



## Future-proofing our children

### Confirmation 2

Lesson Title

Godly truth

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Godly truth**” Confirmation 2 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
<b>1</b>	<p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• The lesson in PDF format that is already prepared</li> <li>• Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc.</li> <li>• The Video Clip which is an additional/ optional resource tool</li> <li>• Catechism and Questions and Answers (especially for Confirmation)</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></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 2).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your Confirmation Teacher if you need any assistance or if you need any of the above resources.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>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.</p>



# 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. <b>Example:</b> Sit on a mat or 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 2 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 Sunday School Coordinator and/or Confirmation teacher for additional information.



# The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Godly truth
<b>Text</b>	John 18: 28 – 40; John 19: 1 – 16; John 3: 5 and John 4: 3
<b>Catechism &amp; Q&amp;A</b>	Chapter 5, Q&A 353 – 358
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The confirmands want to adjust their life in accordance with the godly truth.

## Lesson Summary:

### **The story involving an elderly woman, a foreigner and a waitress:**

An elderly woman in a self-service restaurant, served herself with soup, paid the cashier, and sat down at an empty table. She noticed that she had forgotten to take a spoon. She got up to get one. When she came back a man was sitting at her table eating her soup. Angrily she sat down facing him and wanted to confront him. However, he did not seem to understand the local language. So, she dipped her spoon into the soup bowl. The man smiled and pushed the bowl into the centre of the table. Together they now ate soup. Afterwards the man got up, waved goodbye to her, and left. The elderly woman also left. The waitress was busy clearing the tables. She had seen how the elderly woman had gotten a bowl of soup for herself and had sat down with it at table number five. The waitress then had to clean at the other end of the room. She saw the elderly woman leave. When the waitress came back to table number five, she found a full bowl of soup. Why had the elderly woman not eaten her soup?

Facts: The elderly woman had gotten a spoon. Instead of sitting back down at her table, she sat at the foreigner’s table and she had eaten some of his soup!

### **Human truth is relative:**

Each of the three people had different versions of the same event. We describe all things from our own viewpoint. Sometimes we repeat something which we have only heard, but did not see ourselves and therefore could not verify. Here we want to be very careful. All too easily we get a false impression of someone or misjudge a situation, because in each case we have seen or heard only a part of the whole story. **When we repeat a half-truth there is the danger of bearing false witness and thereby violating the Eighth Commandment;** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

### **The three sieves: Advice from a wise man**

**First Sieve:** Called “truth”. Have you verified beforehand that what you want to tell me is true?

**Second Sieve:** Kindness – well meant. Do want to tell me this because you are doing it for the other person’s or my good.”

**Third Sieve:** Beneficial. Is what you want to convey to me beneficial and necessary?

So, if you want to tell/repeat a story to someone that is not true, well-meant, or beneficial, then it is better you keep it to yourself.



**Godly truth** – Jesus Christ is the truth and testified to the truth. Jesus said in His teachings that rebirth out of water and Spirit is the prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus also promised that He will return to fetch us. If we believe in this promise wholeheartedly and lead a God-pleasing life, we will enter the Kingdom of God.

## What does this lesson mean for us today?

We want to lead a God-pleasing life and adjust our lives according to the Godly truth.

### Some questions that we can ask:

**1. What did the elderly woman order at the self-service restaurant?**

*Answer: A bowl of soup.*

**2. What is the wording of the eighth commandment?**

*Answer: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour*

**3. What are the three sieves the wise man mentioned in his story?**

*Answer: 1 = true; 2 = kindness or well-meant and 3 = beneficial*

**4. What is the pre-requisite to enter the kingdom of God?**

*Answer: Rebirth out of water and the spirit. In other words, baptism and Holy sealing*

**5. What happens when we adjust our life in accordance with the Godly promise?**

*Answer: We will lead a God-pleasing life.*

### Additional Notes Dear Parents

1. As part of homework, your child must also practice and learn the **confirmation vow** by heart and in addition consider what attributes they want to find in their friends.

The wording is as follows:

“I renounce Satan and all his work and ways and surrender myself to thee, O triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. In belief, obedience, and the earnest resolution to remain faithful to thee until my end.”

### A Prayer for Daddy and Mommy to pray before the lesson:

*Almighty God and eternal Father, thank you for this wonderful day.*

*With gratitude we bow before you today and thank you for another opportunity to learn.*

*Please help us today to understand and grasp the lesson but most of all, the ability to apply it in our daily lives.*

*We ask this in Jesus’s name, Amen.*