



## Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

To be different

# A Parent's Guide

## Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**To be different**” 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><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
2.	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• The PDF lesson 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 Question and Answer (for Confirmation classes)</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 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:

Step	Action
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. WhatsApp chat the lesson with another Pre-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

<b>Lesson Title</b>	To be different
<b>Text</b>	No Bible reading for this lesson
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn that they need to appreciate themselves and their neighbours in their own way.

### Lesson Summary:

- We are all children of God and He gave each one of us different gifts and talents. If you look around you, you will notice that we all also look differently from one another.
- In His commandments, the Lord Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. This is not always easy, especially since we are all different.
- Our story today, shows us how why it is important to be kind to everybody:

It is about a boy called Benjamin, who had red curly hair. The children in the neighbourhood did not want to play with Benjamin, because he looked different. Longingly he watches as they chase after the ball playing soccer. After a great kick, the ball lands on the balcony of Mr. Glaser. He is annoyed that they play soccer there and often scolds them. No one dares to go and ask him to return the ball. Benjamin immediately offers to go and get the ball. All the children are amazed at how courageous Benjamin is and while he was ringing the bell of Mr. Glaser, the children decide to let Benjamin play with them from that day on.

### What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We need to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.
- We are all different, but we need to accept others for who they are and not judge them because they are different.
- You are unique and special in your own way - do not try to be like other people or expect other people do be like you.
- Always be kind to everybody, because you never know when you might need that person.



## Some questions that we can ask:

- 1. Question:** Why did the children not want to play with Benjamin?  
**Answer:** *Because he looked different - he had red curly hair.*
- 2. Question:** How do you think did this make him feel?  
**Answer:** *Sad, not wanted, not good enough.*
- 3. Question:** Would you like it if this happened to you?  
**Answer:** *Definitely not!*
- 4. Question:** Why were the children scared to ask Mr. Glaser for the ball?  
**Answer:** *He was a grumpy old man, who often scolded them.*
- 5. Question:** What happened when Benjamin offered to fetch the ball?  
**Answer:** *The children allowed him to play with them.*

## 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.