



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title The twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple**” 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	The twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple
Text	Luke 2: 41-52
Lesson Objective	The children realise that Jesus is the Son of God.

Lesson Summary:

- Jesus grew up in the little town of Nazareth in Galilee with His mother Mary and Joseph.
- When Jesus was twelve years old, Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. God delivered the Israelites from slavery and freed them, so every year they celebrate this deliverance and thank God for it. It was a holiday celebration and thousands of people from all over the country were in the city.
- At the end of the festival, Mary and Joseph joined others from Galilee making the trip home. They thought Jesus was with their family and friends in the crowd on the return journey.
- That evening Mary and Joseph set up camp but when they looked for Jesus they could not find Him.
- After a frantic search they realized Jesus was not with their relatives or friends. Immediately they set off to Jerusalem to find Him and searched the city for three days.
- Having searched and searched they went into the Temple and suddenly they saw Him. Jesus was sitting with the teachers of God's law, listening to them and asking questions.
- Those listening to Jesus were amazed at the questions He asked and the answers He gave.
- "Son, why have you treated us like this?" asked Mary. Your Father and I have been terribly worried trying to find you."
- "Why were you searching for me?" Jesus asked. "Did you not know I had to be in my Father's house doing what He wants me to do?" Mary and Joseph did not understand what He was saying.
- Jesus returned to Nazareth with His parents and was obedient to them. Mary treasured all these things in her heart and Jesus grew in body and wisdom, gaining favour with God and man.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God's wisdom was in Jesus. He could answer all the questions, because He truly knew His Heavenly Father.
- Jesus was drawn to the temple and He felt close to His Heavenly Father there. Jesus became aware of His divine origin during the discussions about God in the temple. He is the Son of God sent to redeem mankind.
- We are God's children. We also get the opportunity to be close to God when we hear His word in divine services and family visits and when we pray.

Remember Jesus is God's Son and we should follow His example to always be close to our Heavenly Father through prayer and attending divine services.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why did Mary, Joseph and Jesus travel to Jerusalem?

Answer: They went to the Passover feast

2. What was Jesus doing in the temple when His parents found Him?

Answer: He was sitting with teachers of God's law, listening to them and asking questions. He answered His own questions intelligently.

3. Why did Jesus go to the temple?

Answer: He felt close to God there and He knew that He was the Son of God sent to redeem mankind

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.

Thank you for giving us your wisdom.

May we never be scared to speak about you and your love for us.

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

In Jesus name we pray this

Amen