



## Confirmation 2

Lesson Title: Our future – Eternal Fellowship with God

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the Confirmation 2 lesson entitled **Our Future – Eternal Fellowship with God**.

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><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
2	<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</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	<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. <i>Example:</i> 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 Confirmation Teacher for additional information.



## The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Our Future – Eternal Fellowship with God
<b>Text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John 14: 1 – 3</li><li>• 1 Thessalonians 4: 15 – 17</li><li>• 1 Corinthians 15: 50 – 52</li><li>• Revelation 19: 6 – 9, 3: 10, 20: 1 – 3, 20: 6, 20: 7, 10, 20: 11 – 15, 21: 1 – 22</li></ul>
<b>Catechism, Q&amp;A</b>	Chapter 10 in the catechism and Q&A 549 - 581
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	<p>The objective of this lesson is:</p> <p>The confirmands know the events which Christ's return will trigger in accordance with God's plan of Salvation</p>

### Lesson Summary:

<p>The sequence of events that we can expect in the future include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Return of Christ (First resurrection):</b> The Lord Jesus will return, the dead in Christ will rise and the living who have allowed themselves to be prepared for this event will be transformed. Together they will be caught up to the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4: 15 – 17 &amp; 1 Corinthians 15: 50 -52)</li><li>• <b>The marriage in Heaven:</b> The marriage of the Lamb will take place in Heaven (Revelation 19: 6 – 9)</li><li>• <b>The great tribulation:</b> After the return of Christ a time will begin on earth in which both mankind and the creation will be exposed to the power of Satan (cf. Revelation 3: 10)</li><li>• <b>The coming of the Lord with power and glory:</b> After the marriage in heaven, Christ will return to the earth with the firstlings and bring the time of the great tribulation to an end. Satan will be bound and thrown into the bottomless pit (cf. Revelation 20: 1–3)</li><li>• <b>The kingdom of peace:</b> The martyrs from the time of the great tribulation will resurrect. This concludes the first resurrection. Christ will then establish His kingdom of peace and rule as King for "a thousand years" (cf. Revelation 20: 6)</li></ul>
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- **The Last Judgement:** After the conclusion of the kingdom of peace, Satan will be released from his prison, mislead many, and subsequently be thrown into the lake of fire (Revelation 20: 7, 10). This is followed by the resurrection of the dead for the last judgement. Christ will then judge all those who did not partake in the first resurrection. (Revelation 20: 11–15).
- **The New Creation:** God will then create a new heaven and a new earth to replace the old creation (cf. Revelation 21: 1–22)

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

We have learnt in this lesson about:

#### **First Resurrection**

- ü Return of the Lord Jesus. Bridal Souls transformed. Brought to Jesus Christ

#### **Marriage of the Lamb in heaven**

- ü Imagine the wedding in heaven

#### **Thousand-year kingdom of peace**

- ü Jesus Christ will return to earth. He will establish His own kingdom. Satan will be bound

#### **Last Judgement**

- ü After the kingdom of peace. Satan will again be released. Jesus will preside over the judgement

#### **New Creation**

- ü After all this God will replace the old creation with a new creation.



**Some questions that we can ask:**

**1. Who will be caught up when the Lord Jesus returns?**

**Answer:** Those who have been reborn out of water and the Spirit, who believe in Jesus Christ, and who follow Him.

**2. Which souls from the beyond will the Lord Jesus take to Himself?**

**Answer:** The dead in Christ and those who in the divine services for the departed have received Holy Baptism and Holy Sealing, as well as those to whom God grants grace.

**3. When will Christ come to take home His bride?**

**Answer:** Only the triune God knows when Christ will come to take home His own.

**4. How do you imagine the kingdom of peace?**

**Answer:** Christ's teachings will be preached to all people in an unhindered manner on earth and in the beyond. We will rule with Christ. During this time, the Devil will be unable to mislead anyone because he will be bound.

**5. What have God planned for the time following the Last Judgement?**

**Answer:** The old creation will disappear and will be replaced with a new creation. A new heaven and a new earth and the latter will be such that the former will no longer be remembered.





### Additional Notes Dear Parents

1. The activity to be done in the child's confirmation workbook. It is part of lesson 26. This can be done after the lesson is presented to them or if you choose, you can do it as an activity where you and your child do it together.
2. As part of homework, your child must also practice the **Ninth Article of Faith**.

The wording is as follows:

I believe that the Lord Jesus will return as surely as He ascended into heaven and that He will take to Himself the first fruits of the dead and living who have hoped for and were prepared for His coming; that after the marriage in heaven He will return to earth with them, to establish His kingdom of peace and that they will reign with Him as a royal priesthood. After the conclusion of the kingdom of peace, He will hold the Last Judgment. Then God will create a new heaven and a new earth and dwell with His people.

**NB:** The confirmands need to know and/or be able to explain each of the ten articles of faith by the end of their confirmation education.



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

*Dear Heavenly Father, what a blessing to be part of this day*

*Sanctify us as parents and children*

*Allow us to feel and experience your presence*

*Bless the lesson and teach us to serve you*

*Please assist us to do your will*

*And accept our gratitude for Your unconditional love*

*Please help us in our endeavors to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ.*

*We ask this in Jesus's name - Amen*