



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS 2

Lesson Title

The parable of the lost sheep

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling

Dear Parent



Welcome to “**The parable of the lost sheep**” 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 teacher or co coordinator is available to provide assistance with the lesson.



The Lesson



Lesson Title	The parable of the lost sheep
Text	Luke 15: 4-7
Lesson Objective	The children learn that Jesus Christ is the good Shepherd. He loves everyone, even the sinners.

Lesson Summary:

- Wherever Jesus happened to be, people gathered to listen to him.
- Jesus often spoke to the people who were not liked by many people because they were sinners.
- After listening to Jesus these people were sorry for sinning and decide to change their lives and Jesus is happy about this.
- The good people became angry because Jesus spoke to the sinners.
- They said that Jesus should only speak to good people.
- In order to teach them Jesus told them a story about a Shepherd.
- In a warm sunny land there lives a Shepherd. He has 100 sheep that he feeds and looks after every day.
- He knows and loves every single one of them and takes good care of them.
- Every night after taking them for a walk he would leave them in a closed pen to sleep.
- One day he took them for their walk and later that day the Shepherd becomes uneasy.
- He knows there is something wrong.
- He counts his sheep: 1,2,3....97,98,99, oh dear one is missing.
- The white one with the brown ear is nowhere to be seen.
- The Shepherd quickly ran to go look for his lost sheep because it could be in danger.
- After hours of searching he finally hears the weak bleating of his sheep, "I would know that sound anywhere!" he says after he found his lost sheep.
- The Shepherd returns to his village with all his animals.
- He calls out: "Come, listen and rejoice with me! I found my lost sheep which was in danger."



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Our Heavenly Father is always happier when a sinner comes to him and says sorry for his or her mistakes, than about those who do not say they are sorry.
- Let us learn to say sorry and try not to do the same wrong things all the time.
- Jesus has come to seek and save the lost ones.
- Everyone is very important to Jesus.
- We must also go find of our friends and family who do not come to church anymore.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did Jesus tell the parable of the lost sheep?

Answer: Because some of the people were angry because Jesus spoke to the sinners.

2. What happened when the Shepherd realised one sheep was gone?

Answer: He immediately ran to look for the lost sheep.

3. Was it necessary for him to go look for the one sheep, he then had so many? Why?

Answer: Yes – everybody is important to Jesus.

4. To whom was Jesus referring to in the parable.

Answers: The Sheep are the people God gave to his son Jesus

The lost sheep are people who turn away from God.

The Shepherd is the Lord Jesus who looks for the lost sheep.

5. What is the two most important lessons that God want to teach us in this lesson?

Answer: Always teach people to turn away from sin and everybody is important to Jesus.





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:

Dear Heavenly father

Thank you for keeping us safe.

Help me to be kind to everyone.

Thank you for being the Good Shepherd who loves and guides us.

“Amen”