



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 2

Lesson Title	The angel's message to the shepherds
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The angel’s message to the shepherds**” 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 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 angel's message to the shepherds
Text	Luke 2: 8-20
Lesson Objective	The children rejoice over the angel's message: "Today the Saviour has been born to you."

Lesson Summary:

- In the night that Jesus was born, there were shepherds in the fields keeping watch over their flocks.
- Suddenly, an angel appeared and a bright light shone around them.
- The shepherds were startled and knelt trembling with fear.
- The angel speaks to them reassuringly: "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. Today, in the city of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Jesus Christ. This will be the sign for you; You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."
- Just as the angel finished speaking, suddenly the heavens were lit with a great light and filled with a host of angels singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all in whom He delights." Then it was dark again.
- The shepherds set out to look for the holy child and found him in a stable.
- They told Mary and Joseph what they had been told by the angel.
- All who heard about the experience of the shepherd were amazed.
- Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them.
- The shepherds went back to the fields, singing praises to God for the visit by the angels and because they have seen the child the angel told them about.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The shepherds rejoiced over the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ and told everyone about their experience.
- Today, we are still overjoyed about the birth of Jesus Christ, because through Him we are saved and received eternal life with God.
- We celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day, always remember our first gift for Christmas was from God. Jesus Christ will always be our greatest gift, through Him we received the gift of eternal life and we rejoice about it.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Who appeared to the shepherds?
Answer: An angel from God
2. What message did the angel bring them?
Answer: The angel told them the good news, that a Saviour, Jesus Christ was born
3. What was the sign for the shepherds to recognised the baby Jesus?
Answer: The baby would be wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger
4. Why did the shepherds tell everyone what happened?
Answer: They were overjoyed about the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, and wanted to share the good news and their experience with everyone

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