



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title

“Zeal born out of faith and prayer –
The Prophet Elijah”

A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Zeal born out of faith and prayer - The Prophet Elijah**”
Religious Instruction 1 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.	<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.	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 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	"Zeal born out of faith and prayer - The Prophet Elijah"
Text	1 Kings 17; 1 Kings 18 and 2 Kings 11 v 9 – 11.
Lesson Objective	The children find out that God acknowledges Himself to zeal born out of faith and prayer.

Lesson Summary:

- When Ahab became king of Israel, he did more evil than all the kings before him.
- King Ahab not only turned away from God to worship Baal, but encouraged the whole nation to do the same.
- People who refused to worship Baal were persecuted or driven out of the country. Every prophet of God who could be found was put to death.
- One day the King heard a voice and a stranger stood before him.
- "As the Lord God of Israel lives there will not be dew or rain until I say so" Elijah the prophet gave the message from the Lord God.
- Elijah turned and left but the people paid little attention to God's warning
- For three years no rain fell in the land of Israel, nothing grew and the people had less and less to eat
- The people began thinking about God's warning
- The King saw the land turning to desert and sent messages to find Elijah
- Elijah was nowhere to be found
- The King became furious. God told Elijah to go to Ahab and then He will send rain to the earth.
- Elijah set off and saw Obadiah the King's servant "Go and tell your Ahab that Elijah has returned"
- King Ahab listened and set off to find Elijah
- Elijah was not afraid and waited for the King to arrive.
- The King listened as Elijah told him to gather all the people of Israel and the prophets of Baal on the Mount Carmel
- Elijah wanted the people to see that God is the Almighty
- The people listened to Elijah proclaimed that he is the only prophet of God but Baal has 450 prophets.
- They prepared a sacrifice not lighting the fire. They will pray to Baal and Elijah will call on the Lord for fire.



- The one who answers with fire, let him be God.
- The prophets of Baal prayed from morning till noon and no fire.
- Elijah threw water on his altar, laid his sacrifice on it and prayed "Lord God of Israel, let it be known today that You are God and I am Your servant"
- Suddenly the fire fell.
- The people fell on their faces and called, "The Lord, He is God." The whole nation worshipped the Lord as the only living King.
- Elijah sent his servant to King Ahab to tell him that the rain was coming. The people had repented and turned back to God

What does this lesson teach us?

Elijah lived in a time where unbelief became greater and fewer people believed in God	Today in many parts of the world fewer people Believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They live ungodly lives.
Elijah must have felt he was the only one who believed in God.	We must hold onto our faith and also share our faith with others.
Elijah did not allow himself to be distracted from his faith	We must continue to have faith and trust in God as Elijah had.

Elijah trusted in God and was obedient.	<i>Are we also obedient and trust in God?</i>
Elijah had courage born out of faith, he was alone as a prophet of God against the prophets and kings of that time	<i>Do we have the faith to speak about God's work to our friends?</i>
Elijah was filled with the zeal for God and he wanted the people of that time to see the might and power of his God.	<i>Are we filled with zeal for Gods work?</i>
God did not let Elijah die, he was taken in a Chariot of fire. Before he left the earth he made Elisha his successor.	<i>Are we waiting for God to send his Son Jesus to come and fetch us together with all God's children, are we ready to go with to live with God in His kingdom forever and forever</i>



Do Exercise 1 and 2 with your child/ren.

Answers to Exercise 2.

1. Jezebel	1. Oxen
2. Altar	2. Fire
3. Ahab	3. Fertility
4. Prophet	2. Ashtaroth
5. Rain	3. Israelites
6. Mount Carmel	4. Cherith

Some questions we can ask:

1. What was the name of the Prophet of the Lord?

Answer: Elijah

2. What did God tell the Prophet to do?

Answer: Go tell the King Ahab that there would be no rain or dew for 3 years.

3. Who fed the prophet every day at the brook of Cherith?

Answer: The ravens.

4. Why did God decide that there would be no rains?

Answer: The Israelites had turned away from God.

5. Why did the prophet of the Lord make the prophets of Baal and Ashtaroth build an altar with a sacrifice and call on their gods to light the fire?

Answer: So that the people could see that the prophets of Baal and Ashtaroth were not prophets of God and to bring the people back to worshipping God.





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