



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 2

Lesson Title: The Ministries

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the **The Ministries** and the **5th Article of Faith** 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: http://www.nac-sa.org.za/nac-sa-home/nac-sa-pastoral/sunday-school.html
2	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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	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 Sunday School 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 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 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	The Ministries and 5th Article of Faith
Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exodus 3 vs. 12• 1 Samuel 3 vs. 6• 1 Corinthians 12 vs. 4 – 6• 1 Corinthians 12 vs. 12 – 24• John 15 vs. 5

Lesson Objective	<p>I know the different ministries and their functions.</p> <p>I want to be closely connected with my bearer of blessing.</p>
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Lesson Summary:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have only 3 ministries in our church, namely:<ol style="list-style-type: none">❶ The Apostle ministry❷ The Priestly ministry❸ The Deacon ministry• Each ministry has its own purpose, function, and related roles and responsibilities.

 Notes



The Ministries

There are additional functional appointments in the Apostle and Priestly ministries to perform specific functions in the church.

Apostle Ministry	Priestly ministry
<p>Chief Apostle: <i>The head of our church</i></p> <p>District Apostle: <i>The head of a district/region of our church</i></p> <p>Apostle: <i>The head of one of the districts/regions of a District Apostle</i></p> <p><i>An Apostle has many sub districts in a District Apostle's district/region</i></p>	<p>Bishop: <i>Appointed to perform strategic functions for an Apostle in an Apostle's district/region</i></p> <p>District Rector: <i>Appointed to be responsible for the management and soul care of one of the sub districts of an Apostle</i></p> <p>Rector: <i>Appointed to be responsible for the management and administration of a congregation</i></p> <p>Priest: <i>Appointed to perform Priestly duties under the management of the Rector</i></p>

Our church in the past had many “**priestly**” ministries to perform functional activities in the congregation and sub districts of an Apostle District, namely:

-  Priest
-  Evangelist
-  Shepherd
-  District Evangelist

Most of the abovementioned functional appointments , accept the Priestly function will fade away, as the ministers who carry these ministries are placed into retirement.

The functions of the Apostle, Priestly and Deacon ministries are all detailed in the Lesson Plan downloaded from the website.

Remember that the **Deacon** ministry is the supporting ministry to ensure that the priestly ministries are supported in the congregation.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- All ministers are chosen by God and ordained and appointed by the Apostle Ministry.
- God told Apostle Peter – “**On this rock I build my church**”. The Apostle ministry is ordained and appointed by Jesus and is therefore the head of the New Apostolic Church.
- The Priestly and Deacon ministers are ordained and appointed by the Apostle Ministry.
- The various ministries have various functions.
- Ministers are our bearers of blessing.
- We must be obedient to our bearers of blessing, because they are sent by God.
- We must always live closely and follow our ministers to learn and grow in Christ.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. How are ministers selected?
Answer: Ministers are called by God, blessed, sanctified through the ordination, out of the Apostle ministry.
2. How many ministers do we have in our church?
3. **Answer:** Only 3 ministers.
4. Name the ministries in our church.
Answer: Apostle ministry, Priestly ministry and Deacon ministry.
5. How many appointed functional positions are there in the Apostle Ministry?
Answer: There are 3 appointed functional positions in the Apostle ministry.
6. Name the 3 appointed functional Apostle positions.
Answer: Chief Apostle, District Apostle, and Apostle.
7. How many appointed functional positions are there in the Priestly ministry?
Answer: There are 4 appointed functional positions in the Priestly ministry.
8. Name them?
Answer: Bishop, District Rector, Rector and Priest.
9. What is the function of the Rector?
Answer: To take care of all the focus groups of the congregation.



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

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