



Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title	The Garden of Eden
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A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The Garden of Eden**” 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. 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

Lesson Title	The Garden of Eden
Text	Genesis 2
Lesson Objective	The children are happy about the peace and good relationship between man, animals, plants and God in the Garden of Eden.

Lesson Summary:

- After God created the animals and plants, there was no one to take care of them.
- Then, the Lord took some soil from the ground and formed a man out of it. God breathed life-giving breath into his nostrils and the man began to live. God named him, Adam.
- God then planted a garden in Eden and placed Adam there. The garden has lots of fruit trees for Adam to eat from. God tells Adam that he may eat from all the trees except for one specific tree that he cannot eat from. Adam knows exactly which tree God refers to.
- Various animals were also in the garden and Adam gave them all names. He named all the birds and animals, but God saw that none of them were a suitable companion for him.
- God sees that Adam is alone and creates a wife for him. Her name is Eve.
- Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden with all the animals and plants. They lived together in peace and everyone was happy. God was very happy to see this.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God was very happy to see mankind looking after the animals and plants in the Garden of Eden.
- Mankind, the animals and plants together with God had a peaceful and happy relationship.
- Today, we too should take care and protect God's creation with love. We should live in peace with our neighbour, animals and plants. This will make God very happy.

Remember, caring for God's creation is our responsibility.



Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did God decide to create man?
Answer: *There was no one to look after the animals and plants*
2. What did God use to create Adam from?
Answer: *The soil from the ground*
3. Who gave the animals and the birds their names?
Answer: *Adam*
4. What is the name of Adam's wife?
Answer: *Eve*

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.*