



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS2

Lesson Title

The Widow's Mite

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**The Widow’s Mite**” 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	The Widow's Mite
Text	Mark 12: 41-44
Lesson Objective	The children learn how important it is to offer in a God-pleasing manner. God notices how we bring an offering.

Lesson Summary:

The story of the Widow's Mite is taken out of the book of Mark, where we learn how Jesus and His disciples observed the many offerings brought into the temple and placed into the offertory box.

They watched as smartly dressed rich men offered large sums of money, and mocked the poor widow that dropped two small copper coins into the box. Jesus corrected the disciples as they mocked her. He went on to say that God looks into our hearts, He wants to know how we offer. The widow had no earthly possessions, yet put all that she had into the offertory box to give thanks for the little that she had.

The disciples sheepishly looked at one another and once again learned something from Jesus.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God is not impressed by the riches of the world; He wants us to offer from our hearts.
- Some of our brothers and sisters may not have much, but they sacrifice the little that they do have, to offer and bring thanks to God – this pleases Him very much.
- We can also offer by doing good deeds such as looking after the elderly, feeding the poor, cleaning God's house and beautifying it with flowers.

Some questions that we can ask:

Q: How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus corrected them?

Answer: They felt embarrassed. But they quickly learnt that God accepts all forms of offering, if it comes from the heart.

Q: What can we as Sunday-school children do to offer?

Answer: We can give 10 percent of our spending up for offering on Sunday. We can also help the needy / help the elderly / make time to work in the Lord's house, for example sing in the choir, play an instrument, clean the church, help with flowers – all of this pleases God and brings joy to God's people.

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