



## Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

The Birth of Christ

# A Parent's Guide

## Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The Birth of Christ**” 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:

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4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance-free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level <b>Example:</b> 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>	The Birth of Christ
<b>Text</b>	Luke 2: 1-20
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn how our Saviour, Jesus Christ was born.

## Lesson Summary:

- Emperor (King) Caesar Augustus wanted a census to be taken of all the people in his kingdom and everyone had to be registered in their home town.
- Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered even though she was about to give birth to the Son of God, Jesus Christ.
- When they arrived in Bethlehem, there were many people and they could not find a place to stay. The only place they were given was a stable.
- Mary's baby was born, she then wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger.
- That night shepherds watched over their flock in the fields near Bethlehem, when angels appeared to them, bringing them the news of the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. They also told them where they would find the Child.
- The Shepherds then hurried off to find the Child in Bethlehem.
- They found Mary, Joseph and the baby which was lying in a manger.
- There was much happiness over the birth of the special Child.
- The shepherds praised God and told everyone of their experience of that night.

## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The Jesus is God's Son and He was born on earth under very poor conditions.
- God fulfilled His promise and sent His Son to save us.
- God will always look after us and provide for us.
- Jesus brings peace and He is God's gift of love to us.



## Some questions that we can ask:

1. Where was Jesus born?

**Answer:** *In Bethlehem, in a stable.*

2. What were the shepherds doing when the angels appeared unto them?

**Answer:** *They were watching over their flock/sheep.*

3. What news did the angel bring to the shepherds?

**Answer:** *The angel told them about the birth of Jesus and where to find him*

4. What did Mary wrap baby Jesus in and in what did she lay him?

**Answer:** *She wrapped Him in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger.*

5. What did the shepherds do after they left Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus?

**Answer:** *They praised God and told everyone of their experience*

## 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.