



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

Jesus Christ and the children

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “Jesus Christ and the Children” 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 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.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Jesus Christ and the children
Text	Matthew 18: 1-5; 19: 13-15; Mark 9: 33-37; 10: 13-16 Luke 9: 46-48; 18: 15-17
Lesson Objective	The children learn of the special love of the Lord Jesus for them. They feel accepted and loved and their trust in Jesus Christ is strengthened in this way.

Lesson Summary:

- The Lord Jesus was travelling from village to village.
- Jesus' disciples were traveling with him. They were talking about how wonderful it was that they could belong to the Lord and Master and that he loved all of them.
- On one of these trips the disciples argued who is the most important to the Lord Jesus.
- Jesus turned His back on them as if to say, "You make me sad".
- As they travelled further the crowds got bigger and bigger the disciples were concerned that Jesus were getting tired and when a group of women and children approached, they stopped them.
- The women were insistent that they wanted Jesus to bless their children.
- Jesus heard this and he said "Let the children come to me, don't stop them. For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children" – Luke 18:16
- Jesus took time to bless the children and even though they could not understand everything, they could feel the love and the joy.
- After this Jesus called his disciples to teach them that it is more important to be like a child and recognise that we need help.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Jesus loves us all.
- Today we can talk to Jesus when we pray.
- We can trust in God.
- This provides us with peace and joy.

Some questions that we can ask

- **Question:** What did the mothers want Jesus to give their children?
Answer: Blessing
- **Question:** What did the disciples do when the mothers wanted to bring their children?
Answer: They wanted to stop them.
- **Question:** What did Jesus say when he saw this?
Answer: “Let the children come to me, don’t stop them. For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children” – Luke 18:16

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