



Future-proofing our children

Sunday school Class 4

Lesson Title

The ten virgins

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**The ten virgins**” 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 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 ten virgins
Text	Matthew 25: 1-13
Lesson Objective	The children learn how important it is to prepare for the return of Jesus Christ

Lesson Summary:

- The Lord Jesus prepared his disciples for the future.
- They were to get ready for his return and watchfully and patiently await him.
- He told them a parable to illustrate this.
- Ten virgins waited for the bridegroom with their lamps burning.
- But he came later than expected and they fell asleep.
- They were eventually awakened by the call: "The Bridegroom is coming!"
- Five of the virgins found that their lamps had run out of oil.
- Because they had not brought extra oil for their lamps, they could not enter the wedding feast.
- The remaining five had acted wisely in taking extra oil.
- They were prepared for the feast and could therefore partake in the wedding feast.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We must be alert because we do not know the day or the hour that Jesus Christ will return.
- We must prepare ourselves properly for the return of Jesus Christ the bridegroom of our souls
- We want to be ready and go the marriage feast with Jesus Christ when He returns

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did Jesus tell the disciples the parable of the ten virgins?
A: To prepare them for the future and get them ready for His return.
2. Why were five of the virgins wise?
A: They took their lamps and a flask of oil and were ready to meet the Bridegroom and enter the wedding feast with Him.
3. Why were five of the virgins foolish?
A: Because they did not have enough oil and were not ready to meet the Bridegroom and therefore could not enter the wedding feast.
4. Do we know when Jesus Christ will return?
A. No we do not know when Jesus Christ will return.
5. How can we prepare ourselves for the return of Jesus Christ?
A. Practise love and forgiveness, keep the commandments, better ourselves and pray that we may be ready and worthy to meet Jesus Christ when He returns.



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

 Notes