



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title	Christianity in Europe - Enlightenment
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the **Christianity in Europe – Enlightenment** Confirmation 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 lesson in PDF format that is already prepared • Child's workbook and a pen, etc. • The Video Clip which is an additional/ optional resource tool • Catechism and Questions and Answers (especially for Confirmation) <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 (brief) as possible, bearing in mind the attention span (to focus on the lesson) of our children - you know your child best!</p> <p><i>Sunday School normally does not exceed 45 minutes.</i></p> <p>2.3: The lesson is class specific (Confirmation 1).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your Confirmation Teacher if you need any assistance or 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 Confirmation 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 child/ren are at the same level. Example: Sit 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.
7	Understand the objective of the lesson that your child must remember.
8	Present the lesson to your child.
9	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning.
10	Refer your child to the activity in the child's workbook (I Also Want To.....)
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 the lesson 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. Your Sunday School Coordinator and Confirmation Teacher is on standby to assist.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Christianity in Europe - Enlightenment
Bible Text	Proverbs 3: 5 - 6
Lesson Objective	The children obtain some insight into the problems posed by the Enlightenment.

Lesson Summary:

- 300 to 400 years ago life was very different from today.
- Until the 1700's very few children went to school.
- Life in those days was very tough and people had very little freedom.
Most people were entirely dependent on the king, prince or landowners (those with money and power).
- The Enlightenment was a European movement of educated people who said that evidence, rather than faith is more important.
- They wanted to bring people out of ignorance.
- This Enlightenment movement said that all people are equal.
- This resulted in the right of people to freedom, equality, owning possessions, and, protection by the laws of the country, so that the rulers do not have unlimited power over other people.
- This movement also wanted more religious freedom.
- The Enlightenment movement also promoted education of all people.
- During that time great scientific and technological discoveries were made.
- Scientists allowed themselves to be led by scientific reasoning and evidence.
- At that time, many people withdrew from religious ideas because it did not comply with the idea of reason and evidence.
- However, in this age of reason and evidence, many people still kept the faith.
- They gathered together and tried to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- They wanted a spiritual revival and allowed themselves to be guided by the Bible.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Today, we too live in a time in which many people place their confidence in their own intelligence and personal abilities.
- This is leading to a decline in faithfulness to the triune God.
- However, as the children of God, we want to use our intelligence but not make it the most important thing in our lives.
- We want to... keep our faith; ...live according to the gospel; ...and be humble with respect to God's almighty greatness.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. What is the Enlightenment?

Answer: *The Enlightenment was a European movement of educated people who said that evidence, rather than faith is more important.*

2. What did the Enlightenment want for people?

Answer: *They wanted to bring people out of ignorance and said that all people are equal. This resulted in the right of people to freedom, equality, owning possessions, and, protection by the laws of the country, so that the rulers do not have unlimited power over other people.*

3. What was one of the negative consequences of the Enlightenment?

Answer: *Many people left religion and church because faith was not good enough for them anymore. They wanted evidence.*

4. What is more important; our intelligence or our faith in God?

Answer: *As the children of God, we want to use our intelligence but not make it the most important thing in our lives. We want to keep our faith, live according to the gospel and be humble with respect to God's almighty greatness.*



Notes



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

 Notes