



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Jesus, the Good Shepherd

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus, the Good Shepherd**” 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
1.	<p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3NACSSH5</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 (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:

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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 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.



Lesson Title	Jesus, the Good Shepherd
Text	Matthew 18: 12-14 and John 10: 27-28
Lesson Objective	The children learn that the Lord cares for His own.

Lesson Summary:

- Sheep are useful and valuable animals. They provide us with wool, dairy products and meat. In biblical times the wealth of a family was measured by how many sheep they had.
- The Shepherd had great responsibilities and was respected.
 - He takes care of the flock
 - He protects the flock from wild animals
 - He leads them to the green grass and
 - He looks for the sheep that have strayed.
- The Lord Jesus also explained the responsibility of a shepherd through the story of the lost sheep.
- The Shepherd went to look for the one sheep that was gone.
- According to Matthew 18:12-13 Jesus said: “If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, he leaves the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? An if he finds it, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the 99 that did not stray.

 Notes



What does this lesson teach us?

- The one hundred sheep represent all people who believes in Jesus Christ.
- The lost sheep is a person, who has turned away from the Lord Jesus and is following his or her own ways. He or she is no longer part of the Christian community.
- The shepherd represents Jesus Christ who looks after His own. If any of His own stray, He goes after them and try hard to lead them back into the Christian community.
- In John 10: 27-28 Jesus says: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”
- Every person is important to God and He knows our characteristics, our concerns, our requests and gives attention to them.
- We must allow the Lord to lead us.
- The Lord does not force anyone to follow Him.
- It is up to us to remain in His hand and receive all His promises.

Please read Psalm 23 with your child.





QUESTIONS:

Some questions that you can ask:

1. Why are there so many scriptures in the Bible about sheep?

Answer: People's wealth was always measured by the size of their flock of sheep. Sheep were very useful animals to have in the old days.

2. Who is a Shepherd?

Answer: Someone who looks after sheep.

3. We are the sheep of Jesus Christ. Who looks after His sheep today?

Answer: The Apostles, Priestly Ministers and Deacons in God's house.

4. Can you remember what was the most important part of Jesus' story?

Answer: The shepherd went looking for the one sheep that was lost, even though he did have the 99 sheep.

5. Why does God go look for the one sheep?

Answer: Because it is God's will that everyone be saved. Each and every sheep is important.

6. What does this lesson teach us?

Answer: The shepherd represents Jesus Christ who looks after His own. If any of His own stray, He goes after them and try hard to lead them back into the Christian community.

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Complete the Exercise 1 and 2 with your child.

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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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A prayer after the lesson:

Dear Heavenly father

Thank you for keeping us safe.

Help me to be kind to everyone.

Thank you for being the Good Shepherd who loves and guides us.

Amen