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Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

Helping

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Helping**” 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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, R11 or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	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.



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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Helping

Lesson Objective

Today's lesson teaches us that helping is something good

This is the story:

Today our lesson is about helping others or those in need.

I am sure you will agree that helping others is a very good deed

The Lord Jesus always helped people who came to Him for help. Jesus Christ is such a good example and we want to be just like Him by helping those in need.

Sometimes we don't always feel like helping people who complain all the time or if they are mean towards us, but we always do as Jesus would do. We still help them.

There was an old woman called Mrs Boegli who always has something to complain about and she does not like children. Mrs Boegli normally enjoys an afternoon nap and there were some children playing outside. It was getting quite loud when suddenly they hear a voice calling "Could you be a little bit quieter? With all this noise I cannot sleep."

The children's voices are silent for a moment then all of a sudden the noise starts again.

After a while the window opened again and Mrs Boegli asks the children if someone would go to the bakery for her and get her a loaf of bread. She was having a lot of pain in her knee and could barely move.

The children whispers amongst themselves "She should go herself. We are playing now" and Mrs Boegli closes the window and the children go back to playing their games.

Only Verona starts to think, she thinks about her grandmother who also complains about pains in her knee. She tells her friend "Come, let us go to the bakery for Mrs Boegli"

The two girls ring the doorbell and Mrs Boegli is very surprised and thankful that the girls want to help her.

When they came back from the bakery, they both receive a chocolate bar as a thank-you gift.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

So, what have we learned from today's lesson, dear children:

- Always be helpful it is the right thing to do
- When you help others, it not only makes them happy but you also feel happy
- Jesus always helped those in need and we want to follow His example.
- By helping others we show our love towards God

Some questions that we can ask:

- **Question:** Why must we always help others?
Answer: *Because there will be a time when you also need help.*
- **Question:** What happens when you help others?
Answer: *It makes them happy and you can make a new friend.*
- **Question:** How can we help the poor?
Answer: *By being kind towards them*
By treating them with respect
By sharing our food with them !
- **Question:** What happens when we help the poor?
Answer: *We make their lives a little better!*



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.