



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

Animals and man

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Animals and man**” Sunday School 1 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 1 family.
2. Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct (do) your own research for additional (extra) information.
4. Contact your congregation Sunday School Coordinator and Teacher for additional information.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Animals and man
Text	Genesis 1: 20-31 and Genesis 2: 1-4
Lesson Objective	The children will learn that we are part of God's creation and that all living creatures that God created are unique.

Lesson Summary:

- Today we continue the story of the creation.
- In our first lesson we learned that God created the moon and stars to light up the night sky, He created the clouds and separated the waters from the dry earth. He also covered the earth with grass and plants.
- He did all of this in 4 days. The earth looked beautiful, but it was very quiet.
- When the sun rose on the fifth day, the Lord filled the waters of the sea with life, He created many different animals to live in the water.
- On the same day He created the birds. God made them build nests and lay eggs so that very soon their chirping could be heard everywhere on earth.
- God was very happy with all this new life and He saw that it was good.
- On the sixth day God also created the animals which live on dry land. From the smallest worm to the largest elephant, God made them all.
- They each had their own particular build and special characteristics. The monkey He made to climb trees, penguins can live on ice and kangaroos can carry their babies in a pouch. God was happy with what He made and saw it was good.
- God saved something very important for last.
- On the sixth day God created the crown of His creation, people.
- He gave them a special gift, their own free will. He blessed them and instructed them to look after His creation and discover new things.
- They had a place to live on the earth and enough food to eat. They were grateful to God because He cared very, very well for them
- It was now the end of the sixth day.



- On the seventh day, God looked at His work. He saw that everything was very good.
- “He rested from His labour and rejoiced in the small and large creatures He had created, and provided for. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it.”
Read Genesis 2: 1-4

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Every living creature was created uniquely with their own characteristics and build.
- God made sure that each living creature had their own place to live and enough food to survive.
- God has created you too.
- Even you are unique. No two people look the same we are all different.
- God made people in His image and He created us as the crown of His creation. We are very special.
- Human beings are the only living creatures who has their own free will with which they can decide what is right and what is wrong.
- God loves His work and cares about His creation and that is why we need to look after it.
- He watches over many things, also over us.
- We should be grateful for everything God has provided for us.
- It should make you feel very special and happy that you are part of God's creation.

Some questions that we can ask

1. **Can you name some animals with unique characteristics?**

Answer: various

2. **What makes a butterfly such a miracle?**

Answer: It comes from a caterpillar, after metamorphosis is complete a butterfly emerges from the pupa.



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