



Future-proofing our children

Sunday school Class 4

Lesson Title

The parable of the prodigal son

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**The parable of the prodigal son**” Sunday School 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 Sunday School 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	The parable of the prodigal son
Text	Luke 15: 11 - 32
Lesson Objective	The children learn that God's love and the love of Jesus holds true for sinners too.

Lesson Summary:

- The Lord Jesus told a parable of a man who had two sons.
- One day the younger son asked for his share of the inheritance.
- When he had squandered it all in a strange country, he regretted it.
- He returned to his father and offered to work for him.
- His father so overjoyed at seeing him again that he ordered a feast to celebrate his homecoming.
- The older brother was very annoyed.
- He felt slighted
- His father explained to him: "Everything I have is yours."
- You should be joyful because your brother was dead, but now he is alive, he was lost, but now he has been found.

 Notes



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We must choose to be happy, not jealous or upset when someone else is honoured.
- God's love and the love of Jesus is also for the lost ones, those who have done wrong.
- Our Father in heaven rejoices when someone who is far from Him returns and asks for forgiveness.
- We also need to welcome those who come to church and we have not seen them for a long time

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did the younger son ask his father for his inheritance?
A: He wanted to go and see the world.
2. What happened to him after he squandered his money?
A: He returned to his father and offered to work for him.
3. What did his father do when he came home?
A: He was overjoyed and ordered a feast to celebrate his home coming.
4. How did his older brother feel about his homecoming?
A: He was annoyed.
5. Does God love people who are lost and have done wrong?
A: Yes, he does.
6. What does God do when someone returns to him and asks for forgiveness?
A: God rejoices.



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

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