



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title	Priestly service-The Tabernacle
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A Parent's Guide  
Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Priestly Service – The Tabernacle**” Religious Instruction 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 Religious Instruction 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.
4. Your congregation's Sunday School Coordinator and Teacher is on standby to assist.



# The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Priestly service-The Tabernacle
<b>Text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exodus 25:8,9,10,16,22,40</li> <li>Exodus 28-29</li> <li>Exodus 40:2-38</li> <li>Numbers 18:28</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn about priestly service in the Old and New Covenants

## Lesson Summary:

- From the last lesson we learnt that Moses led the Israelites out of captivity and with God's help through the Red Sea. As they travelled through the desert God gave them the Ten Commandments, which He wrote on two tablets of stone to keep safe.
- Ask the children to tell you where they would keep something safe that is special to them. Possible answers: 1) Purse 2) Treasure chest 3) Drawer. Point out to the children that adults do the same by using: 1) A Safe 2) Jewellery box.
- The tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments were a visible sign of God's covenant (agreement) with the people of Israel. That is why they were of special value to the Israelites. On Mount Sinai God Himself gave Moses the commission to make a valuable box to keep it safe. God gave precise instructions on the size and shape of the box, called "Ark of the Covenant". Exodus 25:8,9,10,16,22,40
- Look at the picture of the tabernacle (p42&43) the book and discuss what the tabernacle looked like. Use the bible texts given, to complete the exercise. Moses received clear instructions from God on how to use the Tabernacle.
- Only men from the tribe of Levi were responsible for taking down, transporting of and setting up of the Tabernacle during the journey through the desert. There were specific rules for this process. Numbers 4:1-20



- Wherever the Israelites camped, the Tabernacle was set up first. The Levites and priests lived nearest to the Tabernacle, then the rest of the tribes.
- Priests in the Old Covenant were ordained by Moses in commission of God and only Aaron and his sons and their sons could perform these duties. Their tasks were to:
  - a) maintain and clean the tabernacle
  - b) advise about sacrificial animals
  - c) care for the fire on the incense altar
  - d) instruct the people about laws e) rule on difficult matters of law

Once a year only, may the high priest enter the holy of holies (in tabernacle) During a special ceremony he could ask for forgiveness of sins for the people and himself.

- Note that that the task of priests in the Old Covenant was mainly to:
  - a) offer the required sacrifices, according to God's instructions
  - b) the tenth was not an offering but a compulsory contribution
  - c) with Jesus' sacrifice and the destruction of the temple, all sacrifices of the Old Testament stopped.
- The duty of the Priestly ministries (from Priest-Bishop) of the New Covenant is to:
  - a) prepare God's children for the return of Christ. How do they do that?
 They:
  - b) proclaim God's word
  - c) proclaim the forgiveness of sins
  - d) perform Holy Baptism and dispense Holy Communion
  - e) give comfort and pray for and with, God's children
  - f) give godly advice regarding matters of faith
- Do exercise 2





## What does this lesson mean for us today?

We learnt today that:

- Our Priest as servants of God, sent to take care of us.
- We need to pray for them and can seek their advice on matters of faith.
- Our priests today also received certain holy responsibilities
- In commission of their apostle they today can: conduct divine service
- They preach the Word of God
- Our priests proclaim forgiveness of sins
- They bestow blessings and LOVE US!

## Some questions that we can ask:

- What is the name of your priest?
- What other duties does your priest perform?

**Possible answer:** does pop-in visits, prepare the altar for services, sing in the choir

- What can you do to help your priest?

**Possible answer:** pray for him, help to clean the church building, go to services as often as we can.

## 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*