



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS2

Lesson Title

We are looking forward to the first resurrection

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**We are looking forward to the first resurrection**” 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:

Step	Action
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	We are looking forward to the first resurrection
Text	Revelation 20: 5-6 1 Corinthians 15: 20, 22-24
Lesson Objective	We learn that we are all preparing for the first resurrection, so that we may be found worthy and acceptable on that day. T That is why we must pay attention to everything that is said in the divine services and in Sunday-school and why we must act accordingly.

Lesson Summary:

The children learn that many other children their age, although from diverse backgrounds, are looking forward to the day of the first resurrection.

“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the death has no power...” Those who are praised here as blessed and holy – that is those who will be caught up to God at the return of Christ.

Christ was the first to resurrect. He is the first fruits of those who will resurrect. The resurrection is promised to those who belong to Christ when He comes. They will be called the overcomers – “... they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and all shall reign with Him a thousand years”.

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.

As we wait in hopefulness, we continue to pray to God to shorten the time and for Him to send His son, Jesus Christ, to come and fetch us – and that we are found worthy.



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 listening carefully in the divine services and to what is taught in our Sunday-school lessons. To be accepted by Him on the 1st resurrection 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 will have no more worries or troubles and will be closer to our heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus during the thousand-year kingdom of peace.
- Therefore, we must pray that God shortens the time and sends His son, Jesus Christ, to come and fetch us. We must also pray for protection (whilst we are here on earth), for understanding and to be found worthy to enter into His kingdom.

Some questions that we can ask:

Q: What is the first resurrection?

Answer: This is the day that God will send Jesus Christ to come and fetch all His faithful followers on the earth.

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

Answer: We must follow the gospel and teaching of Christ – as taught by our parents, ministers, and Sunday School teachers. We must also pray to God every day – that we be found worthy to enter into His kingdom.

Q: What will you start doing differently in preparing yourself for Jesus Christ's return?

Answer: Pray / help others / be busy in God's house / be kind / forgive / teach others about God etc.

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