



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title The Ministries in the Church of Christ

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “The Ministries in the Church of Christ” 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 Ministries in the Church of Christ
Text	Acts 15: 4; Philippians 1:1 and Ephesians 4:11
Lesson Objective	The children become acquainted with the ministries.

Lesson Summary:

- God chose His servants to perform services in the temple during the old covenant – the olden days.
- Jesus chose His disciples, now known as apostles, with the guidance of God to perform God’s work.
- In the New Apostolic Church, we use the ministries mentioned in the New Testament. Read our bible readings for today to find out what these ministries are.
- All these ministries were given by Christ Himself to assist the Apostles in their task to spread God’s word and salvation plan.
- In our church a minister is one who is authorised, blessed and sanctified through ordination by an Apostle (Creed – Fifth article).
- The New Apostolic Church has 3 levels of ministry: The Apostle ministry; the Priestly Ministry and the Deacon Ministry (Deacons – conduct pastoral care, doorkeepers, ushers).
- Over and above pastoral soul care, Priestly Ministers received the commission and authority from the Apostle to:
 - Ø Conduct divine services,
 - Ø Dispense Holy Baptism,
 - Ø Proclaim the forgiveness of sins and
 - Ø Consecrate and administer Holy Communion.
- Apostles dispense Holy Sealing and ordains ministers by the laying on of hands.
- The District Apostle (DA area leader), District Rector (District leader) and Rector (Congregation leader) are appointed and not ordained. Through their appointment they are authorised to perform spiritual leadership functions in their specific areas.
- The ministries of Bishop, District Elder, District Evangelist, Evangelist and Shepherd will after their retirement, no longer be ordained and will therefore later fade away.
- The Chief Apostle is the leader of our International church and this is a special ministry. He ordains Apostles and appoints District Apostles.



What does this lesson teach us?

- God chose His servants during the old covenant and during the new covenant to conduct His work.
- All our ministers are also chosen by God and ordained by an Apostle.
- In the New Apostolic Church there are three levels of ministry:
 - Ø The Apostle Ministry
 - Ø The Priestly Ministry and
 - Ø The Deacon Ministry.
- The District Apostle, District Rector and Rector are appointed and not ordained to perform spiritual leadership functions.
- All ministers have special tasks in the divine services and in the love and caring for the souls.
- Ministers are our bearers of blessing and we should be obedient to them as they are sent by God.

Always remember, Ministers serve the Lord and the congregations out of love and conviction. As human beings, they may also make mistakes. Their Ministry, through which God blesses the congregation, always remains holy for us, and we must therefore respect it.

Do Exercises 1, 2 and 3 with your child.

Some questions we can ask:

1. Name the three levels of ministry in the New Apostolic Church?

Answer: Apostle ministry, Priestly Ministry and Deacon Ministry

2. Under which level of ministry does the Bishop fall?

Answer: The Priestly Ministry

3. Who gave the commission and authority to the Priestly Ministry to conduct their tasks?

Answer: The Apostle

4. Who dispenses Holy Sealing and ordains ministers?

Answer: Apostles

5. Is the position of Rector a ministry?

Answer: No, a Rector carries the ministry of a priest with the added responsibility to conduct management and administration functions in a congregation

6. Name all the ministries and their names in your congregation?



A Prayer for Daddy and Mommy to pray before the lesson:

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for another day and for Your Love and Kindness.

Please bless my mom and dad, and bless our Ministers and all our friends and family.

We pray that we will always treasure You and that we will be obedient to our parents.

Bless us that we may be kind and loving and treat everyone we meet with respect and kindness,

Please bless this Sunday School lesson and thank you for choosing us to be your children.

Help us to remain faithful and obedient to You until You come to take us Home with you.

We ask all of this in your Precious Name. Amen

A prayer after the lesson:

Dear Father in heaven,

Thank you for keeping us safe and for allowing us to have heard another beautiful Sunday School lesson.

Thank you for protecting us and keeping us safe from all danger.

Please help us to always be obedient to our parents and to be kind to everyone we meet. Please also help us with our schoolwork.

Bless our Chief Apostle, the Apostles and all the ministers. Please keep them safe when they travel so they can teach us more about Your great work, dear Lord.

Please help all your children, especially those who are sick and who have no food or shelter. Please come soon and take us all home.

We ask all of this, not because we deserve it, but in Jesus name. Amen.