inherited sins when He made a covenant with us at our baptism.
2. **Jesus is baptised and sealed:** We too are sealed with the Holy Spirit. It helps and strengthens us in all situations of life. We are children of God because we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit.
3. **John acknowledges** Jesus loves us so much and made us His children, and therefore we should try to be like Him. We must therefore seek His nearness, believe in Him and trust Him. The heavenly life will grow in us.

In today's lesson we learn that:

- We are privileged to be children of God.
- God is our Heavenly Father who loves and cares for us, *but He also expects something from us in return*. Let us hear what it is that Jesus expects from us...
- Cathy and her mother are sitting under a tree in a meadow covered with flowers.
 - They are enjoying the different colours and variety of flowers.
 - Cathy's mom says: "We can only wonder at the Creator, our Father in Heaven."
 - Cathy says... "There are so many people in the world, does the Father know each one of us?"
 - Her mother says... "Yes, He knows us all, just as well as I know you and your brother. He loves, cares, and knows us all by name because He made us. The Lord always has time for His children, **we can pray to Him any time**. In this way we can also show Him that we love Him. But there is something of great importance when we ask the Lord for something, and that is, **to say "thank you."**
- **We must always thank God for all that He does for us, every single day.**



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God cares for us.
- God knows us by name and loves us all.
- He made us His children through the Holy Sealing by grace.
- We must therefore seek His nearness, believe in Him and trust Him.
- The Lord Jesus is the Son of God and we too are children of God.
- We are happy to be children of God and should show Him that we love Him.
- Jesus expects of us to pray to God, trust Him and we must thank Him for what He does for us.

Some questions that we can ask

- 1. Question: What is the name of the Son of God?**
Answer: Jesus Christ
- 2. Question: What does Jesus want us to do?**
Answer: We must believe, trust, love and thank Him
- 3. Question: When must we pray to God?**
Answer: We can pray at any time to God.
- 4. Question: What do we need to do when God answers our prayers?**
Answer: Say thank you
- 5. Question: How do we become children of God?**
Answer: When we are baptised with water (Holy Baptism) and receive the Spirit (Holy Sealing).

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