



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title

Daniel, the devout youth and interpreter of dreams

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Daniel, the devout youth and interpreter of dreams**” 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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 • Catechism and Question and Answer (for Confirmation classes) <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 (SS1, RI1 or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	Pray (see sample as an annexure) and ask God to use you as a tool to present the lesson the way He would want us to present it.
4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level Example: Sit on the mat or around 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.



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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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:

- WApp chat the lesson with another Sunday School family.
- Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
- Feel free to conduct your own research for additional information.
- Contact your congregation's Sunday School Teacher for more information.





The Lesson

Lesson Title	Daniel, the devout youth and interpreter of dreams
Text	Daniel 1 and 2

Lesson Objective	The children marvel at the greatness and omniscience of God.
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Lesson Summary:

- Daniel and his three friends were the sons of noble Jewish people and were taken as prisoners from their homeland, Israel. They now lived as refugees/immigrants in Babylon at King Nebuchadnezzar's palace.
- Daniel and his friends were allowed to live in the palace and enjoy the riches of the palace.
- They would be given the same food and, the very best but Daniel explained that they only eat certain foods and it is their belief. They wanted to remain faithful to their belief and would rather eat vegetables and drink water.
- The highest servant believed it was impossible for them to survive with only those foods but Daniel assured him that the Lord will help to look after them and he did.
- One night the King had a frightening dream and woke up but could not remember what happened.
- King Nebuchadnezzar called all the wise men and dream interpreters and commanded they explain the meaning of his dream. None of them were able to tell him his dream and said it was impossible for anyone to do it.
- Daniel asked that he be given a little more time to interpret the dream and the King agrees. Daniel and his friends prayed to God and asked him to help them and he receives the answer about the King's dream.
- He goes and tells the king who is surprised and wants to know how he interpreted his dream. Daniel assures him again that God knows all secrets and is greater than all kings.
- The King then made Daniel and his friends rulers of his kingdom.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We must bring anything to God in prayer.
- We can pray anytime and speak to God.
- We must bring thanks, praise, and all our needs to God in prayer.
- We can even pray to God when we are very scared or very happy.
- God is always close to us – the same as what he was close to Daniel and his friends.

Some questions that we can ask:

Let the children answer the question and if they answer directly from the story relate it to our current daily actions and behaviour.

1. Why did Daniel refuse to eat all the luxurious food of the palace?

Answer: They wanted to remain faithful to their belief.

2. What were the meal of Daniel and his Friends made up of for 10 days?

Answer: Vegetables and water.

3. Did the water and vegetables make them sick?

Answer: No! They were healthy and strong!

4. Daniel prayed often, when do we pray?

Answer: *In the morning when we wake up, at night before we sleep, when we eat a meal or anytime of the day*

5. What did the king require of his wise men?

Answer: *He asked them to tell him his dream and interpret it for him.*

6. Why did Nebuchadnezzar become angry with the wise men?

Answer: *They said no man could do what the king asked. It would be impossible for them to tell him the dream.*

7. How did Daniel find out what the king dreamed and what it means?

Answer: *Daniel and his friends prayed and asked God to help them interpret the dream*

8. Have you ever prayed to God and asked him to help you?

Answer: *Yes (any personal experience they had)*



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

