



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Jesus speaks about helping along

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus speaks about helping along**” 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 speaks about helping along
Text	Matthew 9: 37-38 and Matthew 20: 1-16
Lesson Objective	The children learn that the Lord Jesus rewards those who are loyal and help along.

Lesson Summary:

- Jesus went around visiting all the towns and villages teaching in their churches called synagogues, preaching the Good News about the Kingdom of God and healing every kind of sickness.
- When Jesus saw the crowds, He had care and concern on them.
- Then Jesus said to His disciples, “The harvest, (meaning the size of the crop/plantation in the fields/farms) is plentiful, but the labourers, meaning workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.”
- Today’s lesson is about Jesus telling the story about a farmer who hired labourers to work on his farm for the day.
- Jesus said: “A Landowner went out early in the morning, to hire men to work in his vineyard. They agreed that he would pay them the regular wage for a full day’s work.”
- “Later he went out again and found men doing nothing. He said: ‘You can go and work in my vineyard and I will pay you what is right’. They agreed and went to work in the vineyard. This happened again until it was almost quitting time.
- At the end of the day, the workers who were hired last were paid their wages first, ending with those hired first.
- They were all paid equally, regardless of the time and performance of their work.
- The workers who have been working in the hot sun the entire day felt that they were treated unfairly.
- The Landowner answered: “Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a day’s pay? Take your money and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you jealous because I am generous?”



What does this lesson teach us?

- God is the landowner and the vineyard refers to all of us who is to be saved, in order to enter God's Kingdom and receive the ultimate reward of eternal life.
- We were taught that what matters mostly is that we are prepared to help along in this work of salvation, regardless the reward.
- We must be thankful and happy that we are part of this work of salvation and that we can help along to complete God's work.
- We must help along out of love for God and His work.
- We must never think that what we have is because of our own doing – because we earned it.
- No one has reason to be jealous as the reward is greater than what we deserve. We must put our trust in God's loving-kindness.
- No matter how long you have been helping in God's work the reward is the same for everyone.

How can we help along in God's work?

- Try to do God's will and avoid evil.
- Tell others about God's word and our faith.
- Pray for others, yourself and for the completion of God's work.
- Spend more time in the house of God by taking part in church activities.
- Bring joy to the children of God by being friendly and ready to help.
- Always make an effort to be part of God's work.





Do Exercise 1 and 2 with your child.

Answer to Exercise 1:

“But the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High.”

Some questions we can ask:

1. Where in the Bible is the parable of the workers in the vineyard recorded?

Answer: Matthew 20: 1-16

2. What is the meaning of Matthew 9: 37-38 for us today?

Answer: There are many souls to be gathered and prepared for God's heavenly Kingdom, but the workers are few

3. What is our reward for doing God's work faithfully and with love?

Answer: Eternal life

4. What is the reward for a child of God, who has been doing God's work for 10 years and the child of God who has been doing God's work for 20 years?

Answer: Eternal life with God – the same

5. In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, who does the Landowner represent?

Answer: God

6. What did Jesus want to explain with this parable?


Answer: God's righteousness, love, kindness and generosity





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*