



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS2

Lesson Title

Christ Speaks of His Return

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Christ Speaks of His Return**” 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>https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</p>
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.	<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 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	Christ Speaks of His Return
Text	Matthew 24: 1 - 46
Lesson Objective	The children learn that Jesus Christ will return and that it is the goal of our faith to be ready and worthy on that day.

Lesson Summary:

Jesus Christ will return – this is a core statement of the gospel.

In His farewell, Jesus Christ gave His Apostles the promise of His return. ‘And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also’.

In this important source of hope for the future, the Lord repeatedly reinforces the promise of His return, reveals the progress of the history of salvation, and thereby grants insights into His future actions.

No man or angel, but only God alone, knows the day or the hour of Jesus Christ’s return. Christ repeatedly tells us to be watchful. Through the parables, the Son of God made it clear that one should at all times be vigilant in faith and await His coming.

We therefore need to align our lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ and thus prepare ourselves for His return and eternal life with Him.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- As we wait in hopefulness for the day of the first resurrection, we need to prepare ourselves – this is done by being faithful Christians and living in accordance with the gospel that Jesus Christ has taught us.
- To be accepted by Him on this occasion is the goal of faith of New Apostolic Christians. We will be overcomers.
- How good is it to know that we will have eternal fellowship with God, as a result of our faithfulness?
- We must therefore be watchful and pray that God shortens the time and sends His son, Jesus Christ, to come and fetch us.

Some questions that we can ask:

Q: When do you think God will send Jesus Christ to fetch us all?

Answer: No man or angel, but only God alone, knows the day or the hour of Jesus Christ's return.

Q: How can we prepare ourselves for Jesus Christ's return?

Answer: We must love God above all, and our neighbor as ourselves. We must follow the gospel and teaching of Christ – as taught by our parents, ministers, and Sunday School teachers.

Q: Are you looking forward to having eternal fellowship with God, if so, why?

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