



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

The feeding of the five thousand

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The feeding of the five thousand**” 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 feeding of the five thousand
Text	John 6:5-14, Matthew 14:13-21
Lesson Objective	The children learn that the Lord Jesus truly feels for those who are hungry and suffering. He is everybody's friend.

Lesson Summary:

The story of the feeding of the five thousand is told from the perspective of Peter, a small boy who offers his bread and fish to Jesus to feed the crowd.

Recount the story focusing on the following points:

- Jesus is the central figure. He blesses the food and gives thanks to the Heavenly Father.
- The disciples were sceptical at first but they distribute the food because they trust Jesus.
- Thousands of hungry people ate.
- There was so much food left over that it filled 12 baskets.
- WHAT A MIRACLE.
- Jesus clearly knows the needs of his people. He will always provide.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Jesus is everybody's friend. He could see the need and hunger of the people and he took care of them.
- Thousands could eat of the food after Jesus blessed it.
- **Today we can experience this in divine services. The word of God is shared with us by the Ministers, but this is because Jesus blesses the word.**
- **The Divine service gives us the bread of life – God's word.**
- We can "eat all we want" on the word of God. It will fill us spiritually.
- Jesus continues to bless us today.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. The disciples first hesitated but then they gave the food to the crowd. Why?

Answer: They didn't believe that the little food could feed all the people. But they trusted in Jesus. They were willing to be obedient to his Word.

2. Can we experience such a miracle today?

Answer: The ministers share God's word with us in each divine service. Jesus has sent them and he blesses the word. The word of God feeds our soul. Thousands can hear it and their spirit can be fed.

Jesus is our true friend.



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

Dear God, thank you for this day

Bless us all.

May we feel your presence

Bless the lesson we will have

We want to be filled with your word

Feed us like Jesus fed the people with the fish and bread.

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

In Jesus name we pray this

Amen