



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ**” Religious Instruction 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 |
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| 1. | <p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p>https://www.nac-sa.org.za/nac-sa-home/nac-sa-pastoral/sunday-school.html</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 <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 retention 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 (ie. SS, RI or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Pray (see the prayer at the end of this document) 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 |
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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 at 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 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.



The Lesson

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| Lesson Title | The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ |
| Text | Luke 9: 28 - 36 (cf Matthew 17: 1-9 and Mark 9: 2-9) |
| Lesson Objective | The children discover the special events at Jesus Christ's Transfiguration. |

Lesson Summary:

- Jesus was changed/transformed and the glory of God became visible – His face shone like the sun, His clothes glistened white as snow like a bright light.
- Moses representing the time of Law (Commandments) and Elijah the time of prophets appeared (both men are departed and from the Old Covenant).
- They spoke about Jesus's sacrificial death and ascension, testifying that Jesus was the one the law and prophets spoke about. Jesus has fulfilled their testimony – testimony became true.
- God spoke and presented His Son in His full glory – confirming Jesus's identity as His Son.
- The disciples/apostles (Peter, John and James) experienced God's glory manifested in Jesus and realised how special the events were (seeing Jesus, hearing God speak and seeing the important men - departed Moses and Elijah).

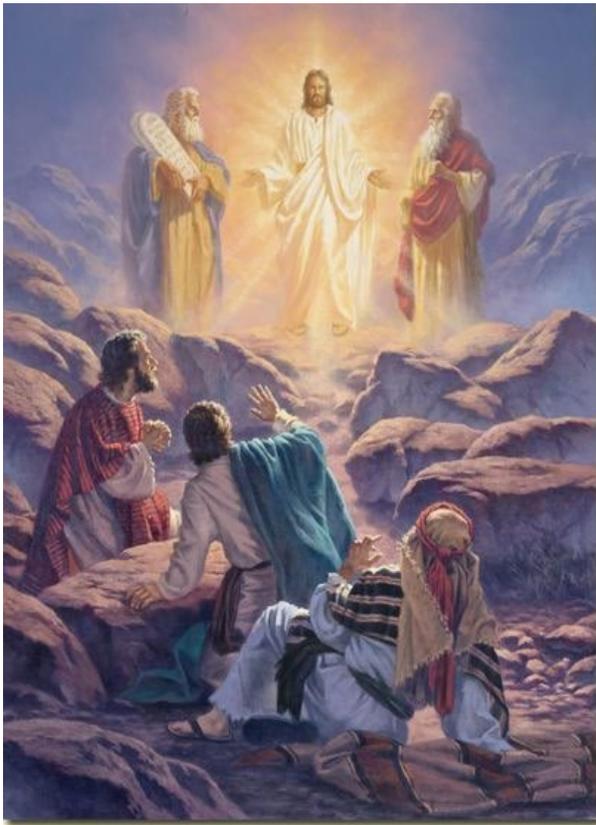
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What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We are not able to see the glory of God as directly as the three Apostles were able to, but we do have divine experiences through the presence of the Holy Spirit our Helper/Spirit of Truth (John 16:13).
- In our divine services the Holy Spirit through the Lord's word constantly reminds us of the promise that **Jesus will return and take His own to be transformed and have eternal life one day in the future.**
- In each divine service we experience the Lord's Word and where we gather in church (choir/youth) Jesus is present (Matthew 18:20).
- In our divine services we hear about Jesus's sacrifice for us **so we should prepare for His return.**
- We know that **the departed are close to us.**

Do Exercise 1 and 2 with your child and answer the questions. Discuss that what happened is beyond human understanding.



Answers to Exercise 1:

1. God
2. Jesus
3. Elijah
4. Moses
5. Peter
6. John
7. James

Answer to Exercise 2:

The glory of God which lived within Jesus became visible for a short time.



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

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