



## Future-proofing our children

Sunday School Class 3

Lesson Title

The healing at the pool of Bethesda

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



## Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The healing at the pool of Bethesda**” 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a>
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.	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:

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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 healing at the pool of Bethesda
<b>Text</b>	John 5: 1 - 15
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn the Jesus also turns to and takes pity on sick people. He has power to draw people out of their loneliness and hopelessness.

## Lesson Summary:

The lesson focuses on the healing at the pool of Bethesda.

- A man was lame and had been sick for 38 years.
- The pool was believed to have healing powers. When it was disturbed/ bubbled up, the water became warm and whoever entered it was healed.
- He felt alone and had no-one to help him into the pool when it bubbled up, that is why he was not healed for 38 years.
- Jesus saw the man and took pity on him.
- He offered his help to the man, but not to put him in the pool. Jesus used the power of the love of God to heal the man.
- The man was grateful and thanked Jesus.
- Jesus told him to continue living a life which is pleasing to God.
- The man told everyone about the miracle.
- He continued to spread the joy and love of God to all around him.




## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- Jesus always comforted sick people. He healed them by the power and love and God.
- It is important that we share this love with those who are sick. Give them the comfort to know that they are not alone.
- Jesus sees us and knows us and wants to help us. We must let Him help us.

**Let us always remember that Jesus loves people and turn to and takes pity on those who are sick. He has power to draw people to him with love.**

## Some questions that we can ask:

- Ask the children about their experiences of illness. What made them feel better?

**Answer:** Love and care from the parents, medicine, a visit from a friend. Let them discuss this and also what they think they can do to help someone who is sick.

- Ask the children how they would feel if Jesus healed them?

**Answer:** We focus on the fact that God is love. They could identify emotions of joy and happiness and relief. We can remind them to also feel gratitude and to show that gratitude by acknowledging the power of God and by sharing this with others.

## 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*

*Thank you for being the one true healer*

*Help us to recognize that truth*

*And to trust you sincerely*

*Thank you for your love*

*Thank you for Jesus!*

*Send Jesus to fetch us*

*And may we be ready to meet Him*

*In Jesus name we pray this*

*Amen*