



Future-proofing our children

Sunday school Class 4

Lesson Title

Jesus in the temple

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus in the temple**” Sunday school 4 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 Sunday school 4 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	Jesus in the temple
Text	John 7: 9-46
Lesson Objective	The children learn that Jesus Christ tells the people that He is the Son of God.

Lesson Summary:

- A great feast is being celebrated in Jerusalem, the Feast of the Tabernacles. Thousands of people have made the annual journey to Jerusalem for this feast and many people expected to see the Lord Jesus there, but He was in Galilee.
- People erected booths in the streets, courtyards and on roofs and stayed in these huts during the seven days of the festival. It is a celebration in commemoration of the forty-year journey through the desert and the amazing way that God looked after the people of Israel during that time.
- A few days into the festival, the Lord Jesus arrived in Jerusalem quietly and unnoticed and went to the temple to teach the people. He taught the people, pointing out: “The doctrine which I proclaim, is not mine, but that of my Father who has sent me. If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink”. Some saw in Him the promised Messiah, but most did not.
- The Pharisees and high priests wanted to have Jesus arrested, but the guards came back without Him. The guards told them, “Nobody has ever spoken as impressively as this man”.
- After many discussions amongst the people, calm soon returned to Jerusalem. The huts were taken down and people returned to their homes.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and was sent by God to save us from sin.
- We are the children of God and we want to acknowledge this.
- Today, the Apostles and other ministers are active in Jesus’ name and they are led by the Holy Spirit.
- Through their word our souls are refreshed time and again in divine services.



Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did the people go to Jerusalem?

A: For the Feast of the Tabernacles

2. What is this feast about?

A: It is the festival which is celebrated in commemoration of the forty-year long journey through the desert and how amazingly God took care of the people of Israel.

3. What did Jesus tell the people in the temple?

A: That He is the Son of God, He was sent by His Father.

4. Did they all believe Him?

A. No, some saw Him as the promised Messiah, but most did not.

5. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

A. let the child answer

6. Who is active in Jesus Christ's name today?

A. Apostles and other ministers and they are led by the Holy Spirit

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