



Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title	Daniel in the lions' den
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# A Parent's Guide

## Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Daniel in the lions’ den**” 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, 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:

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>	Daniel in the lions' den
<b>Text</b>	Daniel 6
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	We learn that our Heavenly Father protects His children and we are never too young to start praying. God makes sure we experience His help when we pray and ask Him for help and trust in Him.

## Lesson Summary:

- Daniel lived far in the kingdom of King Darius.
- Daniel prayed often and he always tried to do what pleased God.
- Daniel was well liked by the King and he appreciated very much what Daniel did in the kingdom.
- This however made the other servants very jealous of Daniel.
- One day, the King made an order that nobody could pray for the next thirty days or ask anything of God or any other human, except the King.
- Daniel was very sad about this, but because He loved God very much, He continued praying to God.
- The other servants saw him and they told the King that he needed to punish Daniel, because he had disobeyed the Royal order.
- The King was sad to punish Daniel, but then he ordered the guards to throw Daniel into the lions' den and said to him, "Now see if your God who you serve so faithfully, will protect you."
- When Daniel was thrown into the lions' den he prayed and asked God to protect him.
- God answered Daniel's prayer and the lions did not harm him in any way.
- God protected Daniel and helped him.
- In the end, King Darius recognized that Daniel served a Living God. He was very happy that Daniel had not been harmed by the lions in the den.



## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We are never too young to start praying.
- When we pray and trust God, He listens to us and helps and protects us; we need to Trust Him completely.
- We are children of God and He loves us very much and He will always protect us.
- Daniel loved to pray and he prayed often – He trusted God.
- Daniel was afraid when he was thrown into the lions' den, but he believed that if he continued praying, God would protect him. He trusted God completely and God helped him. We too, can experience God's help if we trust Him.
- God loves all His children and we can pray and tell God about everything.
- We do not only have to pray in the morning and at night – we can pray at any time of the day and we do not only have to pray when we want something, we must also remember to thank God for His love and grace.

## Some questions that we can ask:

1. What did Daniel like to do often?  
**Answer:** Daniel loved to pray
2. Which animal was in the den that Daniel was thrown into?  
**Answer:** Lions
3. Can we pray at any time of the day and how many times a day can we pray?  
**Answer:** Yes, we can pray at any time and as often as we like
4. Why did God protect and save Daniel when he was in the lions' den?  
**Answer:** Daniel prayed and asked God to protect/help him and he trusted God



## 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 bless our Sunday school teachers and all our Sunday school friends.*

*Please help all your children, especially those who are sick and those 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*