



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

Joseph is sold

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Joseph is sold**” 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
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 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

Lesson Title	Joseph is sold
Text	Genesis 37: 12-36
Lesson Objective	The children learn that hate and envy can have terrible consequences if we act on it. They learn that the Lord allows things beyond our understanding to happen, but He is always close to those who trust in Him.

Lesson Summary:

The lesson centres on how we do not always understand what happens in our lives, but that we can always trust in God.

- Jacob sent Joseph to see if his brothers are well where they were tending the flocks in Shechem.
- Joseph is excited to see his brothers, however, when his brothers saw him from a distance, their jealousy and hate flared up anew and blinded by anger they plot and decide to kill Joseph.
- Reuben, the eldest brother, however stops them. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him alive into an empty well". The brothers agreed. Reuben secretly thought that he would later rescue Joseph, while the others were sleeping.
- When Joseph reaches his brothers, they tear off his new coat and throw him into a dried-up well.
- While they were eating, they saw a group of Ishmaelites travelling to Egypt. Judah, then said to his brothers: "Let's not kill Joseph, let's sell him to these Ishmaelites." So they pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him for twenty pieces of silver.
- Reuben was not with his brothers when this happened, so when he didn't see Joseph he tore his clothes in grief because he couldn't save him.
- Then, they took Joseph's coat, killed a goat and dipped the coat into the blood. They then took the coat to Jacob and tells him that Joseph was killed by a wild animal. Jacob was heartbroken and mourned for his son for a long time.
- Meanwhile, in Egypt, Joseph was sold as a slave.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Due to their hatred, jealousy and envy Joseph's brothers wanted to kill him, but God protected Joseph and instead they sold him to the Ishmaelites.
- The Lord cannot always spare His children from misfortune, but He comforts and protects us in time of need.
- Things went badly for Joseph, but the Lord was always close to Him, even if Joseph did not always feel this to be so. The Lord wanted to protect and bless him.
- God is always with those who trust in Him. Even when we cannot understand why bad things happen to us, we know that we can always trust in God for His comfort, strength and protection, because He loves us.

Remember, God wants to protect us and bless us. Even when we do not understand His ways we can trust in God.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. **Ask the children how they would have reacted to being thrown into a dried-up well by their siblings.**
A: Let the child answer
2. **Speak to the children about how jealousy and hatred can blind us and make us do horrible things because we are angry. Some people even land in prison. We must learn to, no matter what others do unto us or what others have, always love one another. God loves us all and has plans to protect us and bless us.**
3. **Ask the children how God protected Joseph?**
A: We guide the children to understand that all these things happened to Joseph but he was protected by God. God stopped his brothers from killing him. And later we will see why all these things had to happen.

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