



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title Jesus advises to strive first for the kingdom of God

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus advises to strive first for the kingdom of God**” 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 (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 advises to strive first for the kingdom of God
Text	Luke 12: 13-21 and Matthew 19: 16-22
Lesson Objective	The children learn that greater value is to be placed on spiritual riches in the eyes of God than on having earthly possessions.

Lesson Summary:

- A man in the crowd called to Jesus “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
- Jesus replied, “Who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that? Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. Life does not consist of having many possessions.
- Then Jesus told the parable of the foolish rich man: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. His barns were full to overflowing that he could not get everything in.
- He thought about his problem, and finally exclaimed, “I know – I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones! Then I will have enough room to store my entire harvest.”
- “And I will sit back and say to myself, “Friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink and be merry.”
- But God said to him, “Fool! Tonight you die. Then who will get it all?”
- “Yes”, said Jesus, “every man who gets rich on earth but not in heaven is a fool.”





What does this lesson teach us?

- It is not wrong to work diligently to have what we need for the future.
- We MUST remember, everything we gather on earth will stay behind.
- The Bible says that we shall not live by bread alone.
- Worldly possessions must not take over our lives.
- We MUST make provision for ETERNAL LIFE, i.e. to live in eternal fellowship with God.
- Godly gifts are more important than earthly gifts.
- Live according to the commandments.
- Follow Jesus Christ and strive for eternal life and do not let earthly things hinder you from this.

Conclusion?

- It says in Matthew 6: 33 "... seek ye first the kingdom of God".
- Once a rich young man came to Jesus asking Him what good he must do to gain eternal life. Read the story in Matthew 19: 16-30.
- Nothing in life is forever.
- Stay faithful and true to God.

Do Exercise 1 and 2 with your child.

Complete Exercise 1 - Parable of the foolish rich man

- Read the text: Luke 12: 20.
- Complete it in you Activity book.
- You will need your bible to complete it.





Complete Exercise 2 – The rich young man

- There are scrambled statements from Matthew 19: 16-22.
- You need to put the statements in the correct order by following the written text using the Bible.
- Statement 1 has been given already, now complete the rest of the statements.
- Hope you enjoy the exercise.

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

A prayer after the lesson:

Dear Heavenly father

Thank you for keeping us safe.

Help me to be kind to everyone.

Thank you for being the Good Shepherd who loves and guides us.

Amen