

Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Pentecost: The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Pentecost: The Outpouring of 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>https://www.nac-sa.org.za/nac-sa-home/nac-sa-pastoral/sunday-school.html</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 (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:

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.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Pentecost: The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
Text	Acts 2: 1 - 40
Lesson Objective	The children get to know what happened at Pentecost.

Lesson Summary:

What is Pentecost?

- Pentecost means “50” and is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is held 50 days after Easter/Jesus’ resurrection.
- It is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church.

What happened at Pentecost?

- Jesus had gone back to heaven and He left the disciples on earth.
- Before Jesus left, He promised that God would send the disciples the Holy Spirit, who will be with them forever.
- He told them to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.
- After Jesus went back to heaven, they had to wait 10 days before the Holy Spirit came. The Holy Spirit came on a special holiday that was called Pentecost.
- Pentecost means “50” and it was a Jewish celebration/festival held 50 days after the Passover/Easter/Jesus’ resurrection.
- On the morning of Pentecost, at about 9 o’ clock, all the disciples were together in one place.
- All of a sudden, there was a mighty, rushing wind that came in and filled the whole house.
- There appeared a tongue of fire or flame over their heads.
- They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other tongues or languages as the Holy Spirit enabled them to speak.
- Because of the celebration of Pentecost, there were lots of extra people in the city of Jerusalem. These people came from many different countries and spoke many different languages.
- The Holy Spirit, who had filled the disciples, empowered them and made it possible that they could do something that they could never do before.



- The disciples were talking in different languages.
- They were talking about God and the wonderful things He has done.
- Some people listened in amazement and others made fun of them.
- “They had too much wine”, they said.

Apostle Peter’s sermon:

- Peter, one of the disciples, stood up and gave a great sermon. Peter told the people, that these people are not drunk, after all it is only 9 o’clock in the morning.
- He explained that what the people saw was God keeping His promise to send the Holy Spirit.
- He told the people all about Jesus, how He came, died and was raised from the dead. He told them how God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.
- Many of these people were in Jerusalem when Jesus was crucified, died and was buried. Most of them heard how Jesus had risen from the dead, and how He was seen by lots of other people.
- Now, here were Jesus’ disciples, through the power of the Holy Spirit, miraculously speaking in languages they could not have known.
- The people now knew, that what Peter was saying was true, and wanted to know what they should do to be saved.
- Peter said: “Repent and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
Acts 2: 38
- That day, 3000 people believed in Jesus, were baptised and added to the church of Christ. They spent their time with the apostles, learning from them and taking part in the fellowships and sharing in meals and prayers.





What does this lesson teach us?

- Jesus kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit and He will keep His promise to come and fetch us one day.
- We must also tell our friends about Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, so that they too could become children of God.
- We too must repent from our sins and remain together as children of God.
- We celebrate Pentecost in commemoration of or to remember the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- We remember the establishment or the start of the first Christian Congregation – the birthday of the church of Christ.

Conclusion?

- Another reason why Pentecost is special to us is that our Pentecost service is conducted by the Chief Apostle and is transmitted to as many congregations worldwide as possible.
- The Holy Spirit is our Helper, Comforter and Spirit of truth until Jesus Christ returns one day.

Do Exercise 1, 2 and 3 with your child.

Answers to Exercise 2:

Question 1: **20 – Sound from heaven**

Question 2: **9 – As cloven tongues of fire**

Question 3: **3 – Each in their own language**

Question 4: **50 – Peter**

Arithmetic formula: 20 multiply by 9 divide by 3 multiply by 50 = 3000




Answers to Exercise 3:

Spanish: 1 – D
German: 2 – E
English: 3 – F
French: 4 – B
Portuguese: 5 – A
Russian: 6 – C

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