



Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

Joseph the rescuer

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Joseph the rescuer**” 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><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 – 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:

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4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level <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

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Joseph the rescuer
<b>Text</b>	Genesis 41: 53-57 and Genesis 42
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children are shown that the Lord fulfils His promises.

## Lesson Summary:

- Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had two strange dreams. In the first dream, he saw seven fat cows coming out of the river and grazing on the river's bank, then seven thin ugly cows came out of the river and ate the seven fat cows, but they stayed thin and ugly. In the second dream, he saw seven ears of corn growing from one stalk, they were full and ripe. Then seven thin ears grew and ate the full ears, but they stayed thin.
- No one in Egypt could interpret these dreams, but then Pharaoh's chief butler remembers Joseph in prison and tells Pharaoh about him.
- When Joseph heard his dreams, God revealed the meaning to him. Joseph says to Pharaoh: "Both dreams have the same meaning. The seven fat cows and full ears of corn indicate seven years of good harvest in your country and the seven thin cows and thin ears of corn indicate seven years of drought and famine. This will happen in the near future."
- Because Joseph had interpreted the dreams, Egypt was able to prepare and they stored enough food to last them through the drought. Pharaoh has put Joseph in charge of this process and many people from other countries came to Egypt to buy grain and food from him.
- Jacob also sends his sons to Egypt to go and buy grain.
- When the brothers reached Egypt, they are taken to a very important and distinguished looking gentleman. They bow before him.
- Joseph recognises his brothers, but doesn't tell them who he is. He asks where they come from. When they answer, he accuses them of being spies. They tell him that they were twelve brothers, that their father is Jacob, their youngest brother Benjamin is home and one brother disappeared. Joseph again says they are spies and locks them up.
- Three days later they are brought before Joseph. He says that if they wish to remain alive they must take the grain home. One will stay behind as a hostage but they must return with their youngest brother. Simeon stays behind. Joseph must hide his tears or his brothers will see.



- On their way back the brothers discover that the bags of grain also contain the money they paid for the grain. They are very confused.
- When they tell Jacob what has happened he does not want to send Benjamin back with them.
- The brothers try their best to convince their father. We will see if they succeeded next week.

### What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God fulfilled all the dreams – even the dream of the brothers bowing before Joseph.
- God always fulfils His promises – we must trust Him.
- Joseph completely forgave his brothers and always trusted that God is with him. He knew that God will keep His promises.
- We too, must always trust God, even in difficult times. God loves us, He is always with us and keeps His promises to us. God has great plans for us, just trust Him.

### Some questions that we can ask:

**1. What was Joseph's first dream about?**

**Answer:** The sheaves tied by his brothers, bowed before Joseph's sheaf

**2. How was this dream fulfilled by God?**

**Answer:** Joseph's brothers bowed before him when they wanted to buy grain

**3. What did Joseph ask the brothers to do?**

**Answer:** To take the grain home and come back with their youngest brother

**4. What did Jacob do when he heard this?**

**Answer:** He did not want Benjamin to go

### 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*