



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

Joseph and his brothers

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Joseph and his brothers**” Sunday School 3 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.   | <p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>   |
| 2.   | <p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <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.   | <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   |
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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 3 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>     | Joseph and his brothers   |
| <b>Text</b>             | Genesis 37: 1-11  |
| <b>Lesson Objective</b> | The children learn that even though we don't always understand God's indications, each of them have meaning. God wants to protect and guide us. |

## Lesson Summary:

The lesson centres on how we do not always understand God's signs and warnings.

- Jacob was a rich man and he lived in Canaan with his large family.
- He had twelve sons and their names were: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphthali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin.
- Joseph and Benjamin were the youngest and they were his favourites, but Jacob loved Joseph the most.
- One day Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful colourful coat, Joseph was overjoyed.
- Joseph's brothers became jealous and no longer had a friendly word for Joseph.
- Joseph had many dreams and he recounted two of his dreams to his father and brothers. The first was where the wheat his brothers had gathered, bowed down to the wheat that he gathered. The second was where the sun, the moon and eleven stars bowed down to Joseph.
- The dreams implied that his parents and his brothers would one day bow down before him.
- This annoyed (angered) his brothers very much.
- They now started hating Joseph.
- Jacob scolded Joseph about his dreams, but he could not forget them.



## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Joseph's dreams were an indication (sign and warnings) of the future.
- Many times siblings can become jealous of each other and maybe even be mean towards each other.
- All of Joseph's dreams eventually came true. We will later learn how.
- God does not have favourites, we are all His children and He loves us all equally. Many times God gives indications and promises to His people, and He keeps them all. We might not always understand God's plan for our lives, but we need to trust His promises and guidance.
- The greatest promise of God that we are all waiting for is, the return of Jesus Christ, the marriage feast in heaven and the kingdom of peace.
- God always protects His children, later you will learn how God protected Joseph and His family. We too are protected by God, just always believe and trust Him.

## Some questions that we can ask:

1. Ask the children whether they have ever been jealous of a sibling? Use the opportunity to explain that parents love all their children and that we are all God's children. He does not favour any one above the other.
2. What promise of God are we all waiting for to be fulfilled?  
**Answer:** We wait for the return of Jesus, the marriage feast in heaven and the kingdom of peace.

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

*Dear God, thank you for another day,*

*Bless us all.*

*May we feel your presence*

*Bless the lesson we will have.*

*Thank you for always protecting us.*

*We ask that you forgive us, Lord, for our jealous hearts.*

*Fill us with Your Spirit that we may rejoice in the success of others.*

*Send Jesus to fetch us and may we be ready to meet Him*

*In Jesus name we pray this - Amen*