



## Future-proofing our children

Pre-Sunday School Class

Lesson Title

The Wise men from the East

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The Wise men from the East**” Pre-Sunday School 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.	<p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
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> <li>• Catechism and Question and Answer (for Confirmation classes)</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 attention 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 (Pre-SS, SS1, RI1 or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	<p>Pray (see sample as an annexure) 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 <b>Example:</b> Sit on the mat or around 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 Pre-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.
4. Contact your congregation's Sunday School Coordinator or Teacher.



# The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	The Wise men from the East
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 2: 1-12
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn that God, our Heavenly Father, will show us the way to Jesus Christ.

## Lesson Summary:

- After Jesus was born, wise men from the east travelled very far to Jerusalem.
- They saw a special star in the sky and followed it.
- To them, this special star was a sign that a new King is born.
- The wise men went looking for the new King at the palace of King Herod, the Great, because they wanted to worship the new King.
- Herod, however, knew nothing about a new King and this made him angry.
- King Herod's chief priests and teachers of the Law looked into old prophecies (predictions of the future), and found that a new leader will come from the town Bethlehem.
- The wise men were then sent to the town of Bethlehem with the instruction that they should let Herod know where to find the Child so he could also go and worship Him. This wasn't true, he wanted to harm baby Jesus.
- The wise men continued to follow the special star to Bethlehem and found the baby Jesus in the manger.
- They worshipped Him and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense (expensive perfume) and myrrh (expensive perfume).
- They returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

## What does this lesson mean for us today?

- God leads us and will always show us the right way.
- God loves us and will always protect His children.
- God is in control and we must always believe and trust Him.



## Some questions that we can ask:

1. Where did the wise men come from?

**Answer:** *The east*

2. What led the wise men to Jesus?

**Answer:** *A special star in the sky*

3. Where was Jesus born?

**Answer:** *In Bethlehem*

4. Did the wise men go back to King Herod to tell him where Jesus was?

**Answer:** *No, God warned not to and they returned home by another road*

## Our Prayers

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

*Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for another day of Your Love and Kindness.*

*Please Bless my mom and dad and Bless our Ministers and all our friends and family*

*We pray that we will always treasure You and that we will be Obedient to our parents*

*Bless us that we may be Kind and Loving and treat everyone we meet with Respect and Kindness*

*Please Bless this Sunday School lesson and may we always remember to thank you for choosing us to be your Child.*

*We want to remain Faithful and Obedient until You come to take us Home with you.*

*We ask all of this in your Precious Name. Amen*

### A prayer after the lesson:

*Dear Father in heaven.*

*Thank you for keeping us safe and for allowing us to have heard another beautiful Bible story.*

*Thank you for protecting us and keeping us safe from any danger.*

*Please help us to always be Obedient to our mom and dad and to be Kind to everyone we meet. Please also help us with our schoolwork.*

*Bless our Chief Apostle, the Apostles and all the ministers. Please keep them safe when they travel so they can teach us more about Your great work, God.*

*Please help all your children, especially those who are sick and who have no food or shelter. Please come soon and take us all home.*

*We ask all of this, not because we have earned it, but in Jesus name. Amen.*