



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

“The parable of the mustard seed”

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Parable of the mustard seed**” 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><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
2.	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• The PDF lesson that is already prepared</li> <li>• Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc.</li> <li>• The Video Clip which is an additional optional resource tool</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></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:

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4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level <b>Example:</b> 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

<b>Lesson Title</b>	The parable of the mustard seed
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 13 v 31 - 32
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn the Lord's promise is great. If we keep his word and act accordingly, we will be found worthy to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Lesson Summary:

Remember our friend Manuel. He lives in a warm country where the juiciest oranges grow. One day while eating one he bites down on something hard. It's a pip! He spits it out and wonders why there are even such things as pips.

His father says: Maybe one day we will have an orange tree grow here. Manuel is surprised. What could his father mean?

His father explains that pips are the seeds of the orange. And that the big orange trees grow from the tiny pip.

Manuel and his father decide to take the pips and plant them. With care and love the pips will grow into big and beautiful trees.

Manuel is still amazed that something so small can become something so big.

Manuel's dad says that the Lord has created everything so marvellously. He tells Manuel about a time Jesus told the parable of the mustard seed.

"A mustard seed?", asks Manuel. All he knows is mustard that comes from a bottle. Manuel's dad explains that there is a special mustard seed, called the black mustard. It is a tiny seed. Like a speck of dust. But it grows into the biggest tree. **3 meters high**. That is three times as tall as Manuel is! WOW.

Manuel's dad explains that Jesus used this story to show that God can do anything – even make a huge tree grow from a tiny seed. God's son came to earth – he was only one man.

But his words came from God and God allowed something wonderful to develop from his words. God even speaks to us today. He wants us to listen to His words because even though they seem small, they turn into something wonderful – they prepare us for the Kingdom of Heaven.



## 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.
- God can make even the smallest seeds grow into the tallest trees.
- God wants us to take his word and let it grow in our hearts so that we can be worthy for His kingdom.
- We heard God's word in the service. Though it seems like something small, those words can grow with the divine power and make us worthy to be with God

## Some questions that we can ask:

- Can the children name some small seeds which grow into big plants?

**Answer:** Use examples from your garden or from the fruits around the home.

- Show the children the trees – explain that fruit comes from the seeds. A tree will then bear more fruit so that more seeds can be formed. The birds can now use the trees for shelter and protection. Isn't God's power marvellous!
- What does the parable teach us?

**Answer:** The Holy Spirit shows us what is important. We get these lessons through the word of God. We hear these words in service. While they seem small and insignificant, they carry great power. The words help teach us so that we can be worthy to be in the Kingdom of God. God's wants these words to grow like the seeds do.



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

*Dear God, thank you for this beautiful day*

*May we feel your presence*

*Bless the lesson we will have. We are grateful that we can learn about Your Promise.*

*Father, we pray that the little mustard seed of faith*

*that you have put within each of us*

*would continue to grow as we know You better.*

*We want to be with you.*

*Send Jesus to fetch us*

*And may we be ready to meet Him*

*In Jesus name we pray this*

*Amen*

 Notes