



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS 2

Lesson Title

The parable of the talents

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling

Dear Parent



Welcome to “**The parable of the talents**” Sunday School 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible• The PDF lesson that is already prepared• PowerPoint presentation• Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc.• The Video Clip which is an additional optional resource tool Note: 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. 2.2 However the lesson can be done with at a time that suits your families’ routine. 2.3. 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> 2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources. 2.5 After the lesson is completed with your child please notify the Sunday school so that Attendance can be captured on MIS.
3.	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.
4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level Example: Sit on the 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.



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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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 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.
4. The Sunday School Coordinator or Teacher is available to provide assistance with the lesson.





The Lesson

Lesson Title	The parable of the talents
Text	Matthew 25:14-30
Lesson Objective	The children learn that they should use the talents God gave them and use them joyfully

Lesson Summary:

- Jesus told the disciples about a rich man who went away and gave his talents to his servants to work with the money until he returns.
- He gave the first servant 5, the second servant 2 and the third servant 1 talent.
- The first two servants both doubled their talents so that the first one had 10 and the second had 4.
- The third servant was afraid and buried his 1 talent.
- When the man came back, he was happy that the first two servants worked so well with their talents and gave them important work to do.
- The master was unhappy with the third servant and called him lazy.
- He took the 1 talent away from the third servant and gave it to the one who had 10 and called him a useless servant.
- The master then chased him away.





What does this lesson mean for us today?

- This lesson tells us that:
 - The master said if you increase your talents you will be given more, but if you waste them, they will be taken away from you.
 - God is the same and wants us to use the talents that he gives us.
 - We can do this in his house by singing in the choir, playing an instrument, cleaning the church, praying for the sick.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. What was the story all about?

Answer: A master who gave talents to his servants before he left. He wanted them to work and multiply the talents.

2. How many talents did each one get?

Answer: One received 5, the other 2, and the other 1.

3. What was the situation when the master returned?

Answer: Two had doubled their talents and the one who had 1 did nothing with his talent.

4. How did the master feel about it?

Answer: The master was happy for the two, but sad and cross for the other one who done nothing with his talent.

5: What did the master do with the one who done nothing with his talent?

Answer: The master took his talent away, gave it to the one who had the most, and then chased him away!

6: How can we use our gifts and talents in church?

Answer: Helping to clean the church, singing in the Sunday school choir, Playing the recorder, being kind to my friends.



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

A prayer after the lesson:

Father in heaven

Hear my prayer.

Help me to use my talents and to be kind.

Bless my parents and my friend.

And keep us faithful until the end.

“Amen”