



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 2

Lesson Title

The parable of the praying widow

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The parable of the praying widow**” 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><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 PDF lesson 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 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:

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4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level <b>Example:</b> 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

<b>Lesson Title</b>	The parable of the praying widow
<b>Text</b>	Luke 18: 1-8
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn that we must pray earnestly and persistently especially for the return of the Son of God.

## Lesson Summary:

- The Lord Jesus used stories to teach His disciples spiritual lessons, we call these stories “parables”.
- One day Jesus wanted to teach His disciples that they should always pray and never become discouraged, so He told them the parable of the praying widow.
- Jesus said, “In a city there lived a judge who was very unjust. He did not fear God nor did he respect people.
- In the same city, there lived a woman whose husband had died (she is therefore called a widow). The poor widow went to the judge to help her. There was an evil person who had threatened her, and she wanted justice.
- The judge refused to help the poor widow. He told her to go away as he had no time for her.
- The widow was persistent and kept returning to the judge for help. She refused to give up.
- After some time, the judge grew tired of the woman and then agreed to help her.
- The disciples have been listening attentively. Then the Lord Jesus got up, looked at the disciples and said: “Will God not avenge His own people who cry to Him day and night for help? I tell you, that He will judge in their favour and do it quickly.”



## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God hears our prayers. Each and every one of them.
- We should remain persistent prayer and never give up.
- We must never become tired of praying for the return of Jesus Christ.
- God provides what is needed at the correct time.
- At times it may seem that God is not listening, but it may just be that God has a plan for us that we do not know about.

**When we pray we should always include: “Lord, shorten the time, complete thy work and take us home in grace.”**

## Some questions that we can ask:

**1. What did Jesus want to teach the disciples with this parable?**

**Answer:** That they should pray persistently and to never give up

**2. What should we not forget to add into our prayers?**

**Answer:** For God to shorten the time and to send His Son to take us home in grace.

## 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*