



Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

Good Friday and Easter

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Good Friday and Easter**” 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	Good Friday and Easter
Text	Luke 22: 23 and Luke 24: 1-9
Lesson Objective	We are happy that Jesus lives and learn that He is stronger than death.

Lesson Summary:

- Good Friday and Easter are two very special days in the life of any Christian.
- Jesus was arrested, even though He did nothing wrong.
- The chief priests accused Him of wanting to become king and Jesus did not defend Himself against these accusations. They then decided to punish Him.
- He was led to a place called Golgotha where He was nailed to a cross, suffered and died. His disciples and friends were all very sad.
- Jesus did nothing wrong to deserve death, but He made this sacrifice for us. Every year on Good Friday, we remember the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus' body was laid in a grave inside a rocky cave and the entrance was sealed with a massive rock.
- Three days later, early in the morning, some women visited Jesus' grave site. When they got there, they noticed that the heavy rock has been rolled away and the grave was empty. They were very sad.
- Then, suddenly, two angels appeared and said: "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is resurrected and lives!"
- The women are then reminded of what Jesus told them- they will crucify me, but on the third day I will arise. Overjoyed, they then rushed back to the city to tell the disciples of this happy event.
- We celebrate Easter on the third day after Good Friday. On this day Jesus arose from the dead. This day gives us hope for an eternal life with Jesus.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Jesus died so that our sins can be forgiven.
- We are reminded of this sacrifice and have access to the forgiveness of our sins every time when we partake of Holy Communion.
- Just as Jesus forgave the people for what they did to Him, we should also be able to forgive others.
- Jesus arose from the dead, so that everyone could receive eternal life with Him when He comes to fetch us.
- Knowing that Jesus has risen, makes us happy and gives us hope.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. What happened on Good Friday?
Answer: *Jesus was crucified and He died on the cross.*
2. What does this mean for us?
Answer: *that our sins can be forgiven.*
3. What did the women discover when they got to Jesus' grave?
Answer: *the rock was rolled away and the grave was empty - the body was gone.*
4. What did the angel tell the women?
Answer: *that Jesus rose from the dead and that He was alive.*
5. How did they respond to this news?
Answer: *they were overjoyed and rushed to tell the disciples.*



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.