



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Jesus teaches compassion and mercy

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus teaches compassion and mercy**” 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/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 <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:

Step	Action
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 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 teaches compassion and mercy
Text	Luke 10: 25-37 and Matthew 5: 7
Lesson Objective	The children learn that the Lord expects us to be compassionate.

Lesson Summary:

- A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to receive eternal life?”
- Jesus answered him, “What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?”
- The man answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind”; and “Love your neighbour as you love yourself.”
- “You are right,” Jesus replied; “do this and you will live.” The teacher of the Law then asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbour?” Jesus answered him by telling this parable.
- “There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. Robbers attacked him, took his robes, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road, but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. A Levite arrived next, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. Then a Samaritan who was traveling that way arrived on the scene. When he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Take care of him,’ he told the innkeeper, ‘and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.’”
- Jesus concluded, “In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?” The teacher of the Law answered, ‘The one who was kind to him.’ Jesus replied, “Go and do the same.”



What does this lesson teach us?

- Being compassionate and merciful means, when we see someone hurt, we feel pity and take time to help them using our own means (money or time) to assist.

How can we be compassionate today?

- Ø Visiting people who are ill, lonely or the elderly;
 - Ø Encouraging and comforting children who are sad;
 - Ø Playing and talking with children who are treated badly by others;
 - Ø Helping and supporting friends and family who are injured or have been hurt.
- If we are compassionate toward our neighbour (our fellow-man), we will be shown compassion in return.
 - Jesus promised this in the Sermon on the Mount as recorded in Matthew 5: 7: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”
 - If you show compassion to others, God will be merciful toward you and show you compassion in return.

This week think of how you can help your neighbour and make an effort to exercise your compassion towards your fellow-man.

Do Exercise 1, 2 and 3 with your child.

Answers to Exercise 2: Board text

Noticed the injured man = seeing, and feeling pity

He poured oil and wine into his wounds = taking time to help

He ensured that injured man is cared for = using your own means (money) to assist



Some questions we can ask:

1. What question did the teacher of the Law ask Jesus when he tried to trap Jesus?

Answer: What must I do to receive eternal life?

2. Did he answer Jesus correctly?

Answer: Yes

3. How did Jesus explain to the teacher of the Law who his neighbour is?

Answer: Jesus told him the parable of the Good Samaritan

4. What must we do to obtain God's mercy?

Answer: We must be merciful to others

5. Where in the Bible is the message in question 4 recorded?

Answer: Matthew 5:7





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*

 Notes

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*