



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title	Lack of trust in God - forty years in the desert
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A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Lack of trust in God - forty years in the desert**” 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: https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS
2.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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 Note: 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. 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> 2.3: The lessons are class specific (i.e. SS, RI, or Confirmation). 2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.
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:

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 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 stand-by to help.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Lack of trust in God – forty years in the desert
Text	Numbers 13 – 14; Numbers 16 and Numbers 20 – 21
Lesson Objective	We learn that although the Israelites had to bear the consequences of disobeying God’s will, God still continued to look after them.

Lesson Summary:

- After leaving Egypt, the Israelites moved through the desert on their way to the land God has promised them.
- As they approached Canaan, they set up camp at the desert of Paran.
- The Lord told Moses to select 12 spies, one from each tribe to go and explore the land of Canaan ahead.
- After 40 days, they returned to their camp. They reported, ‘The land does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are big.
- Ten of the spies said: We cannot attack these people; they are stronger than us. Two of the spies Joshua and Caleb, stood up and said... “With God’s help, they would take possession of Canaan”.
- The Israelites became afraid and complained. They grumbled and wept. They complained to Moses and Aaron. They wanted to return to Egypt.
- The Lord was furious about the Israelites’ behaviour. He wanted to let them die because of a bad sickness, but Moses stood up for them and begged God not to let them die of the bad sickness.
- The Lord did not let them die of the sickness, but he told Moses that because the Israelites complained against him, none of them over the age of twenty, besides Caleb and Joshua will enter the promised land. God told Moses He would punish their distrust in Him by keeping them in the wilderness for 40 years, one year for each day the spies had been in Canaan.
- The ten spies who brought a bad report died of a plague. Only Joshua and Caleb survived - the spies who trusted in God.
- The time in the desert which now followed was often very difficult for Moses. It lasted for 40 years. The Bible describes the happenings in the desert.



What does this lesson teach us?

- The Lord expected the Israelites to obey and trust Him and the way in which He led them and looked after them.
- The Israelites suffered the consequences for not obeying and trusting God.
- In the same way God will punish us if we do not follow His will.
- How do we follow God's will?
- We pay attention to God's word.
- We do what He tell us (obey His commandments).
- We trust the Lord always, through good times and bad times.
- We are thankful for what the Lord gives us or do for us and are pleased about it.

Do Exercise 1, 2 and 3 with your child.

Some questions we can ask:

1. Why did the Israelites experience so many problems on their journey to the promised land?

Answer: They disobeyed God's will and did not trust God's guidance.

2. How many years did the children of Israel wander in the desert?

Answer: 40 years.

3. What are the names of the two spies that were allowed to enter the promised land?

Answer: Joshua and Caleb.

4. What did the Lord tell Moses and Aaron to do to get water from the rock?

Answer: They had to gather the people and speak to the rock in front of the people.

5. What did Moses actually do?

Answer: He struck the rock with his rod.

6. What was God's reaction to this?

Answer: Moses and Aaron were not allowed to enter the promised land.



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

 Notes

A prayer after the lesson:

Dear Heavenly father

Thank you for keeping us safe.

Help me to be kind to everyone.

Thank you for being the Good Shepherd who loves and guides us.

Amen