



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title

The Catechism

The Lesson Content
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

You have been provided with this lesson from the Confirmation manual.

This document is a user-friendly version of the lesson which is aligned to the video clip BUT can be used independently as well. The lesson below is therefore a step-by-step guide to help you teach the lesson to your child. Enjoy!

Introduction to the lesson?

As a teenager, your child is at a stage in her life where she is curious about many things? She is busy figuring life out in many ways. She probably has many questions buzzing around in her mind.

Today our lesson will provide your child with a tool that will give her answers to some of the questions she might have about our church and our faith. She is going to learn about the Catechism of the New Apostolic Church

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What is the objective of the lesson?

The objective of the lesson is to teach your child the following:

1. Why the New Apostolic church has written a Catechism
2. The structure of the New Apostolic Catechism (CNAC)
3. How to use the CNAC-QA Book

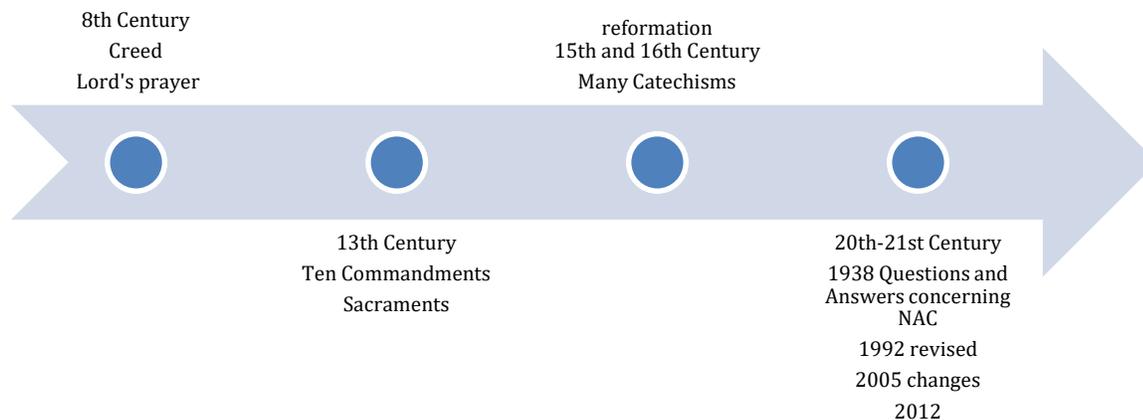
Background to the lesson?

(to help you understand what is a catechism and where it comes from)

Catechism is a rather big word. It is not a common word; in other words, we do not use it every day. It is a word linked to the teaching of a Christian doctrine, like a document or a manual explaining the faith. It contains information about Christian teachings.



Here is a timeline to show you how catechisms have developed over the centuries:



During the 8th century the first catechism contained the Creed (you have been introduced to our creed in a previous lesson and will learn more about in Confirmation) and the Lord's prayer which we also know as the Our Father.

In the 13th century the Ten Commandments and the Sacraments were added

During the reformation age in the 15-16th century, several catechisms were written.

Then in the 20-21st century Questions and Answers concerning the NAC were written. Your parents will remember it was a little brown book. In 1992 it was revised and in 2005 several changes were made and that is what we have today.

Why all the changes?

- Our doctrine has developed over time, the church has developed, we have more questions of faith;
- there is more depth to the answers for a greater understanding and
- the language is more suitable to our times. The way people spoke and used language in the "olden days" is not so easy for us to understand today. Also, we want everyone to understand, not only members of our church.



What is in the Catechism of the New Apostolic Church?

It is very important to understand that the foundation of our faith is based on the Bible – so the explanation to many questions in our faith is based on what has been written in the Bible.

In the catechism there are teachings that have always been a part of the church, some teachings have been revised (reviewed and changed) in the light of our new understanding and there are some totally new concepts.

This is how the CNAC is structured and these are its chapters:

The headings of the chapter are very familiar concepts to us: We have heard about the creed and the ten commandments, the ministries, the sacraments and so on, many times yet within these chapters there are detailed explanations that will give you an in-depth understanding of our church.

The big 515-page Catechism contains much information and goes into great detail in every chapter.

- 1 The revelations of God
- 2 The Creed
- 3 The triune God
- 4 Mankind in need of redemption
- 5 God's commandments
- 6 The church of Jesus Christ
- 7 Ministry
- 8 The sacraments
- 9 Life after Death
- 10 The doctrine of future things
- 11 From the history of Christianity
- 12 Divine services, acts of blessing, and pastoral care
- 13 New Apostolic Christians and their life of faith

Note: Parents should you have a copy of the Catechism, please show the children the index, the reference section at the back and a few of the questions.



The Catechism of the New Apostolic Church in Questions and Answers

- The CNAC in Question and Answers is based on a similar format that has been in our church for many years. Parents, you will remember the little brown question and answer.
- This book is user friendly. You don't need your bible as it contains the texts on which the answers are based.
- There are 750 questions with answers.
- Topics are broken down into individual questions.
- There are not many technical terms, so it is easy remember.
- There are no long descriptions and there are pictures and illustrations.

Activity

Your child has a workbook and can do the following activity:

1. Write down the objectives of the lesson
2. Write down a number of questions that you are curious about.

Note:

- Should you have the Catechism with you, or have access to the church website, see if you can find the answers to your questions.
- If not, get in touch with you priest as he will have the catechism.
- Alternatively keep thinking of questions and write them down. As soon as we are back in Sunday school, ask your teacher to help you with the answers.

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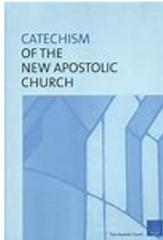
Search Engines

Your child is familiar with a host of search engine to access information: Google, Wikipedia, Bing, etc.

The Catechism of the New Apostolic Church in Questions and Answers is like our very own Google for our church and our faith. Your child now has access to many questions that they have about the church.

Catechism of the New Apostolic Church

Book by New Apostolic Church

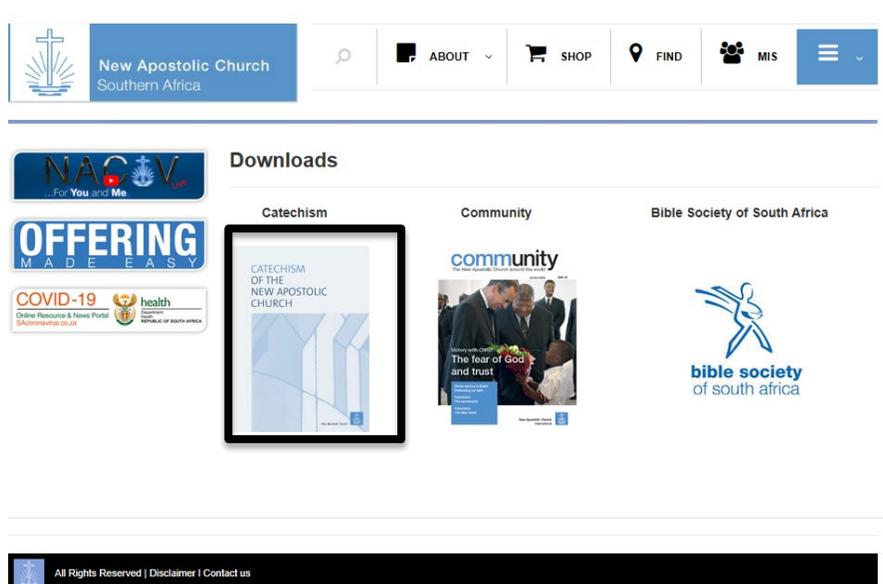


The Catechism of the New Apostolic Church provides sound information about the New Apostolic faith. The various aspects of the New Apostolic doctrine are presented and explained in detailed format. This book is therefore just as suitable for use as a reference work as for deeper reading and the study of theological issues. Anyone interested in researching specific doctrinal topics will find reliable information quickly in the index. [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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