



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title	Fulfilment of the promise - taking possession of Canaan
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# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Fulfilment of the promise - taking possession of Canaan**” 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.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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> <b>Note:</b> 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 <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 stand-by to help.



# The Lesson

<b>Lesson Title</b>	Fulfilment of the promise - taking possession of Canaan
<b>Text</b>	Numbers 27: 18 - 27; Deuteronomy 34 and Joshua 3 - 12
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn that God will fulfil His promise.

## Lesson Summary:

- At the end of the forty-year journey in the desert of the Israelites, God said to Moses that He will not enter the Promised Land and that he would die soon.
- Moses asked God to choose a new leader for the people and God chose Joshua. Moses then introduced Joshua to Eleazar and the people, he then laid hands upon Joshua and appointed him as the new leader.
- He reminded the Israelites of their experiences during their journey and encouraged them to obey the Lord's commandments and laws. The Lord will continue to be with them. Moses asked everyone to follow Joshua and to continue trusting in God, who will help them take possession of the Promised Land.
- God led Moses up to the peak of Mount Nebo and allowed him to see the Promised Land. Moses died and was buried on the mountain.
- God then spoke to Joshua and instructed him to have the Israelites gather food for three days and move to the River Jordan. The Lord promised a miracle to enable them to cross the river and reach Canaan.
- Before crossing the River Jordan, God said to Joshua: "Choose twelve men, one from each tribe, and command each to take along on their shoulders a stone from the place where the priests are standing in the river. Tell them to put the stones down where you camp tonight."
- They made camp at Gilgal, east of Jericho, and there, Joshua set up these stones in remembrance of God's help in crossing the river Jordan.
- According to God's will, Jericho was the first city the Israelites were to capture.
- It was surrounded by a strong wall and it seemed impossible to capture this city. But, once again God arranged for a miracle.
- By following God's instructions, Israel also captured the remaining thirty-one cities.
- They could now take possession of Canaan and God's promise was fulfilled.



## What does this lesson teach us?

- In John 14: 3, Jesus Christ promises to prepare a place for us in heaven and that He will come again to take us unto Him.
- This promise will be fulfilled and we must prepare for this day when Jesus comes to fetch us.

### How do we prepare for the return of Jesus Christ?

- We read and listen to God's word.
- We believe and trust God's word.
- We obey God's word and
- We actively take part in the work of God with love and joy.

**Do Exercise 1, 2 and 3 with your child.**

### Answers to Exercise 1:

Statement	Correct letter
Two scouts with faith in God.	G
Here God proclaimed the Ten Commandments.	D
The Lord had chosen these two brothers as leaders.	I
Nourishment during the journey through the desert.	C
Name of God's dwelling among His people.	F
They did not wear out during the forty years.	H
The box in which the tablets with the Ten Commandments were kept.	E
Rescued from the Egyptian army.	A
They showed the people the way.	B

### Answers to Exercise 3: Complete labels on map

C = Canaan	M = Mount Nebo	E = Egypt
J = Jericho	D = Dead Sea	R = Red Sea
G = Gilgal	M = Mediterranean Sea	M = Mount Sinai (Horeb)



**Some questions we can ask:**

1. How old was Moses when He died?

**Answer:** 120 years old

2. Who had to choose the new leader of the Israelites?

**Answer:** God

3. Who did God choose as the new leader?

**Answer:** Joshua

4. What was the name of the first city captured by the Israelites?

**Answer:** Jericho

5. How did the Israelites gain victory over all the cities in the land of Canaan?

**Answer:** They followed God's exact instructions; God helped them

6. What did Joshua do at Gilgal with the 12 stones?

**Answer:** He set up a remembrance of God's help in crossing the Jordan river





## **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*