



Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

To be a Child of God (Sacraments, Ministers)

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**To be a Child of God**” Pre-Sunday School 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 PDF lesson that is already prepared • Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc. • The Video Clip which is an additional optional resource tool • Catechism and Question and Answer (for Confirmation classes) <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 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 lessons are class-specific (Pre-SS, SS1, RI1 or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	<p>Pray (see sample as an annexure) 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 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:

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4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance-free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level Example: Sit on the 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 by telling the story. You can even read the story if you like.
9.	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning/purpose of the lesson.
10.	Refer your child to the activity in the child's workbook.
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. WAppchat the lesson with another Sunday School family.
2. Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct your own research for additional information.
4. Contact your congregation's Sunday School Coordinator or Teacher.



The Lesson

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Lesson Objective

We learn how our Heavenly Father draws us close to God through Holy Baptism, Holy Sealing and Holy Communion, and be thankful and blessed for our ministers' caring for us.

Lesson Summary:

Our lesson is about Holy Baptism, Holy Sealing, Holy Communion and our Ministers.

Along with Jesus' teachings, Holy Baptism, Holy Sealing and Holy Communion are the three sacraments that are conducted in the New Apostolic Church.

Sacraments are Holy Acts, whereby God makes a promise to people (you and I).

The Act of Holy Baptism takes place with water so that we are cleansed and allows the relationship between ourselves and God to be strengthened. We become Christians and we belong to God.

The Act of Holy Communion was started by Jesus when he celebrated a meal with His Apostles the evening before Jesus' Crucifixion (the death of Jesus). He instructed the Apostles to celebrate Holy Communion in remembrance of Him. Therefore, Holy Communion is celebrated in every Divine Service so that we remember Jesus' death and that He died for our sins. This takes place when we receive the wafer.

The Act of Holy Sealing is when those who believe in God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This act can only be done by an Apostle when he places his hand on our head and says a prayer. This is when we become a Child of God.

These three Holy Acts can only be performed by Apostles and Priestly Ministries.

Our Ministers

Our Ministers are messengers and servants of God. They pray for us and carry us in great love. We therefore respect them, and also remember them in our prayers.

Please watch the video with your child to see how these Acts are performed.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Holy Baptism, Holy Sealing and Holy Communion are the three sacraments which are administered in the New Apostolic Church.
- These three sacraments are in accordance with the teachings of Jesus.
- Sacraments are Holy Acts, whereby God makes a covenant with us.
- Sacraments are gifts of love from God towards us.
- When we receive the sacraments we become and remain children of God.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. What is Holy Baptism?

Answer: *It is the baptism with water and the washing away of original sin.*

2. What is the importance of Holy Baptism?

Answer: *It is a pre-requirement for becoming a Child of God.*

3. What is Holy Sealing?

Answer: *It is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit by means of laying on of hands by an Apostle.*

4. Why do we celebrate Holy Communion?

Answer: *We celebrate Holy Communion to remember Jesus' death for our sins.*

5. Why do we have ministers in our church?

Answer: *Our ministers care for our spiritual needs, such as, soul care, visiting the sick and bestowing the sacraments.*



Our Prayers

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

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for another day of Your Love and Kindness.

Please Bless my mom and dad and Bless our Ministers and all our friends and family

We pray that we will always treasure You and that we will be Obedient to our parents

Bless us that we may be Kind and Loving and treat everyone we meet with Respect and Kindness

Please Bless this Sunday School lesson and may we always remember to thank you for choosing us to be your Child.

We want to remain Faithful and Obedient until You come to take us Home with you.

We ask all of this in your Precious Name. Amen

A prayer after the lesson:

Dear Father in heaven.

Thank you for keeping us safe and for allowing us to have heard another beautiful Bible story.

Thank you for protecting us and keeping us safe from any danger.

Please help us to always be Obedient to our mom and dad and to be Kind to everyone we meet. Please also help us with our schoolwork.

Bless our Chief Apostle, the Apostles and all the ministers. Please keep them safe when they travel so they can teach us more about Your great work, God.

Please help all your children, especially those who are sick and who have no food or shelter. Please come soon and take us all home.

We ask all of this, not because we have earned it, but in Jesus name. Amen.