



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School 1

Lesson Title: Daniel before Belshazzar

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the Sunday School 1 lesson entitled **Daniel before Belshazzar**.

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><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
2	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• The lesson in PDF format that is already prepared</li> <li>• Child's workbook and pencils, crayons, etc.</li> <li>• The Video Clip which is an additional/ optional resource tool</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></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 (brief) as possible, bearing in mind the attention 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 lesson is class specific (Sunday School 1).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS 1 Teacher if you need any assistance or 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 SS 1 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 child/ren are at the same level. <b>Example:</b> Sit on a 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.
7	Understand the objective of the lesson that your child must remember.
8	Present the lesson to your child.
9	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning.
10	Refer your child to the activity in the child's workbook (Come Lord Jesus, volume 1)
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 SS 1 family.
2. Discuss the lesson 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

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Daniel before Belshazzar
<b>Text</b>	Daniel 5:1-30
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	<p>The objective of this lesson is:</p> <p>The children recognize God's power</p>

### Lesson Summary:

- Nebuchadnezzar learnt everything he knew about God from Daniel. When the King was old, he had high esteem for God. After he died, his son Belshazzar became king.
- Belshazzar had no respect for God, he mocked and ridiculed the Lord
- God had a special message for Belshazzar which he wrote on the wall
- Only Daniel could decipher the message: Mene, Mene Tekel, U-pharsin
- The meaning of these words are as follows:

God knows the duration of your life. It has come to an end. God has looked at your deeds and found that you have done too little good. Your Kingdom will be divided and given to others.

- That very same night, God's word was fulfilled

### What does this lesson mean for us today?

- ü God had a special message for Belshazzar and for us
- ü We recognize God's power
- ü God is in control of our lives
- ü He wants what is best for us.
- ü Let us strive to do more good deeds in the work of the Lord



Some questions that we can ask:

**1. Who was Belshazzar father?**

**Answer:** Nebuchadnezzar.

**2. How many guests was at the feast?**

**Answer:** 1000

**3. Who decipher the message from God on the wall?**

**Answer:** Daniel.

#### **Additional Notes Dear Parents**

1. The activity to be done in the child's workbook is on page 16. It is part of lesson 3.3. This can be done after the lesson is presented to them or if you choose, you can do it as an activity where you and your child do it together.

#### **A Prayer for Daddy and Mommy to pray before the lesson:**

*Dear Lord thank you for this wonderful day.*

*Allow us to receive today's message with an open heart.*

*We ask this in Jesus's name - Amen*