

Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

Visit by God – Isaac's birth -Testing of Abraham

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Visit by God – Isaac’s birth -Testing of Abraham**” Sunday School 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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 • Catechism and Question and Answer (for Confirmation classes) <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 (SS1, RI1 or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	Pray (see sample as an annexure) and ask God to use you as a tool to present the lesson the way He would want us to present it.
4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level Example: Sit on the 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.

Present a Sunday School Lesson at Home



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We continue to share some tips on how to go about preparing and presenting the lesson:

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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:

- WApp chat the lesson with another Sunday School family.
- Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
- Feel free to conduct your own research for additional information.
- Contact your congregation's SS Coordinator or Teacher for more information.



Notes



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Visit by God – Isaac’s birth – Testing of Abraham
Text	Genesis 18: 1 – 16; Genesis 22: 1 – 18,22

Lesson Objective	The children learn that God keeps his promises and when we trust and obey God, he will surely bless us.
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Lesson Summary:

- Abraham and Sarah were already very old and was worried that they would never have children.
- When Abraham was 99, God reminded them that He had not forgotten His promise.
- A year later God’s promise came true and Sarah had a baby son and they called him Isaac as God told them to do.
- When Isaac grew to be a young boy, God told Abraham to take Isaac and offer him as a burnt sacrifice.
- Abraham was very sad but had faith in God and knew he had to obey God.
- Early the next morning Abraham, Isaac and some of his servants loaded the donkey and travelled for three days to the place God guided them to.
- When they got to the mountain, Abraham built an altar and placed wood on it.
- Isaac asked Abraham where the lamb for the burnt offering was, and Abraham replied, “**God will provide**”.
- Abraham tied Isaac, placed him on the altar took out his knife and raised his hand to kill his son.
- An angel of the Lord appeared and called out to Abraham not to harm his son.
- Abraham looked up and saw a ram in the bushes – took the ram and sacrificed it to God.
- Abraham was very happy that his son’s life was spared and thanked God.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God always fulfil his promises and that we must have faith in God
- We must be obedient to God, our parents and ministers
- Be patient and wait until God fulfil what he has promised – never give up
- When we trust and obey God, he will surely bless us

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Who promised Abraham and Sarah that they will have a baby?

Answer: *God*

2. What was the baby's name?

Answer: *Isaac*

3. Did Abraham kill Isaac?

Answer: No

4. Who can we trust today?

Answer: *God, our parents, our minister, our teachers*

5. What would God do when we trust and obey him?

Answer: God will bless us





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

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