



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title    Godly Miracles – Elisha

# A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Godly Miracles – Elisha**” 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.	<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> </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.	<p>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.</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 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>	Godly Miracles – Elisha
<b>Text</b>	2 Kings 6: 1-7; 2 Kings 6: 8-20 and 2 Kings 5: 1-18
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children learn that God can work miracles through his servants.

## Lesson Summary:

- Elisha was Elijah's successor and a respected prophet in Israel.
- God performed many miracles through Elisha.
- A miracle is when something happens which man cannot explain.

### **Miracle 1: Naaman is healed: Read 2 Kings 5: 1-8**

- Naaman, the Syrian captain, had leprosy. His wife's maid told him that prophet Elisha would be able to heal him. Naaman went to Israel.
- Naaman washed himself seven times in the river Jordan as instructed by Elisha and a miracle happened, he was cured!
- He returned to Elisha, praising God and vowed to pray to the living God.

### **Miracle 2: The floating iron: Read 2 Kings 6: 1-7**

- Elisha's disciples wanted to build a bigger house for themselves.
- While they were busy cutting the trees, one of the men's axe flew off into the river.
- Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water where the axe went under.
- Another miracle happened! The axe, which was made of iron, floated to the surface and the man was happy to be able to take it out of the water.

### **Miracle 3: The Syrians are struck with blindness: Read 2 Kings 6: 8-20**

- The King of Syria waged war against Israel and the army commanders were told to lie in wait at a certain place to outwit the Israelites.
- God revealed to Elisha the intentions of the Syrian King so Elisha sent a messenger to the King of Israel to warn him.
- This made the Syrian King very angry and he decided to take Elisha prisoner.
- Elisha's servant was afraid when he saw the Syrian army surrounding the city. Elisha prayed, "Lord, open his eyes."



- God opened the servant's eyes and he saw God's might.
- Elisha prayed again, and God struck the Syrians with blindness.
- They did not recognize Elisha when he led them to Samaria and the King of Israel.
- Elisha then prayed again and God opened the Syrians eyes.
- On Elisha's advice the King of Israel gave them food and let them go to their King.
- The Syrian King no longer let his warriors force their way into the land of Israel.

### What does this lesson teach us?

- We should seek God's help in our times of worry and need.
- How can we seek God's help?
  - Ø We can pray directly to Him.
  - Ø We can ask our ministers for help.
  - Ø We can ask our parents for advice.
- We can go our way without fear as we are not alone. Prayers are said for us.
- God knows the right time to provide His help.
- We should humbly ask for God's help and patiently wait for it.
- The greatest miracle is yet to come, when Jesus returns to come and fetch us to be with Him in heaven.

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

#### Answers to Exercise 2:

1. **GOD MAKES** people into children of God through the laying of hands of a living Apostle.
2. **ELIJAH** went up to heaven in a fiery chariot.
3. **JESUS WILL TAKE** us to himself on the day of his return.
4. **GOD TOOK** Enoch from this earth because of his God-fearing ways.
5. **ELIJAH CAUSED** an iron axe to float because God suspended the laws of nature for a moment.
6. **MOSES LED** the people of Israel through the Red sea.

**You are the God who does wonders**



**Some more questions we can ask:**

1. Who was Elisha?

**Answer:** Elisha was Elijah's successor, He was a respected prophet in Israel and His activity was accompanied by many a miracle of 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*