



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Jesus raises the dead

**A Parent's Guide**  
Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus raises the dead**” Religious Instruction 2 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> </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 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 (i.e. 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
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 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 Religious Instruction 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 congregation Sunday School Coordinator and Teacher.



<b>Lesson Title</b>	Jesus raises the dead
<b>Text</b>	Luke 8: 40-56; Luke 7: 11-17 and John 11: 1-44
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn that Jesus has power over death.

## Lesson Summary:

- Jesus performed very special miracles, namely the miracle of raising the dead.
- He did this on three different occasions namely:
  - Ø The daughter of Jairus died just before Jesus arrived - read Luke 8: 40-56
  - Ø The young man of Nain was raised after he was taken to the graveside- read Luke 7: 11-17 and
  - Ø Lazarus was raised after he was dead for four days- read John 11: 1-44
- Jesus demonstrated His power over death by raising the dead, irrespective when death occurs.
- This means that Jesus knows the right time when to act.
- Jesus had a specific goal with the raising of the dead, namely, to teach everyone that:
  - Jesus is the Son of God
  - Belief in Him makes the impossible possible
  - Jesus Christ is life eternal, and He wants us all to have eternal life
  - We received entry to eternal life through the rebirth of water and the spirit
  - God's word, which we accept in faith, and the Holy Communion strengthens and prepares us for eternal life.



## What does this lesson teach us?

- Jesus is the Son of God
- Jesus has amazing heavenly powers, even over death. If He can raise the dead then He has the power and might to make the impossible possible in our lives.
- He told Jairus that he must only believe. If we only believe in Jesus then we will not fear, and our trust in Him will grow stronger.
- The lesson teaches us that earthly life is not so important than our spiritual life. So, we must focus more on becoming true children of God, and prepare us for Jesus' return.
- God's word, which we accept in faith, and the Holy Communion strengthens and prepares us for eternal life.

**Do Exercises 1, 2 and 3 with your child.**

### Some questions we can ask:

1. How many people did Jesus raise from the dead?

**Answer:** three people

2. Why did Jesus wait so long before He went to Bethany to raise Lazarus?

**Answer:** He wanted to make it clear to people that He was the Son of God.

3. What are the names of Lazarus' sisters?

**Answer:** Mary and Martha

4. For how many days were Lazarus in the tomb?

**Answer:** Four days

5. Read John 11: 25. What did Jesus mean when He said, "though he may die, he shall live."

**Answer:** Jesus referred to eternal life. He wants to lead all of us to eternal life.

6. What is the prerequisite for us to attain eternal life?

**Answer:** We must have received the rebirth of water (Holy Baptism) and Spirit (Holy Sealing)

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

*Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for another day and for 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 thank you for choosing us to be your children.*

*Help us to remain faithful and obedient to You until You come to take us Home with you.*

*We ask all of this in your Precious Name. Amen*