



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Jesus speaks about a good heart's disposition

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus speaks about a good heart’s disposition**” 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	Jesus speaks about a good heart's disposition
Text	Luke 18: 9-14; Matthew 6: 1-16 and Matthew 7: 1-5
Lesson Objective	The children learn that we should adopt a heart's disposition that pleases the Lord.

Lesson Summary:

- Have you ever met someone who likes bragging about themselves and who thinks that they are better than others? And people that like talking about the good that they do?
- There were people like that, where Jesus was preaching.
- They even thought that God should treat them better, because they were good.
- Jesus did not like it when people thought that they were better than others.
- Jesus wanted people to be humble and not proud.
- Being humble, means not to brag about yourself and if you are humble, you do not expect special treatment from others for the good that you do.
- To help the people understand humbleness, Jesus told them the Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. You can read this story in Luke 18: 9-14.

What does this lesson teach us?

- We should guard against being proud of our good works. Before God, proud people are very small.
- We should not think that we are better than others or look down on others disapprovingly, so don't be arrogant.
- Humble people recognize that they have made mistakes. Be humble before God and He will make you Great.
- We should do good in secret and without boasting about it. Read Matthew 6: 3-4 to see what Jesus said about boasting.
- We should not judge others, we should respect our neighbour and treat them with love. Read Matthew 7: 1-3 to see what will happen if we judge others.



What should we do when we notice the faults of others?

We should:

- Pray for them;
- Forgive them if they have hurt us;
- Be aware of our own faults, maybe we have also hurt others, and
- Become aware of the good within others.

From today, make an effort to have a good heart's disposition and follow Jesus' teachings.

Do the Exercise with your child.

Answer to Exercise:

Matthew 6: 3-4: charitable deed – hand – hand – Father – secret

Matthew 7: 1-3: measure – speck – eye – plank

Board: A good heart's disposition excludes: Pride, Arrogance, Boasting, Judgement

Some questions we can ask:

1. What story/parable did Jesus tell the people in Luke 19: 9-14?

Answer: The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector

2. Why did Jesus tell them this parable?

Answer: Jesus wanted to explain humbleness to them

3. What additional advice did Jesus give in Matthew 7: 1?

Answer: People should not judge others

4. What will God do if we judge others?

Answer: God will judge us in the same way that we judge others

5. What should we do when we notice the faults of others?

Answer: We should pray for them and forgive them if they have hurt us

6. Name the four things that a good heart's disposition excludes?

Answer: pride, arrogance, boasting and judgement



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