



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

Joseph, the interpreter of dreams

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Joseph, the interpreter of dreams**” 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.	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:

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, the interpreter of dreams
Text	Genesis 39: 20-23 and Genesis 40
Lesson Objective	The children learn that God is with His own in times of need. Even in difficult circumstances we should place our trust in God.

Lesson Summary:

The lesson seeks to show that even when we don't understand the bad days in our lives, God has a plan. He wants to bless us and protect us.

- While Joseph was in prison, the Lord was with him.
- The jail keeper was greatly impressed by Joseph and put him in charge of all the other prisoners and the daily routine of the prison.
- One day, Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker angered him, and they were put in the prison where Joseph was kept.
- The butler and baker told Joseph about their strange dreams.
- The butler went first: "In my dream, I saw a vine with three branches on it. When the leaves came out, it blossomed and the grapes ripened. I had Pharaoh's cup in my hand, so I took the grapes, squeezed them into the cup and gave it to him."
- God then helped Joseph to interpret the dream: "The three branches are three days. In three days you will be free again, and Pharaoh will give you your job back." The butler was overjoyed and promised to remember Joseph when he is released and that he will ask the king to release him too.
- Then the baker told his dream: "On my head were three baskets of bread. In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."
- Joseph had dreadful news for the baker. "The three baskets are three days. Within three days, Pharaoh will lift your head and impale your body on a pole and the birds will peck off your flesh."
- Three days later it was Pharaoh's birthday and he had a great feast for his officials.
- He ordered that his baker and butler appear before him. They were immediately released from prison.



- Pharaoh pardoned the butler, and gave him his job back. He then ordered the baker to be executed, just like Joseph said he would.
- Once the butler was back doing his job, he forgot all about Joseph and did not mention his plight to Pharaoh. Joseph, continue to patiently trust in the Lord.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God was with Joseph, even in prison. Joseph trusted God and God helped him.
- God provides us with help if we trust in Him.
- Sometimes it may seem as if the Lord has forgotten us, but the Lord does not forget any of His children. He is close to us and cares for us.
- Sometimes things happen with us to test our patience and trust in God.

When things don't go your way be patient and trust in God's perfect timing.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Whose dreams did Joseph interpret in prison?

Answer: Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker

2. What did Joseph say their dreams meant?

Answer: In three days the butler would get his job back and the baker will be executed

3. What did Joseph ask the butler to do for him?

Answer: To remember Joseph and to ask the king to release him too

4. Did the butler keep his promise to Joseph?

Answer: No, he forgot about Joseph

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