



Future-proofing our children

Sunday school Class 4

Lesson Title

The great gift

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The great gift**” 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:

| Step | Action |
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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 | The great gift |
| Text | No Bible reading. Revision of previous lessons. |
| Lesson Objective | The children rejoice that God sent His Son into the world and in thankfulness they give Him their whole heart. |

Lesson Summary:

- We will summarise the 3 lessons dealing with the birth of Jesus.

The 1st Lesson – Jesus Christ is Born:

- The angel told Mary she would bear a son and she was to call him Jesus.
- Joseph and Mary had to travel to their birthplace, Bethlehem to register for a census.
- There, under the poorest conditions, the Son of God, Jesus Christ was born.
- That night Angels proclaimed the glad tidings of his birth to the shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem.
- They found baby Jesus, worshipped Him and praised and thanked God for what they have heard and seen. They told everyone about their experience.

The 2nd Lesson – The wise men from the East:

- In a distant land, wise men saw a bright star.
- They realised that this star the sign of the birth of very special king.
- After a long journey they found the new-born child, Jesus Christ.
- They worshipped him and brought him three precious gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The 3rd Lesson – The flight to Egypt:

- In a dream an angel told Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary and the child to save Jesus from the cruelty of King Herod.
- Herod, ordered all the boys under the age of two to be killed, because he feared that he was no longer going to be the ruler of his kingdom.
- After Herod's death, Joseph was again instructed in a dream to return to his homeland.
- Joseph and Mary returned home to Nazareth with baby Jesus.



Today's Lesson is – The great gift:

- We should really be very thankful to God for having sent his Son into the world.
- By doing so, he gave us all a great and wonderful gift.
- This great gift is proof of God's love for mankind
- We want to give God a gift too.
- The gift we give Him is our whole heart.

How do we do that?

- By loving Him, and trying to be like Him.
- By waiting for His return and accepting His servants who work in His name.
- This is proof of our love for God.

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- We must be thankful for the gift that God gave us, His Son.
- We must show our thankfulness by giving our whole heart to God and His Son as a gift.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Why must we be thankful to God for sending his Son into the world?

Answer: By doing this, God gave us all a great and wonderful gift

2. What gift can we give God and His Son?

Answer: Our whole heart

3. How do we give our whole heart to God?

Answer: By loving him. By trying to be like Him. By waiting for His return. By accepting His servants who work in His name.

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