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Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

Jesus cleanses the Temple

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus Cleanses the Temple**” 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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.	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.
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.



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:

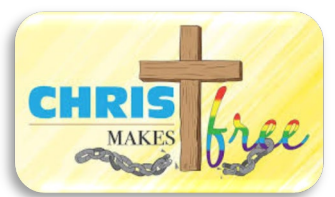
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7.	Understand the objective of the lesson that your child must remember.
8.	Present the lesson to your child by telling the story. You can even read the story if you like.
9.	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning/purpose of the lesson.
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. WApp chat the lesson with another 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. Your congregations Sunday School Coordinator and Teachers are ready to assist.





The Lesson

Lesson Title	Jesus cleanses the Temple
Bible Word	John 2 verse 13-25
Lesson Objective	The children learn that God's House is a special place, a place where God is active.

Lesson Summary:

- Just before the Passover feast was due to start, Jesus went to Jerusalem.
- Jesus visits the temple and at first he is very happy that there are so many people at the temple.
- Then, while walking around in the grounds of the temple, he notices that people were buying and selling goods and there were even animals walking around in the temple. Some people were playing cards and they were arguing over money.
- This really saddened Jesus. His disciples had never seen Jesus so angry.
- Jesus chases the animals from the temple and in his anger, He overturns the tables tells the disciples and the people that the temple is not a market place - it is a special place, it is God's House. We should respect God's temple – it is a place of worship.
- After everyone had left the temple and Jesus was satisfied that the disciples and the people understood what He had taught them, Jesus left and travelled back to Bethany.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God's House is a special place – a place where God is active.
- We need to show respect and also love God's House.
- God's House is a place where we go to hear God's Word and to have our sins forgiven and to partake of Holy Communion.
- We also see all our friends at church and enjoy the time we spend with our Sunday School teacher. It is a special place where we can share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters.



Some questions that we can ask:

1. Do you know how we can show that we respect God's house?

Answer:

- By sitting quietly and listening to our Priest, our Rector or our Apostle while he is preaching
- By going up for Holy Communion quietly and folding our hands to receive the Holy Communion
- By listening to our Ministers and our Sunday School teachers
- By not leaving tissues or sweet papers on the benches – instead we should rather throw them in the bins

2. How can we show God that we respect Him?

Answer:

- By praying every day and not only when we want something
- By learning more and more about the life of Jesus and by reading our Bible

3. How can we show Respect at home?

Answer:

- By listening to our parents when they speak
- By keeping our rooms tidy
- By always greeting our parents
- By always remembering to say Please and Thank You
- By Loving our parents and our brothers and sisters and all our family





Our Prayers

A Prayer for Daddy and Mommy to pray before the lesson:

Dear God, thank you for this day

Bless all parents and children

May we feel your presence

Bless the lesson we will have

Please teach us how to serve you

And help us to do your will

So that we grow closer to you

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

Amen

A prayer after the lesson:

Dear father in heaven, I thank you that you have protected us today and that no accident happened whilst we were playing.

Let us all have a good night's sleep and tomorrow another beautiful day.

Please help me in school and that I may get on well with my friends and not fight with them.

Be with Mommy and Daddy at all times.

Bless the Chief Apostle the Apostles and all the ministers and protect them on their travels.

Please help all your children, especially the sick ones. Come soon and take us all home. In Jesus name. Amen.