



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

“The Lord Jesus purges the Temple”

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**The Lord Jesus purges 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 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 Lord Jesus purges the Temple
Text	John 2 v 13 – 25
Lesson Objective	<p>Jesus took it upon himself to maintain the holiness of the Temple, the House of God.</p> <p>God's Spirit dwells in our hearts – that makes our hearts a temple too.</p> <p>We want to keep God's House as well as our hearts holy.</p>

Lesson Summary:

Jesus and his Disciples went to the Temple to pray to God.

It was Passover and the temple was crowded with people. There was a lot of noise. The disciples looked at Jesus thinking he would be happy to see so many people in God's House. But Jesus did not look pleased.

Do you know why he was so angry? It is because the people in God's temple were very greedy. They were trying to make a lot of money from the people who have come to worship God.

So, Jesus turned over the tables with the money and scatters their coins. Also, he made a whip from ropes and drove all the animals out of the temple. He said: "Stop making my Father's house a place for making a lot of money."

The people asked: Who does Jesus think he is? What right does he have to act this way.

Jesus told them that the temple will be torn down and that he will rebuild it in 3 days.

The people laughed. It took them 46 years to build the temple. They did not understand.

But Jesus was actually referring to **His body, which is also a temple** because God lived in His heart, would be crucified and that he would resurrect after 3 days. What a miracle.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

What does the lesson want to teach us?

- The House of God should be a place we praise, honour and worship God. It is such a holy place. We should not do earthly business in the House of God.
- How do we behave in God's House? Are we keeping it holy?
- Jesus referred to his body as the "Temple". This was because God lived in his Heart.
- God lives in our hearts. That means our bodies are also God's temple. We must fight and resist anything that could separate us from God.
- Jesus is such a good teacher. He shows us how we should behave towards God.

Some questions that we can ask:

- Do you understand why Jesus was angry and acted like this?

Answer: Jesus understood that the Temple is a place to worship God. It shouldn't be a place to do business. It must be kept holy. Jesus was willing to fight to make the Temple holy.

- Jesus said that he would rebuild the Temple in 3 days? But it is impossible to build a temple in that short time. What do you think he meant?

Answer: Jesus did not mean the Temple building. He was referring to his body as a temple. This is because a temple is the House of God. God lived in his heart. Jesus did rebuild the Temple – he was crucified and was resurrected after 3 days.

- How do we behave in Church?

Answer: We are respectful in the House of God. We make sure it is kept holy by our actions. We also help to clean God's House. Our singing is a form of worship to God. We look to Jesus' example. He is our teacher.



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

Help us to remove all the doubts and unclean thoughts that are inside our mind, heart, and soul now.


Let Your power be revealed in us, God and create in us a clean heart.

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

In Jesus name we pray this

Amen

 Notes