



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

“The parable of the sower”

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Parable of the sower**” 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 parable of the sower
Text	Luke 8 v 4 - 15
Lesson Objective	The children learn that it is important for our hearts to be ready for God's word. Our hearts will give a big harvest when the seed of God's word is sown, and we are fertile ground.

Lesson Summary:

Manuel planted a few seeds in a pot. He was very excited for it to grow.

He checked on the pot every day. But he also loves to play outside. After a few days he remembered his pot plant. OH NO! The soil is dry and cracked and the seeds didn't grow. He asked his mom: Why did the Lord not let them to grow?

His mom had to explain to him that it was not the Lord's fault. Manuel had forgotten to water the plant and to see that it gets enough sunlight.

His mom then told him the Parable of the Sower:

A farmer scattered seeds on four different types of soil. The first type of ground was hard and the seed could not grow at all and was snatched up by the birds.

The second type of ground was stony. The seed started to grow, however, it could not grow deep roots and withered in the sun.

The third type of ground was thorny and although the seed could take root and grow, it could not compete with the number of thorns that overtook it.

The fourth ground was good soil that allowed the seed to take root, grow strong, and produce fruit.

Jesus used this parable to explain that the seed is the word of God and the different soils is the heart of those who hear it.

The hard ground represents someone with a hardened heart that hears the word of God but does not accept it.



The stony ground is someone who shows interest, yet his heart is not fully ready. When trouble comes, his faith is not strong enough to stand.

The thorny ground is a person who receives the word but who has many other idols and distractions in life which occupy his mind and heart. God's word then cannot grow and bear fruit.

The good soil is someone who has heard and received the Word of God and allows it to take root and grow within his life so that he lives according to God's will and makes Him happy.

Jesus spoke the Parable of the Sower to teach how important the state of our heart is to receive the word of God and that our choices and actions after hearing the Gospel are very important.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

What does the lesson want to teach us?

- We must prepare our hearts for the good that God wants to give us. How do we do that?
- We attend services and Sunday School. This is where we hear the word of God.
- We pray and ask God to let us be able to listen to and understand His word
- We want to be worthy. For this reason we realise we must make good choices and act according to God's word.

Some questions that we can ask:

- What do plants need to grow?

Answer: They need soil, light, warmth, water, air and nutrients.

- What do our souls need to grow?

Answer: God's word, God's love and prayer!

- How can we prepare our hearts for God?

Answer: We can pray, we can attend service and Sunday school, we can apply God's word so that it can grow.



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

Dear God, thank you for this day

May we feel your presence

Bless the lesson we will have

Jesus is the sower and whatever we are today,

whatever the mix of path, rock, thorns or soil

help us to become good ground


for you, for your word and for your presence.

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

In Jesus name we pray this

Amen

 Notes