



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane

A Parent's Guide  
Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane**” 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 (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 in the garden of Gethsemane
<b>Text</b>	Luke 22: 39 - 54
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn how Jesus wrestled in prayer to be able to fulfil His Father's will.

## Lesson Summary:

- After the Last Supper, Jesus went with the eleven disciples to the garden of Gethsemane at the foot of the Mount of Olives.
- Jesus, then told eight of the disciples to sit at the entrance while He goes to pray.
- He took Peter, James and John with Him and when He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."
- After Jesus left them, they were so tired that they fell asleep.
- Jesus went a little further into the garden, knelt down and with sorrow prayed, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me. Yet, not My will, but Yours be done."
- In His sorrow, Jesus then prayed more earnestly, that His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
- After the third prayer, when Jesus returned and found them asleep again, He said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look! My Betrayer is approaching."
- Judas came with the officers of the temple police, armed with swords and sticks.
- He walked up to Jesus to kiss Him. Then Jesus said, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
- When the disciples saw what was going to happen, they asked, "Lord should we use our swords?" They wanted to protect Jesus.
- Then Peter struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear.
- But Jesus said, "Enough of this!" And He touched the man's ear and healed him.
- At that moment Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out with swords and sticks to arrest me like you would a robber? Every day I sat down and taught in the temple, and you did not arrest Me. But, all this happened so that the scriptures of the prophets could come true."
- Then Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested and the disciples left Him and fled.



## What does this lesson teach us?

- In Matthew 26 verses 53-54 Jesus said, “Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, thus this must happen.”
- For Jesus, it was more important to fulfil God’s will than avoiding to be arrested.
- Jesus’s life was known by obedience to God and surrendering to God. He was prepared to sacrifice His life to save us.
- We should follow the example of Jesus by:
  - Ø Being obedient to God – obey His commandments.
  - Ø Surrendering ourselves to God’s will – accept God’s plan for you and know that God will always help you because you love and trust Him;
  - Ø Loving our neighbour -  
Always treat them with kindness

.We must always love God, trust God and obey God.

**This week make an effort to tell at least one friend that we must trust God and obey His commandments.**

### Do Exercise 1, 2 and 3 with your child.

#### Answer to Exercise 1:

- Jesus **preached** to many people.
- He **proclaimed** the gospel.
- By performing miracles, Jesus **drew attention** to His mission.
- He **gathered** disciples.
- He **commissioned** apostles who were to **lead** His congregation.
- **Correct statement found in Mark 10: 45:** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
- **Unscramble sentence - God’s commission:** Jesus was to take the burden of sin of all mankind upon Himself, and sacrifice His life on the cross for the redemption of mankind.

#### Answer to Exercise 3:

Psalm 68: 19: Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation.



### Some questions we can ask:

1. How many disciples went with Jesus to the garden of Gethsemane?

**Answer:** eleven disciples

2. Who was not with Jesus and why?

**Answer:** Judas, he was going to betray Jesus

3. What did Jesus go and do in the garden of Gethsemane?

**Answer:** Jesus went to pray to God to take away the cup, but only if it is God's will.

4. Who appeared to Jesus to strengthen Him?

**Answer:** An angel

5. Why did Jesus allow Himself to be arrested?

**Answer:** He was obedient to God's will and so that the Scriptures could come true

6. What was the characteristics of Jesus's life?

**Answer:** Obedience to God, surrendering to God's will and His love for people



### 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*