



Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

Thanks and Offering

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Thanks and Offering**” 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 <i>Example:</i> 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. WApp chat 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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Thanks and Offering

Lesson Objective

Today's lesson teaches us that Thankfulness brings joy and that thankfulness must come from the heart and we should take nothing for granted.

Lesson Summary:

We have so much to be thankful for and must never forget to show our thankfulness to our parents and God.

The story teaches us the love of a Mother for her family and the many chores she performs so lovingly which can go unnoticed.

Mother is ill and cannot perform her normal chores.

Dad and the children get together to discuss the situation. Quickly the urgent tasks are assigned. Nothing goes smoothly. This has a huge impact on the children especially as they are given tasks they have never done before.

They are amazed at the number of chores their mother takes care of day in and day out.

They pray for her to regain her health and is happy and thankful when she is healthy again.

They show their thankfulness by making her a little gift.

Please watch the video with your child for the full story.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Thankfulness brings much Joy to the one who gives and the one who receives.
- Being thankful must come from the heart.
- Thank God for our Parents and show them how much we appreciate them.
- Show God your thankfulness by bringing an offering, cleaning the church, and singing in the choir.
- We must show our appreciation in everything we do.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Question: Who are we thankful for?

Answer: Our Parents; friends and ministers.

2. Question: What are we thankful for?

Answer: Our senses; the creation; Our comfortable bed; toys; Our gifts and talents so that we can speak; laugh, jump and sing

3. Question: How can we show that we are thankful to our Parents and friends?

Answer: By helping Mommy with the chores; By bringing joy to them; By Sacrificing our time

4. Question: How can we show our thankfulness to our Heavenly Father?

Answer: We can sacrifice our gifts and talents by cleaning the church; decorating the altar and singing in the choir; We can bring an offering to God's house.



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.