



Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

The plentiful catch of fish

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The plentiful catch of fish**” 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, 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 Example: 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 plentiful catch of fish
Text	Luke 5: 1-11
Lesson Objective	We learn that those who have faith in God (believe and trust God), will experience His help. God is with us and we need not be afraid.

Lesson Summary:

- One day Jesus was near the lake Gennesaret.
- Many people came there to listen to Jesus speak.
- Two fishing boats were on the shore and fishermen were busy mending their nets.
- Jesus went into Simon's boat and asked him to take it a little way out from the shore, and then He spoke to the multitude of people from the boat. Jesus told them what to do to please God.
- After this, He asked the fishermen to go further out to sea and cast their nets. Simon, whom we also know as Peter, said to Jesus, "Master we've been out all night and have not caught anything. But, because you have said so we will cast out nets again."
- As soon as the nets were in the sea, they were overflowing with fish. So, the fishermen called their friends to come and help them. They came and filled their boats so full that both boats nearly sank. The fishermen were so happy.
- Simon Peter fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man." Jesus then said to Simon "Fear not, follow me and help me." They went back to the shore and Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John left everything and followed Jesus.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The fishermen obeyed Jesus and were rewarded with a great catch of fish. Through obedience we prove our love for God.
- Obedience helps us to carry out the commandment Jesus taught us, and that is to love one another as Jesus did.
- Obedience leads us to blessings.



- Obedience proves that we trust God to be in control of our lives and He will always look after us.

Remember, being obedient means listening and doing the right thing and it makes Jesus happy.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did the fishermen catch so many fish?
Answer: They were obedient (listened) to Jesus
2. What did the fishermen do after they caught the fish?
Answer: They left everything (families and homes) and followed Jesus
3. What happens when we are obedient?
Answer: We make Jesus happy

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.