



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS2

Lesson Title

Our Chief Apostle

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “Our Chief Apostle” 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a>
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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.	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 <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 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>	Our Chief Apostle
<b>Text</b>	John 6: 22-69 Acts 2: 42 Luke 24: 36-49 John 20: 21,23 John 21: 1-17
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children recognise that they are safe in the care of the Chief Apostle. They learn how great his task is and strengthen their ties with him.

## Lesson Summary:

After Pentecost, the Apostles continued to proclaim the gospel of Christ's resurrection, and the first congregations were established.

Jesus appeared to the Apostles in Jerusalem. He renewed the Apostle's commission to act in His name and to forgive sins. Our Apostles are messengers of Christ and have the same commission, as in the old days. Jesus knew that the Apostles could not fulfil His mission alone, he therefore gave us the Holy Spirit, which leads us and gives us strength.

We celebrate Holy Communion in remembrance of the Lord Jesus as He died for us and we connect ourselves with him when we celebrate Holy Communion. The Apostles recognised that Jesus was the Son of God and they remained loyal to him. We, as children of God, are encouraged to remain loyal to Jesus Christ, His servants, and His church.

We revisit how the first Apostle was commissioned. Jesus said to the Apostle Peter three times to feed His sheep. The same way as Jesus sent Apostle Peter as the shepherd of the congregations in the old days, is the same way Jesus sent our Apostles who are our shepherds today.



Our Chief Apostle is our shepherd who wisely leads and guides us. He loves us all and prays to God to keep us and to bless us. The Chief Apostle continues to maintain the vision of our church, being, a church in which all people feel at home and inspired by the Holy Spirit and their love for God, align their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ and thus prepare themselves for His return and eternal life.

## 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.
- The Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider leads our church today. He loves us and feeds us by teaching us the gospel and by forgiving our sins in Jesus's name, as commissioned by Christ himself, and we are therefore safe in his care. He sees to it that all Gods children receives what they need for eternal life.
- Our Apostles are messengers or ambassadors of Christ, who are guided by the Holy Spirit. So, we must therefore remain loyal to His servants and His church.
- We must continue to pray for our dear Chief Apostle, as he has a very big task in ensuring that all of us receive what we need for eternal life with our heavenly father.



## Some questions that we can ask:

**Q:** Who is our shepherd, and leads our church today?

**Answer:** The Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider

**Q:** Who helps our Chief Apostle with his tasks and to fulfil his commission today?

**Answer:** Our District Apostle and Apostles, as well as our priestly ministers. Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit leads and guides our ministers.

**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:** What would you like to ask our Chief Apostle one day?

## 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*