



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 1

Lesson Title	John introduces Jesus
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**John introduces Jesus**” 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	John introduces Jesus
Text	John 3: 23 and John 3: 26 - 36
Lesson Objective	The children recognise that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus knows God's will.

Lesson Summary:

- John's followers complained to him that the Lord Jesus was also baptising people and that Jesus had many disciples (followers).
- John explained to them that Jesus is the true Redeemer (Saviour) and that the Lord Jesus received the gift from God to baptise with the Holy Spirit.
- John further taught his disciples that: "He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease." John 3: 30
- "God loves His Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son, has everlasting life; and he who believes not in Him, shall draw the wrath (anger) of God upon himself and shall not receive eternal life in God." John 3: 35-36

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- John explained to his followers that Jesus is the true Redeemer (Saviour) and that Jesus received the gift from God to baptise with the Holy Spirit.
- John said that Jesus must increase and he must decrease. We too, must allow Jesus to increase in our lives and change from our sinful ways.
- By sending His Son to the earth, God has given us a great gift.
- God has put everything in Jesus' power and Jesus therefore knows God's will.
- We must believe in the Lord Jesus and do God's will to receive eternal life in God.
- If we disobey the Lord Jesus, we will be punished by God and we will not receive eternal life in God when Jesus comes to fetch us.



Some questions that we can ask

1. What did John's followers complain about?

Answer: They complained that Jesus was baptising people and that He had many disciples

2. What did John use to baptise the people that changed their lives?

Answer: John baptised them with water

3. What did Jesus use to baptise the people that changed their lives?

Answer: Jesus baptised them with the Holy Spirit

4. What must we do to attain eternal life with God?

Answer: We must believe in Jesus and do God's will – live a God-pleasing life

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