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Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class:3

Lesson Title

The Holy spirit promised-
Christ's Ascension Lesson: S3:7.3

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**The Holy Spirit promised- Christ’s Ascension**” Sunday School 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: 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 • Catechism and Question and Answer (for Confirmation classes) <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 (SS1, RI1 or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	Pray (see sample as an annexure) and ask God to use you as a tool to present the lesson the way He would want us to present it.
4.	<p>Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level</p> <p>Example: Sit on the mat or around a table</p>
5.	<p>Read through the lesson. Re-read the lesson so that you understand it.</p> <p>Watch the video clip of the lesson to get a better understanding of the lesson.</p>
6.	Make notes for yourself on important points that you would like to remember.



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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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. WApp chat the lesson with another Sunday School 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.
4. Your Sunday School Coordinator and Teacher is on stand-by to assist.

 Notes



The Lesson

Lesson Title	The Holy Spirit promised – Christ's Ascension
Text	Acts 1:1-11/John 14: 16-17,26/ John 16: 13-15
Lesson Objective	<p>Children learn that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before Jesus Christ went back to his father in heaven, he promised the disciples that, God would send them the Holy Spirit.

Lesson Summary:

- After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples, friends, and others.
- Forty days after his body was resurrected, Jesus and his disciples went up to the Mount Olive where he taught them for the last time.
- Jesus promised them the Holy Spirit and told them not to leave the city of Jerusalem because something great was going to happen.
- He blessed them and ascended into heaven while the disciples looked up watching him ascending.
- They went back to Jerusalem and remained there as instructed.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God speaks to us through those whom he sent; e.g. our teachers and ministers.
- God expects us to obey his instructions;

We must therefore, listen and obey instructions from our parents, teachers and Ministers, just like the disciples did when they were told to remain in Jerusalem.

Finally we must continue praying in whatever situation we find ourselves just the way the disciples did when they were waiting for the Holy Spirit.



Some questions that we can ask:

1. How did Jesus go back to heaven?

Answer: *He ascended*

2. What does it mean to ascend?

Answer: *To go up, be lifted up*

3. Where did Jesus go?

Answer: *To heaven, on the right hand of God*

4. What was Jesus' promise to his disciples?

Answer: *He promised them the God would send them the Holy Spirit*

5. Who is the Holy Spirit?

Answer: *The Holy Spirit is part of God. God is three in one: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

6. What did Jesus tell his disciples just before he was taken up?

Answer: *To wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to give them power*

7. How many days was Jesus seen on earth after his resurrection?

Answer: *40 days*

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