



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title	Crucifixion - Resurrection
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Crucifixion - Resurrection**” 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 1 family.
2. Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct (do) your own research for additional (extra) information.
4. Contact your congregation Sunday School Coordinator and Teacher for additional information.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Crucifixion - Resurrection
Text	Matthew 27: 33-56, Matthew 28: 1-10, John 19: 23-30 and John 20: 1-20
Lesson Objective	The children are thankful that Jesus Christ has conquered death. We rejoice that through Jesus' resurrection, we can hope, because everything does not come to an end when one dies.

Lesson Summary:

- During their soul care visit, Stephen's Mother mentioned to the Priest that he kept the wafer after receiving Holy Communion to take a look at it. The Priest then said to him, "You know, we must eat of the body and blood of Christ. When we keep the wafer, the wafer cannot fulfil its purpose." Stephen nods.
- The Priest then explains that we are happy that the Lord Jesus celebrated Holy Communion with His disciples before His death and gave them clear instructions to continue doing so in future. We look forward to celebrate Holy Communion in every divine service. It must have been so hard for Jesus those last few days knowing what was going to happen to Him.
- After Jesus was arrested, He was all alone. The disciples were afraid and ran away. Only a few of His closest friends were present at His crucifixion. His mother, Mary, a few other women and the disciple John. When Jesus saw His mother under the cross with John, He said to her: "He is your son." and to John, "She is your mother." Shortly after that, Jesus cried out: "It is finished!" He then closed His eyes and died.
- When Stephen got sad, the Priest explained that this story shouldn't make us sad. Jesus' death meant redemption from sin and therefore happiness for us all. At the time when Jesus died, the earth shook even the Roman centurion said, "He was truly the Son of God."
- The disciples also knew this and three days later, they witnessed God's power and might when the risen Jesus appeared to them. Jesus is alive! He is resurrected. This makes us happy. The Priest explains that God gave us a body and a soul. The body can grow old or get sick and die, but our souls live forever.



- On the day of the first resurrection, our soul will be given a new garment, a new body. It is difficult to imagine, but we know that through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, He gave us the opportunity to be with Him forever. Jesus overcame death and conquered sin that separates us from God. Upon His resurrection Jesus received a new, transformed body and we look forward to our own transformation when Christ returns to take us to Him. This gives us hope.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Holy Communion helps us establish a close fellowship with Christ. We commemorate His death and receive strength when we partake of it.
- New life often emerges, even when things appear to have died. Jesus' resurrection brought new life for our souls. We must not be sad, Jesus' sacrifice brought joy and hope for mankind.
- Jesus conquered evil. Because Jesus died for us, our sins can be forgiven.
- God is stronger than death. We know that through Him we can attain eternal life.
- Jesus lives and is close to us, and we have the hope of eternal life with Jesus when He comes to fetch us.

Some questions that we can ask

1. **Why do we celebrate Holy Communion?**
Answer: To have fellowship with Christ and to receive strength to do better.
2. **What did Jesus overcome when He died and rose again?**
Answer: Jesus overcame death and sin
3. **What did we gain from this?**
Answer: Our sins can be forgiven and we received the opportunity for eternal life with Jesus upon His return

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

Dear God, thank you for this day, Bless all parents and children

May we feel your presence, Bless the lesson we will have

Please teach us how to serve you, And help us to do your will

So that we grow closer to you, Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him – Amen