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Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

OBEYING

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Obeying**” 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, R11 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

Lesson Title

Obedying

Lesson Objective

Obedience brings Blessings and protects us from harm

This is the story:

Today our lesson is about being Obedient.

As children of God, we want to obey God and honour His Word. We also need to obey our parents. We need to especially listen when our mom and dad tells us to do something.

When you are a little older you will learn about the Ten Commandments of God and do you know what the 4th Commandment says? "Honour your father and your mother that it may go well with you" It is the first commandment with a promise. God promises to Bless us when we obey our parents and we always want God to bless us.

There are many examples in the Bible that teaches us about Obedience and I am sure that you have heard the stories of Noah who obeyed God and built the ark and also of Jonah and what happened to him when he disobeyed God. If you have not, then tell mom and dad to read these Bible stories to you. You will find them in the Books of Genesis chapters 6 and 7 and Jonah chapters 1 – 4.

But today, I want to tell you the story about a young boy whose name was Simon. He loved to go on walks and hikes with his mom and dad. Simon loved to walk a few paces ahead of his mom and dad. He was curious to know what was around the next corner or what he would find along the paths they walked on.

Sometimes the family had to cross streams that carry melted ice from the higher lying snowfields to the valley below, and Simon always enjoyed throwing throw pebbles into the next mountain stream.

One day Simon and his family went on a walk. He heard his father call, "Simon, stay with us!" At first, Simon stopped and looked around. He thought to himself, "Why should I wait here? It is impossible for this place to be dangerous." But then **obediently**, he stood and waited for his parents. He looked at his dad and wondered why his dad had asked him not to walk ahead. His dad did not explain anything to Simon, and together they continued walking.

After a short while, something unexpected happened... many metres ahead of where they were walking, a large rock had fallen onto the path. Only after the rock had fallen with such great force, the family realised what could have happened if Simon had walked ahead. But, because of Simon's obedience to his dad, he was not harmed and the family walk ended well



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

- It is important to obey God's Word
- As children we must always obey our parents.
- When we are obedient, we are protected from harm.
- God blesses us when we obey our parents
- It is important to obey our parents – it makes them happy and also makes God very happy
- By being obedient to our parents we are keeping the 4th Commandment of God; to Honour your Mother and your Father, and God will Bless us.

Some questions that we can ask:

- **Question:** Did the rock fall on Simon?
Answer: No, because he listened to his dad when he called him
- **Question:** Is it important to listen to your mom and dad?
Answer: Yes. It makes God happy and it also makes our mom and dad happy.

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