



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title

World Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the **World Religions** 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. 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 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.
4. Contact your congregation's Sunday School Coordinator or Confirmation 1 Teacher for additional information.



The Lesson

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World Religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Lesson Objective

The purpose of this lesson is to share basic information about three of the religions in the world: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Lesson Summary:

These three major religions together make up half of the number of people worldwide who form part of a religion.

1. Judaism, Islam, and Christianity have a number of beliefs in common:
 - the life of every individual is unique and does not recur – no reincarnation
 - one God – not many Gods
 - the fulfillment of godly promises
 - a redeemer or a restorer of the world
2. Jews, Christians, and Muslims all worship the same God. God is called:
 - Yahweh in Judaism – also Adonai, Elohim and El-Shaddai
 - God or Lord – in Christianity God is Triune – God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - Allah – Arabic word for God for Muslims





1 JUDAISM – Followers known as Jews

- Judaism refers to the Jewish religion, but it is also part of the culture of the Jewish people.
- Like we have mentioned before, Jews believe in only one God.
- The Torah (the Old Testament) is the foundation of their doctrine.
- Jews believe that the fulfilment of God's law according to the first five books of Moses is your duty.
- They believe in the end time.
- A Messiah as a ruler will be sent by God.
- The dead will be resurrected.
- Important symbols in Judaism are the six-pointed star of David and the menorah, a seven-armed candlestick.

2 ISLAM – Followers known as Muslims

- Islam is an Arabic word which means surrender to the will of Allah.
- It is the youngest of the world religions and dates back to the late 500s.
- The corner stone of Islam is the Koran which means recitation
- The Koran is the name of the Islamic Bible
- A symbol of Islam is the crescent moon and a star.

- Every Muslim professes the pillars of Islam which are:
 - Allah is the only God and Muhammed is his prophet
 - say prayers five times a day
 - support the needy
 - fast during the month of Ramadan
 - make a pilgrimage/journey to Mecca to go to Kabah (house of God).



3 CHRISTIANITY – Followers known as Christians

There are many denominations – churches (Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant) within Christianity but most of them have the following in common:

- Most Christians believe in God's trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost).
- The belief in Jesus Christ as the Redeemer, the resurrection of the dead and the return of Jesus Christ
- The Holy Book is the Bible – it is God's word and is the basis of their faith.
- The cross is one of the symbols of Christianity.

Conclusion

Respect the religion and beliefs of others. Each religion is important to its people.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We learnt briefly about the religion of the Jews, Muslims, and Christians.
- We all believe in one God although we have different names for God.
- We need to respect each other's religion. Each religion is important to its people.



Notes



Some questions that we can ask:

1. What other major religions are there in the world

Answer: *Buddism and Hinduism.*

2. How many people in the world do not belong to a religion?

Answer: *It's hard to say because the number changes and there are not up to date information but approximately 16%.*

3. Which world religion has the most followers?

Answer: *Christianity*

4. What is the biggest difference between Judaism and Christianity?

Answer: *Jews believe in only one God – not a triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).*

5. What is the biggest difference between Islam and Christianity?

Answer: *Allah is the only God and Muhammed is his prophet.*

6. What is similar in all 3 religions discussed?

Answer: *We all believe in God.*

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