



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

“The Commandment of Love”

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Commandment of love**” 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.	Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp: 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 <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.	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.



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	Commandment of love
Text	John 13: 34 - 35.
Lesson Objective	The lesson teaches us that Jesus is love. It shines through Him. We can share this love with others. Showing love shows we are Children of God.

Lesson Summary:

Before Jesus was taken prisoner, He said these words to His disciples.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this will all know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

He was teaching them to love one another.

Here are a few stories to shows the love we can show one another:

Everyone prayed:

When the mother fell ill the congregation came and helped out. They cooked and cleaned. And most importantly, they PRAYED. Her mother and baby brother are healthy and together they can thank the Lord.

Recognising God’s Help

Moving to a new place can be scary. When he felt scared and confused, our young brother prayed. God helped him.

He also received loved from him classmates. When he couldn’t swim, they didn’t make fun of him, they offered to help him and even formed a row to help him swim. He thanked the Lord for hearing his prayers and for the love and care others showed him.

Old and Young

Our elderly sister Bradley was feeling very alone. She couldn’t do as much because of her age. She was very despondent. Then she received a beautiful letter from the Sunday School class. She could feel their love. She thanked the Lord and prayed that the children would be blessed for showing her so much love.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

What does the lesson want to teach us?

Here are ways we can show love:

- **Comfort those who are sad:** Send messages, checkup where possible, and pray for them.
- **Visit those who are sick,** where it is possible. Pray for their speedy recovery and that God blesses the Doctors and nurses looking after them.
- **Help the elderly:** Send them a card, hug them, give them a smile; offer to carry their bags, offer to read for them or even send an SMS to say hello. Pray for them.
- **Parents:** Make your parents happy, be obedient, never break a promise, help them with chores, tell they you love them. Pray for them.
- **In church:** We can sing or play an instrument, we can help clean, we can assist with the door keeping. We can also pray for the congregation.
- **Our friends:** Listen to their worries, do not tease them or bully them, be kind. Pray for them.

Some questions that we can ask:

- Who teaches us about love?

Answer: Jesus is the perfect teacher. He showed love to all around him. And he also showed love towards God. Our parents also teach us about love. We hear about love in God's House.

- How can we show love to our brothers, sisters, friends and neighbours?

Answer: Refer to the above examples.





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