

Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title

The Reformation I

A Parent's Guide to

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the **Reformation I** Confirmation 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://www.nac-sa.org.za/nac-sa-home/nac-sa-pastoral/sunday-school.html
2.	Gather the following tools (resources) to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PDF (electronic) lesson that is already prepared • Child's workbook and a pen. • The Video Clip which is an additional /optional resource tool • Catechism and Catechism in Questions and Answers (if possible book or app) <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: This lesson is for Confirmation 1</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher 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.
4.	Create a pleasant, disturbance- free learning environment where you and the children are on the same level. Example: Sit on the mat or around a table
5.	Before presenting your lesson, read through the lesson. Re-read the lesson so that you understand it. Watch the video clip if available 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 sharing the information.
9.	Show your child the video if available and recap on the meaning/purpose of the lesson.
10.	Refer your child to the activity in the confirmation 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:

1. WApp chat the lesson with another Sunday School family.
2. Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity (understanding) regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct (do) your own research for additional (extra) information.





The Lesson

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Lesson Objective

During the Reformation there were men who were seriously committed to recognise and know God's will. We will get to know these men in our lesson today.

Lesson Summary:

- Reformation is not an everyday word. **It means to reform, to restore, to renew.**
- The Reformation is also known as **a kind of religious revolution.**
- Our main focus and the ultimate purpose of this lesson, however, is to **grow in the knowledge of God, just like these men did many centuries ago.**
- At the time, the Roman Catholic Church, was the main religion. It was extremely powerful. Many unjust things happened as a result and the importance of the gospel was replaced by greed and the lust for wealth and power over the people.
- We are going to focus, in short on: Peter Waldo, John Wycliff and Jan Hus who were the forerunners of the reformation, and then mainly on Martin Luther.
- **Peter Waldo** questioned the Pope's authority. The pope is the head of the Roman Catholic church. He also rejected confession and criticised the lavish lifestyle of the higher clergy (the ministers in the church). Peter and his followers were heavily persecuted by the Pope.
- **John Wycliff was an English Professor of Theology in other words, a professor religion or spirituality.**
- He disagreed with the political power of the Pope. He compared the church at the time to the early church in the Bible. And because he noticed the difference, **he started criticizing the church.**
- **Jan Hus took up his teachings.** He suggested clergy should **live a life without possessions** and he fought for a renewal of the church. Jan Hus was condemned to death.
- **Martin Luther**, was responsible in 1517 for **producing the 95 theses, meaning new ideas which he posted on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church.**

it was purposefully written **to encourage debate about church reforms.**

- **He then realised that certain beliefs within the Roman Catholic doctrine were not aligned to Holy Scripture.**
- Eventually, Luther was excommunicated, in other words the church rejected him, and he was removed as a member.
- Many people started following Luther.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The Reformation of Martin Luther and the other forerunners, Peter Waldo, John Wycliff and Jan Hus had great consequences in Europe.
- These consequences affected the churches at the time.
- The Reformation came about because of men studying and searching the Bible about God's teachings.
- We too can grow in knowledge concerning God's teachings, just like these men did many centuries ago.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why are we learning about the Reformation?

Answer: The Reformation marked the beginning of many changes within Christianity. People started reading the bible and realised that not everything that was happening in the churches at the time, was according to the teaching in the bible.

2. But why is it important for us as New Apostolic Christians to learn about

Our doctrine is based on the Bible. God's **word, our faith and belief** in Him, His son, and the Holy Spirit, **doing His will and seeking His Grace** are particularly important in becoming worthy.

How do we do this? **We become knowledgeable about the ways of God – this we do by reading our bible.** The change during the Reformation was as result of men who read the bible and came to understand God's will.

3. Did the Reformation change Christianity?

Answer: Well many changes came about. There was a war, many Christians were persecuted. Many new churches were formed. The bible became accessible to many more 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

 Notes