



Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

The parable of the tares

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Parable of the tares**” 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 tares
Text	Matthew 13: 24 - 30
Lesson Objective	The children learn that we must try to only let the good grow in our hearts. As guardian and admonisher, the Holy Spirit helps to differentiate between good and evil.

Lesson Summary:

Repeating the lesson of the sower (lesson 3.5.2) will help the children to once again see God's word as the seed that is being sown.

The lesson will focus on the "Parable of the tares" which can be summarised as "A farmer sows good seed in his field. At night his enemy comes and sows tares (weeds) among the wheat. Both grow. The farmer allows the wheat to ripen. Then his workers pull out all the tares and burn them. The wheat is gathered and brought into the barn."

We focus on the fact that God is the sower. He only sows good seeds in our heart through his word. Sometimes, however evil is also sown in our hearts by the Devil. We must always be watchful and aware of this so we can try our best to avoid the evil.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God sows only good seed. He wants to harvest the good fruit.
- Sometimes evil is also allowed to grow in our hearts. We must work to only let the good grow.
- We want only love, and forgiveness and understanding and kindness and honesty to grow in us.

Let us always remember that God sows only the good seed. We must trust the Holy Spirit to show us what is good and what is evil.



Some questions that we can ask:

- Why did the farmer allow the good wheat to grow with the weeds/tares?

Answer: The farmer knows that if the weeds were to be pulled out some of the good wheat will also be pulled out. He wants all the good wheat to grow.

- What does the parable teach us?

Answer: We focus on the fact that God is the sower. He only sows good seeds in our hearts through his word. Sometimes evil is also sown in our hearts by the Devil. We must always be watchful and aware of this so we can try our best to avoid the evil. The Holy Spirit will guide us.

- What characteristics and values should we allow to grow in us?

Answer: Love, forgiveness, kindness, understanding, honesty. Let the children expand on these ideas.

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

May we sow good seed by the goodness of our lives and

May we only allow good to grow in our Hearts.

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

We pray this in Jesus name

Amen