



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title The New Apostolic Church comes into being

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The New Apostolic Church comes into being**” 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	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 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! <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	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.



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:

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4	Create a pleasant, disturbance free learning environment where you and the child/ren are at the same level. <i>Example:</i> 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.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	The New Apostolic Church comes into being
Lesson Objective	The children learn how the New Apostolic Church came into existence – a new branch of God’s work comes into being.

Lesson Summary:

<p>Today we will be introduced to how The New Apostolic Church developed under the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The calling of Apostles in Germany,• The New Apostolic Church comes into existence and• Apostle Preuss. <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The British Apostles had refused to acknowledge the call of more Apostles.• These Apostles felt that only a total of twelve Apostles would be active in the end time.• At the time however, only seven Apostles were still alive.• The Catholic Apostolic could not grow if there were no Apostles left. <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Prophet Geyer had called several Apostles in the past, but the new callings of Apostles through him were not recognized.• This decision by the English Apostles contradicted statements they had set down in the testimonies.• Each time the Prophet Geyer informed the Angel (i.e. the rector) of the Hamburg congregation, Friedrich Wilhelm Schwartz, about the events.• As we understand it today, God’s plan of salvation provided for a development different from what the English Apostles had in mind. <p>The calling of Apostles in Germany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the beginning, the Apostles Rosochacki (October 1862), Preuss (April 1863), and Schwartz (May 1863) were called in Germany.



- On 30 October 1864 the Prophet Geyer called an additional four Apostles.
- These were the beginnings of the New Apostolic Church, which today has spread to almost all countries of the world.

The New Apostolic Church comes into existence:

- In October 1862, Priest Rudolf Rosochacki, the rector of the Catholic Apostolic Church in Koningsberg, Germany was called to be an Apostle by Prophet Geyer.
- The Apostles of the Catholic Apostolic Church did not acknowledge his calling.
- Prophet Geyer and the rector of the Hamburg congregation, Wilhelm Swartz were convinced that this calling had been the work of the Holy Spirit.
- As a result of their acknowledgement of Apostle Rosochacki, and the disapproval of Apostle Woodhouse, the congregation of Hamburg was excommunicated from the Catholic Apostolic Church.
- And thus the beginning of the New Apostolic Church came into being on 4 January 1863.

Apostle Preuss:

- On 12 April 1863 a Deacon uttered a prophecy calling Priest Carl Louis Preuss as an Apostle.
- A little later the Prophet Heinrich Geyer confirmed this calling.
- Apostle Preuss worked in Northern Germany.
- There was not religious freedom in the area of Hanover at the time and the Apostle had to ask for permission from authorities to conduct services. He was arrested, locked up and had to pay fines.
- Shortly after Apostle Preuss was called, on 25 May 1863, Friedrich Wilhelm Schwartz was also called as an Apostle through many prophetically gifted members in the congregation, but also through the Prophet Geyer.
- With Apostles Carl Louis Preuss and Friedrich Wilhelm Schwartz, God had produced a new branch of His work from which the New Apostolic Church emerged.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We learnt about the origins of the New Apostolic Church.
- The British Apostles had refused to acknowledge the calling of more Apostles.
- A group formed in Germany called several Apostles, amongst them Rudolf Rosochacki and later Apostle Preuss and Apostle Schwartz.
- Apostle Woodhouse excommunicated the Hamburg congregation, because the members acknowledged the call to the Apostleship of the above men.
- Thus, the New Apostolic Church came into existence in the year 1863.

Additional information:

Information on Apostle Rosochacki whose calling caused quite a stir...

Rudolf Rosochacki was born in Königsberg, East Prussia (present-day Kaliningrad, Russia) in May 1818. He was a master bricklayer by trade and the owner of a construction business. In the Catholic Apostolic Church he was a Priest in the congregation in Königsberg. On 10 October 1862 he was called as an Apostle by the Prophet Geyer.

A few days after the New Apostolic Church came into being (4 January 1863) Apostle Rosochacki came under the strong influence of some other Apostles, who were able to instill in him uncertainty as to the divine origin of his calling as an Apostle. Eventually he again subordinated himself to Apostle Woodhouse, and resigned from the Apostle ministry on 17 January 1863. In April 1863 Rudolf Rosochacki again received ministerial responsibilities in the Catholic Apostolic Church which he accepted and continued to be active in the congregation in Königsberg.

There is an interesting biography of **Apostle Preuss** in your workbook on page 87.

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