



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title The Apostles of Jesus Christ

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The Apostles of Jesus 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:

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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 2 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 Apostles of Jesus Christ
Text	Luke 6: 12-16; Acts 1: 25-26; Acts 13: 1-4; Acts 14:14; Romans 16: 7 and Galatians 1: 19
Lesson Objective	The children recognize the envoys (ambassador) of Jesus Christ in the Apostles.

Lesson Summary:

- Apostle means ambassador or envoy, meaning the one who is sent.
- Jesus Himself appointed the first twelve Apostles from His disciples (followers). To find out what their names are read Luke 6: 12-16.
- After Christ's ascension, Matthias was appointed to replace Judas Iscariot, the traitor, who killed himself.
- Jesus was sent into the world by His Father and before returning to His Father, He sent the Apostles to the people to represent Him.
- The Lord Jesus gave the Apostles the commission and authority to lead mankind to God through word and sacrament. Read Matthew 28: 18-20.
- The responsibilities of the Apostles are:
 - Ø As ambassadors for Christ – they proclaim the gospel of the salvation through Jesus Christ.
 - Ø As servants of Christ – they serve Jesus and His congregation.
 - Ø As stewards of Christ – they are responsible for the proper proclamation of the gospel and administration of the sacraments.
 - Ø They give themselves to the ministry of the word – they preach about the salvation of God and have the authority to proclaim forgiveness of sins.
 - Ø They gather the bridal congregation (us) and prepare them for the return of Jesus Christ.
- Apostles were killed for their faith's sake, they were called martyrs, meaning follower of Jesus, and the Apostle James was the first apostle who died as a martyr.



- After all the Apostles of the first church died, Bishops and other ministers took care of the congregations and continued to spread the gospel of Jesus.
- For many centuries there were no active Apostles, until 1832, in England, when John Bate Cardale, through prophesies, was called to be the first Apostle of the end time.
- Today, there are more than 400 Apostles active all over the world in the New Apostolic Church and their work today, remains the same as in the first church.

What does this lesson teach us?

- Jesus chose the first twelve Apostles from His disciples and sent them out into the world with the commission and authority to lead mankind to God through word and sacrament.
- Our Apostles today, also have the same commission and authority to lead us to God through the word we receive in the divine service and sacraments (Holy Baptism, Holy Sealing and Holy Communion) available to us.
- Apostles are ambassadors, servants and stewards for God.
- They preach about the salvation plan of God and have the authority to proclaim the forgiveness of sins.
- Apostles provide us with pastoral care and actively prepare congregations for the return of Jesus Christ.

Apostles are empowered to:

- Reconcile, meaning to reunite, God's children with one another.
- Teach us about God's grace, the Holy Spirit, righteousness, also meaning honesty, and God's word and ways.
- Our Apostles all over the world have a huge responsibility and we should therefore always pray that God provide them with strength, guidance and knowledge to fulfil their great task.

Do Exercises 1 and 2 with your child.



Some questions we can ask:

1. How many Apostles did Jesus appoint from His disciples?

Answer: Twelve Apostles

2. What is the meaning of the word Apostle?

Answer: Apostles means ambassador or envoy, meaning the one who is sent.

3. Name the names of any four of the twelve Apostles that Jesus appointed?

Answer: They can name any four from Luke 6: 14-16

4. Who was appointed as an Apostle to replace Judas Iscariot, the traitor?

Answer: Matthias

5. Who was the first Apostle who died as a martyr?

Answer: Apostle James

6. Who was called to be the first Apostle of the end time and in what year was this?

Answer: John Bate Cardale in 1832

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.