



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 2

Lesson Title

Jesus commences public teaching –
The first disciples

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Jesus commences public teaching – The first disciples**” Sunday School 2 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 2 family.
2. Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct your own research for additional information.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Jesus commences public teaching – The first disciples
Text	John 1: 35-51
Lesson Objective	The children see that the Lord Jesus has great power and that as the Son of God Jesus knows us too.

Lesson Summary:

- John the Baptist informed the people of the coming Redeemer.
- The day after John the Baptist baptised Jesus, he was standing there with two of his disciples.
- Gazing at Jesus as He was walking by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God.”
- When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus and became His disciples.
- One of them, Andrew, brought his brother Simon to Jesus.
- Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, the son of John. You will be called Cephas”. This is the same as Peter and means “rock”. Jesus knew Simon.
- The next day, Jesus found Philip and said, “Come and follow Me!” Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town where Andrew and Simon Peter lived.
- Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and the prophets also wrote about – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
- “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathanael asked. Philip replied, “Come and see.”
- When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him, He said, “Here is a true Israelite, there is no dishonesty in him.”
- Nathanael was greatly impressed that Jesus knew him and that Jesus could see into his heart.
- He recognized Jesus Christ as the Son of God and followed Him.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Like Nathanael, some people need proof before they believe. When we tell our friends about our faith, we can invite them to church to come and see.
- It was a miracle to Nathanael that Jesus knew him and could see into his heart. Through these miracles we see the power of Jesus. We also experience miracles which strengthen our faith.
- Jesus is the Son of God and He knows us. Through His inner power Jesus drew the first disciples to Him. Still today Jesus draws people to Him.

Believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He knows you by name. He knows our hearts.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. **Who informed the people of the coming of the Redeemer?**
Answer: John the Baptist
2. **What name did Jesus give Andrew's brother, Simon?**
Answer: Cephas – it is the same as Peter meaning “Rock”
3. **What made Nathanael believe that Jesus was the Son of God?**
Answer: Jesus knew him and could see into his heart

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

Dear God, thank you for this day

May we feel your presence

Bless the lesson we will have

May we sow good seed by the goodness of our lives and

May we only allow good to grow in our Hearts.

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

In Jesus name we pray this

Amen