



Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title	Joseph reveals his identity
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Joseph reveals his identity**” 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:

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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 reveals his identity
Text	Genesis 43 to Genesis 45:15
Lesson Objective	The children are amazed at how wonderfully the Lord helped Joseph.

Lesson Summary:

- Remember, Joseph has sold grain to his brothers, but he did not reveal who he was. He accused them of being spies and insisted that until they brought their youngest brother to him, one of the brothers will be held in prison. Jacob did not want to send Benjamin to Egypt.
- Then, Jacob realises that the grain his sons brought from Egypt wasn't going to last long. He will have to send his sons back for more. But, that would mean sending his beloved Benjamin with them. Judah, then promised to look after Benjamin and Jacob agreed. He tells them to take gifts for the man and also to return the money they found in the bags of grain. Jacob is sad as he watched his sons leave.
- When they arrive in Egypt and appear before Joseph, he invites them to dine with him and Simeon is released from prison. The brothers are surprised by this kindness. When Joseph is introduced to Benjamin he is overwhelmed and runs from the room.
- At dinner, Joseph has the brothers seated from eldest to youngest. The brothers are so surprised. They also note that Benjamin is given the best of everything and the most.
- After dinner, Joseph orders that the sacks be filled with grain and that the money once again be placed on top. In Benjamin's bag a silver cup is hidden.
- The brothers thank Joseph and leave. But, they are scarcely outside the city when the guards surround them. "You are thieves" they say. The sacks are opened and the cup is found. Benjamin cries and denies taking it. The guards chain him and take him back to the city.
- When the brothers appear before Joseph, Judah pleads for Benjamin to be released. "Our aging father will never survive the heartache, sir. Please take me instead and let Benjamin go."



- Joseph, then orders everyone except the brothers out of the room. He looks at them and says: “I am Joseph. I am your brother. They are all shocked.” He is so glad that Jacob is still alive.
- He then tells them that he has forgiven them. “God has guided me in the most wonderful way. He made me a ruler in Egypt so that you, our family and many other people could be saved from famine.”
- Joseph and his brothers embrace and are happy to be reunited.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God has wonderful plans for our lives. Even in difficult times, God is always guiding us.
- God turns evil situations into blessings – the evil deed of selling Joseph turned out to be a blessing. Our bad situations can be turned into blessings by God.
- We must always trust in God's guidance in our lives. He always keeps His promises.

Some questions that we can ask:

- 1. What made Jacob send his sons back to Egypt?**
Answer: He realised that the grain they had was not enough
- 2. How did Joseph seat the brothers at dinner?**
Answer: Joseph seated the brothers from eldest to youngest
- 3. Why was Benjamin arrested?**
Answer: Joseph had a silver cup put in his sack and they accused him of being a thief
- 4. Who pleaded to be arrested in the place of Benjamin?**
Answer: Judah

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