



## Future-proofing our children

### Confirmation 2

Lesson Title: Earthly citizen – Heavenly citizen

# A Parent's Guide

## Sunday School Home Schooling



## Dear Parent

Welcome to the **Earthly citizen – Heavenly citizen** lesson 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	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: <a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a>
2	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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 a pen, 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>
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. <b>Example:</b> 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 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 or Confirmation Teacher for additional information.



# The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Earthly citizen – Heavenly citizen
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	As earthly citizens the confirmands strive to lead a life that is pleasing to God.  Bible verses: Daniel 3: 1-18; Mark 12: 30-31; Acts 5: 29; Luke 12: 32; 2 Timothy 1: 7; Romans 8:15

## Lesson Summary:

- In Daniel 3:1-18 we read about Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.
- They were important men in Babylon.
- They were law abiding citizens of the country but refused to obey one law; that they should bow before the gold image of King Nebuchadnezzar.
- As God fearing men they did not want to break the Commandments of God.
  
- All countries have laws and it helps to create order in the lives of the citizens.
- As the children of God, we also obey the laws of the country.
  
- We are aware that there are also the laws of God.
- These include the Ten Commandments and the law of love (Mark 12: 30-31).
  
- The Commandments and the law of love do not exist to restrict or limit us.
- They are meant to help us to live together with each other, to serve as blessings for us, and to make eternal life possible.
  
- Like Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego we should obey the commandments and laws of God more than those of man.
- The Apostles Peter and John professed Jesus in spite of being forbidden to do so by the leaders of the land of Israel. They regarded the mission they received from Jesus Christ more than the orders and laws of the leaders of the country.
  
- We do not have to be afraid if we obey God rather than human beings.
- God is almighty and He will protect us like He protected Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego from the fiery furnace after they refused to obey King Nebuchadnezzar.
  
- Laws and teachings that do not please God should not prevent us from:
  - keeping God's commandments and laws;
  - believing in God and his Son, Jesus Christ;
  - loving God and our neighbour;
  - Praying to God; and,
  - becoming more and more like our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



### What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The lesson of today teaches us that we, as children of God, should be law abiding citizens of the country.
- However, we should regard the commandments and laws of God more than those of humans.
- This is embodied in the tenth Article of Faith: I believe that I am obliged to obey the worldly authorities provided no godly laws are thereby transgressed.

### Some questions that we can ask:

1. Who were Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego?

**Answer:** *They were important men in Babylon who regarded God's laws more than those of the laws of King Nebuchadnezzar.*

2. As the children of God, should we obey the laws of the country?

**Answer:** *Yes. It is important that we are law abiding citizens of the country.*

3. Should we disregard the commandments of God in favour of the laws of the country?

**Answer:** *No. Although we must be law abiding citizens, the commandments of God should be more important to us.*






**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