



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 2

Lesson Title The birth of John the Baptist - Mary and Elizabeth

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The birth of John the Baptist - Mary and Elizabeth**” 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: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
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.	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 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 2 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 birth of John the Baptist - Mary and Elizabeth
Text	Luke 1: 1-25 and Luke 1: 57-80
Lesson Objective	The children learn that God keeps His promises.

Lesson Summary:

- Zacharias was one of the priest in the temple.
- One morning, while he was preparing to burn incense offering at the altar in the temple, an angel of the Lord, named Gabriel, appeared to Zacharias.
- The angel promised him a son and that he should be named John. God has chosen this child to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. Later, as an adult, John was called John the Baptist because he baptised people after they repented from their sins.
- Zacharias was startled and confused, and did not believe the angel as he and his wife, Elizabeth, was very old. It was humanly impossible for them to have a child.
- Because of his unbelief, the angel said Zacharias would be struck with muteness until the promise is fulfilled. When he left the temple he couldn't speak.
- About six months after Zacharias received this heavenly message, the same angel appeared to Mary, in Nazareth, and promised that she would have a son and that she should name him Jesus. Mary believed the angel immediately.
- Elizabeth and Mary were related.
- Mary was so excited about her great joy that she had to share it with someone. It is all so mysterious.
- She decides to visit Elizabeth and stayed with her for three months.
- Both looked forward to the birth of their children.
- The promise of the angel was fulfilled. They gave birth to their children and named them as the angel said.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Both children were promised by an angel of the Lord, and both promises were fulfilled.
- Mary believed what the angel said, but Zacharias did not and he was punished for his unbelief.
- God's promises are also made known to us.
- We believe that the promise that Jesus will return to fetch us will be fulfilled and we prepare for it.
- The first resurrection will be the beginning of indescribable joy.

We should always believe and trust God's promises no matter what happens.

Some questions that we can ask:

Q: What was the name of the pries in the temple?

Answer: Zacharias

Q: Why was Zacharias struck with muteness?

Answer: he did not believe what the angel said

Q: What is the name of Zacharias and Elizabeth's son?

Answer: John, later known as John the Baptist

A Prayer for Daddy and Mommy to pray before the lesson:

Dear God, thank you for this day

May we feel your presence

Bless the lesson we will have

May we sow good seed by the goodness of our lives and

May we only allow good to grow in our Hearts.

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

In Jesus name we pray this

Amen