



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title	Jesus is baptised and sealed
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus is baptised and sealed**” 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	Jesus is baptised and sealed
Text	Matthew 3: 13 - 17 and John 6: 27
Lesson Objective	The children see how God acknowledged His Son; He baptised His Son with the Holy Spirit. We have also been sealed with the Holy Spirit and therefore became children of God.

Lesson Summary:

- Many people came to hear John the Baptist preach and to be baptised by him at the river Jordan.
- For John the outward appearance of a person is unimportant. He seems to be able to look into the heart of a person and see what is hidden there. These inner feelings are important to him.
- John preached a lot about the end time and how people need to repent and prepare for the coming of the Redeemer.
- He baptised those people who changed their lives – repentant people.
- John the Baptist immediately recognised Jesus as the Messiah when Jesus asked John to baptise Him.
- Reluctantly, and only on Jesus' insistence, John baptised Jesus in the waters of the river Jordan in the same way as all the repentant people.
- At this moment God acknowledged His Son, His Holy Spirit visibly descended on him in the form of a dove and God said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
- Through the Holy Spirit, God gave Jesus the necessary strength and power for His human life.
- We too have been baptised with water (Holy Baptism) and received the Holy Spirit (Holy Sealing) and therefore became children of God.
- We must be baptised with water before we can receive the Holy Spirit.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- John the Baptist recognised Jesus as the Messiah/Redeemer and reluctantly, baptised Jesus in the waters of the river Jordan.
- God visibly filled Jesus with the Holy Spirit and acknowledged Him as His Son.
- We too have received the Holy Spirit (Holy Sealing) and therefore became children of God. With the Holy Spirit we have received new life within us.
- We must be baptised with water (Holy Baptism) before we can be sealed.

Some questions that we can ask

1. Question: What did John preach about at the river Jordan?

Answer: that people should change their lives and prepare for the coming of the Redeemer

2. Question: Why did John not want to baptise Jesus?

Answer: He recognised Jesus as the Messiah/Redeemer and did not feel worthy

3. Question: How did God acknowledge Jesus as His Son?

Answer: His Spirit visibly descended on Jesus in the form of a dove and God said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

4. Question: What is the requirement for us to receive the Holy Spirit?

Answer: we must be baptised with water (Holy Baptism) first

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