



## Future-proofing our children

### Confirmation 2

**Lesson Title: Holy Baptism – The 6<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith**

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



## Dear Parent

Welcome to the **Holy Baptism – The 6th 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: <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 pencils, crayons, 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 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. <b>Example:</b> 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

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Holy Baptism – the 6 <sup>th</sup> Article of Faith
<b>Text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 John 5: 7 and 8</li><li>• John 3: 1 to 7</li></ul>
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	<p>The objectives of this lesson are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The sacraments as prerequisite for eternal fellowship with God;</li><li>2. The covenant between us and God established through Holy Baptism;</li><li>3. The Holy Baptism as a part of the rebirth.</li></ol>

### Lesson Summary:

<p>The sacraments are essential acts of God’s grace. They are Holy Baptism, Holy Communion and Holy Sealing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baptism is an outward act that gives visual testimony of our commitment to Jesus Christ and God the Father.</li><li>• Through these acts God grants salvation/rescue from everlasting death.</li><li>• The Holy Bible teaches us that Jesus gave the Apostles the power and the authority to baptise. Through this act God washes away the inherited sins.</li><li>• “Inherited” refers to receiving something passed down from one generation to the next. Scripture indicates that we are born with a sin nature that is inherited from our parents and their parents before them.</li><li>• The Apostles and Priestly ministers perform Holy Baptism.</li></ul>
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## Holy Baptism – the 6th Article of Faith

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Through Holy Baptism we enter into a covenant (agreement/bond) with God.
- Through this act God gives us grace and we follow the Lord.
- This lesson is about the sixth article of faith. We should apply this article of faith in our lives in a way that we can all say:  
*“I also want to never break the covenant/agreement/bond of baptism!”*

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Are the sacraments important for us and why?  
**Answer:** Sacraments are fundamental acts of God’s grace and through these acts God grants salvation.
2. What is the rebirth?  
**Answer:** It is the spiritual rebirth where we go through Holy Baptism (Baptism with water) and Holy Sealing (Baptism with the Holy Spirit). It is part of God’s grace and it creates a covenant with God.
3. Who performs Holy Baptism?  
**Answer:** Apostles and Priestly ministers.
4. Can anyone receive Holy Baptism?  
**Answer:** Yes. No one is excluded from God’s grace even small children can be baptised.



Notes



## Additional Notes Dear Parents

1. You will notice that the video clip that is provided has a number of Bible references.

Most of them are not spoken about in the video. As part of your lesson presentation to your child, you can have the Bible with you and ask your child to read the Bible references as you go through the lesson. In this way your child is not idle while you present the lesson.

2. The process and steps during Holy Baptism is also not mentioned in the video. Herewith the wording that is used during Holy Baptism...

Water is consecrated by the minister with the words:

*"I consecrate this water in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost and dedicate it for the Holy act of baptism, Amen."*

The forehead of the one who to be baptised is then moistened three times using the consecrated water and making the sign of the cross.

The words are spoken:

*"I baptise you in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Amen".*

You can make this an activity with your child to ask if they remember what happens or what words are spoken during baptism.

You can then afterwards read it to him / her.

Tell them that these words were also spoken when they were baptised.

Maybe you can recall / tell what happened on your child's baptism from your perspective as the parents. It will give a nice personal touch to this lesson for your child.

3. Also, note the activity to be done in the child's confirmation workbook. It is part of lesson 21. 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.
4. As part of homework, your child must also practice the sixth article of faith.

The wording is as follows:

*I believe that the Holy Baptism with water is the first step to a renewal of a human being in the Holy Spirit, and that the person baptised is adopted into the fellowship of those who believe in Jesus Christ and profess Him as their Lord.*

The confirmands must be able to know each of the articles of faith or at least explain what it is about by the end of their confirmation education.



**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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