



Future-proofing our children

Sunday school Class 4

Lesson Title

God's covenant

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**God’s covenant**” Sunday school 4 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 |
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| 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:

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| 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 4 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

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| Lesson Title | God's covenant |
| Text | Exodus 19-20, Exodus 24 and Exodus 32 |
| Lesson Objective | The children learn that God made a covenant with the people of Israel and the Lord expected His people to obey Him and keep His commandments. |

Lesson Summary:

- Three months after crossing the Red Sea, Moses led the people of Israel to Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai, and they camped there at the foot of the mountain.
- Moses went up the mountain to meet with God. When he returned he said to the people: "God wants to enter into a covenant with us. If we obey His voice and keep His covenant, we shall be His own and be a holy nation. Prepare yourselves, in three days God will reveal Himself."
- After three days, God revealed Himself to the people in a thick dark cloud. He made a covenant with them and gave them the Ten Commandments. **Read Exodus 20 to see what these commandments were.**
- A few days later, God again called Moses up the mountain. He wanted to speak to him and give him tablets of stone on which God himself wrote the Ten Commandments. He was away for a few weeks.
- Meanwhile, the children of Israel soon turned away from God, they made a golden calf and worshipped it and made sacrifices to it.
- After forty days have passed, God sends Moses back. He tells Moses what the Israelites are doing and God wanted to destroy them. Moses couldn't understand how the people could forget God so quickly.
- When Moses saw how wildly the people were dancing to the golden calf, he was so angry that he threw the two tablets with the Ten Commandments to the ground and shatters them.
- Moses then says, "I am going back up the mountain to see if I can bring atonement for your sins." He wanted to reconcile the people with God again.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God also made a covenant with us when we were Baptised and Sealed.
- God Himself wrote the Ten Commandments (laws) and they are still valid today.
- God expects us to obey His laws, love and honour Him, respect one another and to avoid sin.

We should always strive to obey God's commandments. He always keeps His promises.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. How did God reveal himself to his people?

A: In a dark cloud.

2. What did God give His people and where in the Bible is it recorded?

A: The Ten Commandments and it is recorded in Exodus 20

3. What did the Israelites do after Moses had not returned after forty days?

A: They made a golden calf, worshipped it and made sacrifices to it.

4. What did God want to do to the Israelites because they did not obey Him?

A. He wanted to destroy them.

5. When did God go into a covenant with us?

A. When we were baptised and sealed

6. What does God expect from us as his children?

A. To obey His laws, love and honour Him, respect one another and to avoid sin

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

Dear God, thank you for this day, bless all parents and children

May we feel your presence

Bless the lesson we will have

Please teach us how to serve you, and help us to do your will

So that we grow closer to you

Send Jesus to fetch us

And may we be ready to meet Him

Amen