



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 2

Lesson Title: Additional Virtues of Christ

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the **Additional Virtues of Christ 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 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!</p> <p><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:

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 Sunday school 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.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Additional Virtues of Christ
Lesson Objective	<p>The objective of this lesson is that we become more and more like Jesus Christ so that the fruit of the Holy Spirit becomes evident in us</p> <p>Bible verses: Matthew 19: 16–22; Luke 5: 1–11; Hebrews 13:17; Luke 18: 9–14; Philippians 2: 3; 1 Peter 5: 5–6; Ruth 1: 1–17; Ruth 2: 2–4; 4: 13–22; Luke 16: 10; Genesis 12: 1–2; Genesis 15: 1–6; Genesis 15–18 and 21; Romans 12: 12; Luke 10: 30–37</p>

Lesson Summary:

<p>When Jesus had finished speaking to the crowd that listened to Him, He told Simon Peter to launch his boat into the deep of the Sea of Galilee and let his net down for a catch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although Simon Peter told Jesus that they already tried to catch fish and could not get any, he still obeyed Jesus and did what Jesus told him to do. • They caught more fish than what the boat could carry and Simon Peter was amazed by Jesus. • Jesus told them that He wanted them to follow Him and become fishers of men.
<p>Obedience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can be obedient out of fear or obligation. • We can, however, also be obedient out of love and trust. • For us as God’s children being obedient means that we align our will with God’s will. • We obey Him because we love Him and trust Him.
<p>Humility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Pharisee and a tax collector once went to the temple to pray. • The Pharisee prayed, “God, I thank You that I am not like other men... or even as this tax collector.” • On the other hand the tax collector hardly dared to enter the temple and looked down and prayed, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” • With this story the Lord Jesus addressed those who considered themselves fervent and consequently felt they could despise others. • He said that the tax collector went home justified • The tax collector realised that he was a sinner. • He was humble, recognised his mistakes, and regretted them.



Virtues of Christ

Loyalty and faithfulness.

- Due to a shortage of food in Judah, Elimelech, his wife Naomi and their sons moved to Moab.
- After the death of Elimelech and his sons Naomi wanted to return to her homeland.
- Ruth, the daughter-in-law of Naomi, insisted to remain with Naomi and went with her to Judah.
- There Ruth met her future husband, Boaz.
- Ruth also came to know the God of Israel and remained faithful to Him.
- To be loyal means to remain with the Lord and to sincerely strive to keep what we have promised by making a great effort.

Patience

- God instructed Abram to leave his home and to go to a place that God will show him.
- Abram obeyed and believed God and went to Canaan.
- God promised that He will make Abram a great nation.
- However, Abram and his wife Sarai were already very old.
- Abram still believed God and waited patiently.
- God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah, and fulfilled His promise when Abraham was already 100 years old by giving him a son called Isaac.
- Abraham believed God's promises and his patience was rewarded.
- We must accept our circumstances quietly and humbly and endure them patiently.

When we patiently endure trials, with confidence in our heavenly Father and waiting patiently for the fulfillment of His promises, we can be certain that He will grant us more than we can imagine.

Compassion

- The Good Samaritan helped the man that was attacked by robbers.
- In contrast the priest and the Levite also saw the man in need but chose to walk past him.
- The Good Samaritan chose to show compassion and showed it in his deeds.
- On the one hand compassion describes God's love, kindness and grace, which he grants to human beings.
- On the other hand, we are compassionate when our neighbour's concerns move us and out of love we endeavour to do everything possible to help them.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

As the children of God, we should strive to exhibit the virtues of Christ.

- We should be **obedient and submit** our own will to the will of God.
- We must be **humble**, recognise our mistakes and repent to the Lord. We should not think more of ourselves than our neighbour.
- We should be **loyal and faithful** concerning the promises we make to God.
- We should be **patient in our circumstances**. We should also be patient with the weaknesses of our neighbour.
- We should **show compassion** to our neighbour and not be indifferent to their circumstances. Our compassion should be shown through our deeds and the help we give our neighbour in their time of need.

By adopting these virtues, we will become more and more like Jesus Christ.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Name a few virtues of Christ that we should adopt.

Answer: • Obedience, Humility, Loyalty, Faithfulness, Patience, Compassion

2. What virtue did Abraham have and why do you choose that virtue for Abraham.

Answer: • Patience. God promised that He will make Abraham a great nation but Abraham and his wife was already old. God did not fulfill His promise immediately. In fact, many years passed and Abraham and his wife were still childless, so there was no sign of God's promise. However, Abraham remained patient. God fulfilled His promise when Abraham was already 100 years old gave him a son. And indeed, a great nation grew out of Abraham.

3. Give an example out of the Bible where a person showed compassion to another person.

Answer: • The Good Samaritan showed compassion to the man that was attacked by robbers and helped him not only with words but in deeds.

4. How can we show compassion to our fellow human beings?

Answer: • We can show compassion by helping those who are in need.

Note: The children can answer this question in many different ways as long as their answers comes down to helping those who are in need.



 Notes

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