



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title	The present and the future
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The present and the future**” 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:

Step	Action
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 Confirmation 1 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 present and the future
Bible text	Revelation 3:18, Ephesians 1:4 and Revelation 21:7
Lesson Objective	The confirmands are convinced that the Lord Jesus will return. They know that they are also called to participate in the return of Jesus Christ.

Lesson Summary:

Background:

In the last book in the bible, Revelation, there are seven letters written to the congregations in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey). In these letters, dangers were pointed out to God's children. The letters contain advice. This advice is also of value for our time.

1. Our time: the time in which God's work is completed:

- In the past, members of the congregations as mentioned in the book of Revelation, were exposed to bad influences.
- Many things can distract us from the goal of our faith and take up our time.
- God counsels us through the Holy Spirit: *"I counsel you to buy from Me **gold refined in the fire**, that you may be rich; and **white garments**, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see"* (Revelation 3:18)
- **Gold** can be compared to spiritual possessions such as: divine wisdom, faith and godly truth. We are to buy gold from Jesus Christ to grow in faith, knowledge and understanding and become rich for eternity.
- **White garments** symbolize the purity of the soul. We are to buy such garments as Jesus Christ offers them to us through the forgiveness of sins. To obtain forgiveness, we also must forgive.
- **Eye salve** is ointment for the soul, to see clearly the goal of our faith. We are to see clearly that the promises of our Lord Jesus in the Bible are being fulfilled today.
- God counsels us through the Holy Spirit as He wants to help us to become worthy for the day when the Lord Jesus returns.



2. Our election as the bride of Christ:

- God “*chose us before the foundation of the world*” (Ephesians 1:4).
- We don’t know why He chose us – we can’t answer this question. This is God’s free election by grace.
- We have been chosen to be God’s children and have been called to be the bride of Christ. Read Revelation 19: 9
- It is our goal of faith to be found worthy and to be accepted at the return of Jesus Christ and therefore always need to prepare ourselves for this event and to strive for worthiness.

3. Overcoming:

- Overcoming means proving ourselves worthy of our calling on this earth.
- We must prepare ourselves for Jesus’ return.
- We reject the Devil, we reject sin and remain faithful to the Lord.
- To overcome means: I want to genuinely strive to live a life that is pleasing to God, battle against sin, and wait for Christ’s return. (1 John 2: 15-17)
- “*He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son*”. (Revelation 21:7)

What does this lesson mean for us today?

The Present:

- We live in a time in which God’s work is being completed.
- We don’t know why, but we have been chosen to be God’s children.
- We must overcome and prepare ourselves for the return of Jesus Christ.

The Future:

- To be worthy and be accepted on the day of the Lord Jesus’ return.
- To be with God eternally.

This is the goal of our faith.



Additional Reading

The Ninth Article of Faith

I believe that the Lord Jesus will return as surely as He ascended into heaven and that He will take to Himself the firstfruits of the dead and living who have hoped for and were prepared for His coming; that after the marriage in heaven He will return to earth with them to establish His kingdom of peace, and that they will reign with Him as a royal priesthood. After the conclusion of the kingdom of peace, He will hold the Last Judgement. Then God will create a new heaven and a new earth and dwell with His people.

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.*