

Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS2

Lesson Title

Apostle Peter is commissioned to feed
the lambs and sheep of Christ

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Apostle Peter is commissioned to feed the lambs and sheep of Christ**” 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
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.	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.



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 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 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	Apostle Peter is commissioned to feed the lambs and sheep of Christ
Text	John 21: 1-17
Lesson Objective	The children learn how Apostle Peter became the shepherd over Christ's flock. They learn that the Chief Apostle, the Apostles, and ministers are our shepherds and teachers.

Lesson Summary:

- The Apostle Peter returned to his brothers and sisters in the congregation who was praying for him. He was away from the congregation for quite some time. He knew that the congregation members were worried about him.
- He was not allowed to conduct services in the church, then called the temple, because the council (government) did not allow him to.
- The congregation members were very concerned about Apostle Peter, as they were scared that the council will lock him up again. A member asked him whether it was not better for him to leave before he gets locked up again!
- Apostle Peter responded by saying 'How can a shepherd leave his flock? How could I leave you in this difficult time? After all, the Lord Jesus gave me the task of looking after you'
- The congregation member was very happy. She said that Jesus has given them Apostle Peter to look after them like a good shepherd.
- A congregation member Chava wanted to know how Apostle Peter actually received his appointment from Jesus to take care of them.
- Peter described to them how Jesus appointed him to be their shepherd by asking him
- three times to feed his lambs and sheep. The people felt very strongly how much Peter loved them all, just as he loves the Lord. He would do anything to care for them.
- So too our Apostles of today takes care of all of us as our shepherds.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The same way as Jesus sent Apostle Peter as the shepherd of the congregations in the old days, the same way Jesus sent our Apostles who are our shepherds today
- Apostle means 'ambassador' - The Apostle ministry takes all its power from Jesus Christ and is dependent on Him, to lead and teach us.
- To feed us, the Apostles received the power to heal and to bring peace, as well as to preach the kingdom of God, and to proclaim forgiveness of sins in His name.
- Jesus underlined this commission with the words 'He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me' – being God who sent Jesus.
- The Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider leads our church today.

Some questions that we can ask:

- **Q:** Why were the congregants happy but scared to have Apostle Peter with them?
Answer: They knew that the council did not want him to conduct services in the temple
- **Q:** What was Apostle Peter's response?
Answer: Apostle Peter said: "You mean very well – but can a shepherd leave his flock? How could I leave you in this difficult time? After all, the Lord Jesus gave me the task of looking after you"
- **Q:** Who does today what Apostle Peter done then in the old days?
Answer: Our Chief Apostle, District Apostle and Apostles takes care of us as our spiritual shepherds.
- **Q:** What are some of the tasks that the Apostles do today?
Answer: Holy sealing / holy baptism / forgiveness of sins / ordaining helpers such as Priests and Deacons.
- **Q:** Let us name our Chief Apostle, District Apostle and Apostles are?
Answer: Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider, District Apostle John Kriel – and Apostle as per the Diocese



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

 Notes