



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 2

Lesson Title	The birth of Jesus Christ
--------------	---------------------------

A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The birth of Jesus Christ**” 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 birth of Jesus Christ
Text	Luke 2: 1-7 and Matthew 1: 18-25
Lesson Objective	The children learn that Jesus was born on earth and that He is the Son of God.

Lesson Summary:

- Mary and Joseph was engaged, but before they got married Mary found out that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit.
- When, Joseph found that Mary was going to have a baby, he plans to break off the engagement privately because he didn't want to publicly humiliate Mary.
- An angel appeared to him in a dream and said: "Joseph, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because her baby is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus because He will save His people from their sins."
- When Joseph woke up, he married Mary as the angel told him to do.
- At that time, the Roman Emperor, Augustus, ordered that a census should be taken of the entire Roman Empire.
- Israel was part of the Roman Empire, so everyone was ordered to go to their family home town to register.
- For Mary and Joseph, this meant a long tiring journey from Nazareth to the town of Bethlehem as they both were descendants of King David.
- Mary's baby was soon due to be born.
- When they arrived in Bethlehem, the town is full, as many people came to register.
- Mary and Joseph look for an Inn (hotel) to spend the night, but no rooms were available, so they spent the night in a shelter for animals.
- That night Mary gave birth to her first son.
- She wrapped him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger.
- Overjoyed, Mary and Joseph gaze at their child, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The Lord Jesus was born on earth and He is the Son of God.
- Through the birth of Jesus, God shows His love for us.
- God fulfilled His promise of a Redeemer and sent His Son to save us.

The birth of Jesus brought great joy to the world, because our Saviour was born. On Christmas day, remember Jesus is the best gift that we have ever received. He is God's gift of love to us.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did Mary and Joseph have to go to their home town?

Answer: they had to go and register for the census

2. What is the name of their home town?

Answer: Bethlehem

3. Where did they have to travel from to go to their home town?

Answer: Nazareth

4. After baby Jesus was born what did Mary do with Him?

Answer: She wrapped the baby in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger

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