



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 2

Lesson Title

Earthly values – eternal values

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Earthly values – eternal values**” 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
1	<p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</p>
2	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible • The lesson in PDF format that is already prepared • Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, 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 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>
3	<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:

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4	Create a pleasant, disturbance free learning environment where you and the child/ren are at the same level. Example: 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

Lesson Title	Earthly values – eternal values
Text Catechism & Q&A	Luke 16: 19-26, Matthew 25: 35-40, and Acts 20: 35 Chapter 5, Q&A 348-352
Lesson Objective	The confirmands know learn to appreciate what God provides for their earthly life. First however, they strive for that which has spiritual value.

Lesson Summary:

- As you know God gave us the Ten Commandments in order for us all to live together without distrust and fear.
- Keeping the commandments allows us to lead God-pleasing lives and assures us His blessing, but not all people obey His commandments. Sometimes they just ignore it.
- The 7th commandment is “You shall not steal”.
- Why do people steal? Sometimes, people don’t always succeed in resisting the temptations of the Devil if they want to have something, instead they acquire the possessions of others in an unlawful manner.
- A father will be very disappointed and sad if his own children have stolen something, because he loves his children and is proud of them.
- So it is also with our heavenly Father. We keep His commandments because we love Him.
- As God’s children we know that God’s commandments are right and that they are a blessing for us.
- God wants us to give us the following everlasting (eternal) values: knowledge, peace, joy, fellowship with God, salvation, truth, the righteousness valid before God and love. These values are much more important than earthly (material) riches such as cars etc.
- When we steal we sin and sin separates us from our heavenly Father.
- Let us heed the divine commandment and not allow ourselves to be misled into acting against the will of God.
- It is more advantages for us to give to other than to steal from them.
- Jesus reminds us: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).
- It also shows us that giving increases our spiritual values.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Obeying the commandments allows us to lead God-pleasing lives and assures us His blessing.
- We should live our lives with the understanding that it is more blessed to give than to receive.
- God's everlasting values are much more important for us than earthly (material) riches.
- We should always strive to be spiritually enriched by increasing our everlasting values given by God.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why is it good to keep God's Commandments?

Answer: Keeping the commandments allows us to lead lives that pleases God and assures us of His blessing.

2. What are the implications if we steal?

Answer: There will be only one advantage. We will possess what we stole. However, there are several disadvantages. We grieve our heavenly Father. We lose our good conscience. We lose our peace. We undermine the relationship of trust with our fellow human beings. We inflict harm. We have to expect punishment. When we steal, we sin.

3. What are the implications when we give someone a gift?

Answer: There is one disadvantage. We forfeit some material things. The advantages include: The recipient is pleased; We are also pleased; The recipient's gratitude is the basis for a pleasant relationship with us; We are happy; Our Lord Jesus is also happy; What we have done will not be forgotten.

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.