



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title Jesus' death on the cross / Resurrection

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus’ death on the cross / Resurrection**” 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 <i>Example:</i> 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	Jesus' death on the cross / Resurrection
Text	Mathew 27: 33-50, Matthew 28: 1-10, Luke 23: 32-38 and Luke 24: 1-12
Lesson Objective	The children learn that Jesus Christ conquered death and that He rose again from the dead. Through Jesus' resurrection, God gave us hope too, because everything does not come to an end when one dies.

Lesson Summary:

- Every year during Passover many Jews travelled to Jerusalem and they lived in their tents in and around the city.
- Today, they are all standing around looking at the Roman soldiers leading three men, sentenced to death, to Golgotha. They were to be crucified there.
- Some couldn't believe their eyes when they saw that one of the men was Jesus of Nazareth.
- Only a few days ago He rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey while the crowds cheered and welcomed Him. We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
- On Golgotha the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross between two criminals.
- It was custom to write the reason for the death sentence on the cross. On Jesus's cross was written "INRI", it meant: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.
- In Jesus' love for all people, while He was hanging on the cross, He prayed for those who had crucified Him: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing".
- While Jesus hung on the cross, He was abused and insulted by those who hated Him.
- Some called out to Him: "You saved others can't you now save yourself?" Jesus remained silent.
- Only one of Jesus' disciples and some women were there at the cross. One of the women was Jesus' mother.



- Jesus was suffering terribly. He asked for something to drink.
- They then dipped a sponge into wine vinegar, put it at the end of a long stick and reached it up to Jesus' lips.
- After Jesus moistened His lips, He cried out loudly, "It is finished! Now everything has been fulfilled."
- He then closed His eyes and died and at that same time the earth shook.
- Many people who loved Jesus are sad and cannot understand why this happened.
- A few days later as the Jews start their homeward journey, they come across some joyful pilgrims who call out to them: "Jesus lives"
- "How can a dead person live?", many asked. The pilgrims start telling them.
- "After they buried the Lord Jesus, some of the women went to the tomb, but they found the tomb empty.
- Angels told them: "Why do you seek the Son of God amongst the dead? He has risen! He lives!" After this Christ appeared to some of the women and also to His disciples.
- The people who loved Jesus were very happy to hear this good news.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Christ suffered as a human being, but as the Son of God He conquered evil, because evil separates from God.
- Out of love for mankind, God sacrificed His only Son and through Jesus' sacrifice the way to eternal life was opened for us.
- We no longer have to fear death, God is stronger than death.
- Not everything ends when one dies, we have the hope of eternal life with Jesus when He comes to fetch us.
- Jesus lives and is close to us:
 - Through the Holy Spirit that is in us
 - Through the ministers commissioned by Him
 - Through His power, which we receive in the Holy Communion
 - Jesus is in our hearts, when we hear His word
 - He is close when we speak about Him and when we help, comfort and bring about peace as He did.



Some questions that we can ask

1. What happened on Palm Sunday?

Answer: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the people welcomed Him by throwing palm leaves in front of Him and cheered.

2. What happened on Good Friday?

Answer: Jesus was crucified.

3. What is the name of the place where Jesus was crucified?

Answer: Golgotha

4. On what day do we commemorate Jesus' resurrection?

Answer: Easter Sunday

5. How do we know that God is stronger than death?

Answer: Jesus is alive and He gave us eternal life

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