



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title The sacrifice of Jesus

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**The sacrifice of Jesus**” Religious Instruction 2 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	The sacrifice of Jesus
Text	Luke 23: 33-46; John 19: 17-30 and Matthew 27: 51-54
Lesson Objective	The children learn how Jesus sacrificed His life.

Lesson Summary:

- Crucifixion was a cruel public humiliating death penalty to punished criminals.
- After Jesus' trial, the soldiers took Him outside Jerusalem to Golgotha, where He was crucified in between two criminals.
- Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
- The soldiers divided Jesus' clothing by throwing dice. This fulfilled the Scripture of Psalm 22:18, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."
- Jesus was mocked by the Jewish leaders.
- The other criminal, rebuked him and made him aware that they did bad things and deserved to die, but that Jesus did nothing wrong. He then turned to Jesus and said, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."
- Jesus said to Him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."
- Jesus now knew that everything had been completed and in order for the scripture to be fulfilled He said, "I am thirsty."
- They soaked a sponge in sour wine, put it on a stalk of hyssop and lifted it to His lips. Jesus drank the wine and said, "It is finished."
- Then He bowed His head and died.

Jesus' death was accompanied by the following special signs:

- Around noon, it became dark for three hours throughout the whole land.
- The curtain in the temple tore into two giving all people free access to God.
- There was an earthquake, and rocks cracked.
- The centurion, guarding Jesus, and those accompanying him, saw what happened, and praised God, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God."



What does this lesson teach us?

- Jesus sacrificed His life for us, so we could be saved from sin and be reconciled with God.
- Read First Corinthians 15 verses 54-57.
- Through His sacrifice, Jesus:
 - Ø destroyed the power of Satan,
 - Ø He overcame eternal death, and
 - Ø Made complete reconciliation between us and God possible.
- The cross has become the symbol for salvation among Christians.
- Upon the cross Jesus gained victory over hell and death.
- The cross is also part of our church emblem.
- First Corinthians 1 verse 18 says, “For the message of the cross is foolish to those who are perishing, but for us who is being saved it is the power of God.”
- The cross symbolizes that we have access to God.

Do the Exercises 1 and 2 with your child.

Some questions we can ask:

1. What does Golgotha mean?

Answer: The place of the Skull

2. Where in the Bible is the crucifixion of Jesus reported?

Answer: In the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

3. Why did the curtain in the temple tear into two?

Answer: Through Jesus’ death access to God was made possible to man and man was reconciled with God

4. What did Jesus say before He died in order to fulfil the scriptures?

Answer: “I am thirsty.”

5. What was Jesus’ final words on the cross after He drank the sour wine according to John 19?

Answer: “It is finished.”



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