



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

Abram's calling and the promise: Abram and Lot

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Abram’s calling and the promise: Abram and Lot**” 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
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.	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.



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 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	Abram's calling and the promise: Abram and Lot
Text	Genesis: 12: 1-9; Genesis 13: 1-18
Lesson Objective	The children learn that the Lord leads and guides us on His ways and that He fulfils His promises.

Lesson Summary:

- In today's lesson we're going to hear about Abram and Lot.
- Abram and Lot together with their herdsmen, wives and children were travelling to a land far away. They had many sheep, lambs and goats and their donkey's carried heavy loads.
- They travelled over many different and difficult terrains. Every now and then they stopped at a water hole so that their animals could drink water and rest.
- They put up tents to sleep in while some shepherds kept watch over the tents and the animals, but, over them all God kept watch and they placed their trust in Him.
- Abram is not making this journey voluntarily. The Lord had spoken to him earlier.
- He told Abram to leave his country, his friends and his acquaintances and go to the land which the Lord will show him. God said He will make a great nation of him and He will bless Abram. Abram trusts God completely.
- After travelling for many days, they came to a river that they had to cross. After crossing the river, they found themselves in another land. This land had more streams and better grazing for their animals. Abram orders the tents to be put up.
- Then the Lord appears to Abram once more and said to him that this is the land He promised to give to Abram and his descendants.
- Abram does not know where his descendants will come from because he and his wife Sarai do not have any children and Abram is already 75 years old.
- Something else worries Abram, there's already people living on this land and he and his followers are strangers in this land, but Abram trusts and believes that the Lord will fulfil the promises He made to him.
- This strong faith allows Abram to be happy, peaceful and satisfied.



- Abram feels God's protection is always with them, but the peace is often disturbed.
- Abram and Lot's herdsman are fighting among themselves over the best grazing and which herd should drink first.
- Abram decides that there is only one solution. He does not like the fighting because he is a peaceful man.
- He decides that he and Lot cannot stay together in one place. They would each have to choose a piece of the land for themselves.
- Abram and Lot go to the mountain where they can have a good view of the land stretching out in front of them. Abram tells Lot that he can choose a piece of land. If Lot chooses to go one way, he will go the other way.
- To the east there is the river Jordan with beautiful green pastures around it. To the south the land is fertile, but some parts are very dry. Abram lets Lot choose first.
- He chose the land to the east with the river and the green pastures.
- So, Abram travelled in the opposite direction. He is satisfied. God has seen everything.
- God tells Abram not to be sad. He tells Abram to look from where he is in all directions. All the land that Abram can see, the Lord promises to give to him and his descendants.
- He tells Abram that his nation will be as many as the dust of the earth or the sand of the sea.
- Abram receives the less fertile region, but the Lord repeats his pledge to Abram, and this makes him happy.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Sometimes God asks us to do something that is very difficult. He wants us to trust Him. He will give us the strength and bless us on our journey.
- God makes many promises to us in His word. We must trust in Him to fulfil those promises in our lives.
- One of these promises is that Jesus will return to fetch us.

We must prepare for the return of Jesus and to do this we need a strong faith and to trust and obey God.



Some questions that we can ask

1. Why did Abram decide to leave the land he lived in?

Answer: God told him to pack up everything and go to a new land He will show him

2. Why did Abram decide to split the land in two?

Answer: That is the only way he could keep the peace because the herdsman fighting among themselves.

3. What did the Lord promise Abram after he chose his piece of land?

Answer: All the land Abram can see the Lord will give to him and his descendants who will be as many as the sand of the sea.

4. What have we been promised?

Answer: That Jesus will come again to fetch us.

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