



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Statements of Jesus about the Holy Spirit

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Statements of Jesus about the Holy Spirit**” 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><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 (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:

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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 teacher is also an asset.



# The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Statements of Jesus about the Holy Spirit
<b>Text</b>	John 14:15-26; John 15: 26; John 16: 7-14 and Galatians 5: 22-23
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn about the basic nature and effects of the Holy Spirit.

## Lesson Summary:

- The Holy Spirit forms part of the Trinity of God also known as the Triune God. God the Father, God the Son – Jesus and God the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus told the disciples that He was leaving to go back to His Father. He was going to prepare a home in heaven, so that one day all God’s children could be with Him forever.
- The disciples were very sad and afraid when they heard this. “What will happen to us if Jesus leaves? Who will teach us about God? Who will help us to be strong so we can obey God? Who will remind us what Jesus said and did? Who will comfort us when we are sad?” They thought.
- Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid. “The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said.” Jesus told them.
- Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be their Helper and Comforter.
- The disciples were glad when they heard what Jesus said.
- Jesus said that: The Holy Spirit is the Helper and Spirit of Truth – you can read about this in John 14: 16-26 and John 16:13
- Jesus further stated that the Holy Spirit is a teacher and testifying Spirit – meaning He is a witness for God and will speak the truth about God.
- The Holy Spirit will speak of what He hears from God and tell them about things to come, and the Holy Spirit gets His authority from God – meaning He gets His power from God.
- The disciples will therefore never be alone, as they will receive guidance and comfort to spread God’s word and follow His salvation plan from the Holy Spirit that will be inside them forever.
- But Jesus had to leave before the Holy Spirit could be sent.



### What does this mean for us today?

- The Holy Spirit is a **sacramental gift from God to us, it is a blessing from God for us.**
- Today, we receive the gift of the Holy **Spirit through the sacrament of Holy Sealing.**
- In the New Apostolic Church, this is done **through prayer and the laying-on of hands by an ordained Apostle only.**
- Now, **before** we can receive the Holy Spirit through Holy Sealing, we must be Baptised with water, this is **the sacrament of Holy Baptism.**
- Even Jesus was Baptised, **before He received the Holy Spirit.**
- The Holy Spirit visibly came down on the Lord Jesus during His baptism at the river Jordan in the form of a dove.
- In our church we celebrate 3 sacraments also called Holy Acts, and they are Holy Baptism with water, Holy Sealing – receiving the Holy Spirit and Holy Communion – for the forgiveness of sins.

### How do we experience the work or activity of the Holy Spirit today?

- The Holy Spirit inspires the word spoken in our divine services giving us an understanding of the workings of God.
- In divine services we feel personally addressed, as if God is speaking to us.
- We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit and experience it as a power within us.
- We are reminded about Christ's return again and again.
- We feel secure and at peace.



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## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The Holy Spirit reminds us again and again that we are God's children.
- Now, if we have the Holy Spirit inside us, this should have an effect on our lives.
- In Galatians 5: 22-23 Apostle Paul speaks of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- With the Holy Spirit inside us, our lives should look like the fruits of the Spirit, filled with love, joy, peace, longsuffering meaning patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Always remember, that we are living in God's grace and by using the gifts He has given us, we are able to see the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**From today make an extra effort to produce the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life.**

**Do Exercise 1 and 2 with your child and answer the questions.**

### Answers to Exercise 1:

Teacher – John 14:26

Helper – John 14: 16; John 14: 26; John 16: 7

Spirit of Truth – John 14: 17; John 16: 13

The one who proclaims what is to come – John 16: 13

Two concepts: Helper and Spirit of Truth

Prerequisite for Jesus: It is to your advantage that I go away

### Exercise 2:

Complete the cross word puzzle –  
Fruits of the Spirit



**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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