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Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

To Seek and to Find

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**To Seek and to Find**” 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	To Seek and to Find
Bible Word	Mathew 7:7

Lesson Objective	Today's lesson teaches us that if we work hard for something that we want, and not give up, then we will GET IT! SEEK and you shall FIND.
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This is the story:

This story today is about a daddy, mommy, brother and sister who really wanted to go climb to the top of a mountain to enjoy the beautiful view of the valley right from the top!

Everyone went to bed early. They woke up early the next day, had a cup of tea, packed their bags, prayers and into the car they got to travel to the bottom of the mountain.

The car was parked at the bottom of the mountain, and daddy took out the back packs with all the goodies and the hike began. They really enjoyed the slow hike, because they needed to save all the energy to get to the top!

Brother and sister got tired and hungry after a while, so they stopped for something to eat and drink, and then continued walking.

It was now very hot, so they had to make many stops because brother and sister got tired, and were sweating of the heat. Oh dear! There was still quite a way for them to walk... But the family really wanted to get to the top, so they continued walking, even though it went terribly slow.

Whilst walking, brother tripped, scratched himself by a bush, and fell! Mom quickly cleaned the wound, bandaged it, and they continued walking. It went even slower now as Mom and Dad had to both brother and sister's hands to help them up the steep path.

They a later in the day finally reached their goal – the mountain top! They kicked off their shoes, put their feet in the mountain rivulet's fresh clean water, danced around, had some tea, sandwiches, cake and sweets from Mom's picnic basket, and admired the view of the valley below them – IT WAS ALL WORTH -IT!



What does this lesson mean for us today?

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

- We learnt that if we work hard for something that we want, and not give up, then we will GET IT!
- We must never give up before we reach our dream.
- We can do anything with God on our side.
- We must tell our Daddy, Mommy and Sunday School Teacher of our goal – meaning our dream what we want to become one day, and ask them to pray with you and help you to achieve your goal.

Some questions that we can ask:

- **Question:** Is there something in your life that you really really would like to have or be one day?

Answer: *Help your child to describe what he or she really want from the bottom of their heart.*

- **Question:** So, what are your plans to get it, or become what you want to become today?

Answer: *Listen, and help him or her develop a plan*

- **Question:** Who do you think we must tell about your plan?

Answer: *We must tell Jesus!*

- **Question:** How are we going to do it?

Answer: *Through prayer!*

- **Question:** So, what is the secret?

Answer: *Tell Jesus about your dream, how you plan to reach your dream, and that he must please give you the strength to reach your dream.*

- **Question:** What is FOR SURE?

Answer: *With God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!*



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.