



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class: SS2

Lesson Title

Apostle Peter in prison

# A Parent's Guide

## Sunday School Home Schooling

# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Apostle Peter in prison**” 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  |
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| 1.   | Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:<br><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<br/>– you know your child best.<br/><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:

| Step | Action   |
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| 4.   | Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level<br><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

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| <b>Lesson Title</b>     | Apostle Peter in prison  |
| <b>Text</b>             | Acts 12: 1 - 17  |
| <b>Lesson Objective</b> | The children learn that God protects His servants and they begin to understand the importance of intercession. |

## Lesson Summary:

The first Christians in Jerusalem were treated cruelly. King Agrippa had Apostle Peter innocently arrested and imprisoned. The King felt that Peter was a threat to his kingdom by spreading the word of God to Christians and planned to put him on trial in public after Passover.

The entire congregation prayed fervently and earnestly to God. They pleaded with the Lord to protect and help their Apostle. They had trust in the Lord and prayed the whole night for a miracle.

Suddenly the members heard a knock at the door, and it was the Apostle Peter. He explained to the congregation that he was chained up and that he and the guards were asleep, when suddenly a bright light woke him up; an angel of the Lord told him to get up and the chains fell off. The prison gate opened and he walked through them, without any of the guards noticing him. The Lord had sent an angel to free Apostle Peter through the prayers of the congregation.

Together they thanked God for this miraculous rescue.



## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- When we intercede in prayer on behalf of our Apostles, ministers, brothers and sisters, the Lord hears our prayers.
- New Apostolic Christians intercede in prayer for the departed too. When we do this, we ask the Lord to help those who have gone into the beyond in an unredeemed state.
- God says in the book of Matthew 18:20 'Where two or three gather in my name, I am there in the midst of them.'

## Some questions that we can ask:

**Q:** How do you think the congregation felt when they saw Apostle Peter at the door that evening?

**Answer:** They were overjoyed and thankful to God for hearing and answering their prayers to save Apostle Peter. They had just witnessed a miracle.

**Q:** Why do you think we need to intercede for our Apostles and ministers today?

**Answer:** They have a big task in preparing us for salvation and for the day of the first resurrection. We pray to ask God to give them strength to complete His work.

**Q:** Can you think of a time when you interceded in prayer for someone?

## 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*