



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title	God's Spokespersons - Prophets (Part 1)
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**A Parent's Guide**  
Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the **God's Spokespersons – Prophets (Part 1)** 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a>
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.	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>	God's Spokespersons - Prophets (Part 1)
<b>Text</b>	Jonah 1-4; Daniel 7: 13; Daniel 7: 18; Daniel 12: 1-2
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children find out that God reveals his will and announces what to come through man.

## Lesson Summary:

- Prophets were messengers from God who spoke in His name.
- A prophet announced God's will and revealed what is to come.
- God asked Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to preach to the people to turn from their evil ways.
- At first he didn't obey God and we know the story of him being swallowed by a fish.
- He eventually went to Nineveh and told the people that if they don't change from their evil ways God will punish them and destroy their city in forty days.
- So the people, including the King, believed Jonah.
- They regretted their evil ways, repented for their sins and prayed to God.
- As a visible sign, they put on sackcloth and did not eat anything.
- When God saw that they turned from their evil ways, he spared the city and its people.
- Prophets also foretold the various stages of God's plan of salvation up to the return of the Lord Jesus.
- Also, events that will take place before or after the day of the Lord Jesus' return.
- Sometimes they also made statements of which they themselves were unable to understand.
- For example, the prophet Daniel saw visions connected to Christ's return. You can read about these visions in Daniel 7: 13, Daniel 7: 18 and Daniel 12: 1-2.
- Jesus knew the words of the prophets and also referred and confirmed the words of the prophets during His activity on earth. Luke 21: 27: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory".



## What does this lesson teach us?

- Prophets were God's messengers and they spoke in His name – "Thus says the Lord".
- The prophets announced God's will to the people and revealed what is to come.
- If people did not believe and obey the messages of the prophets, they had to suffer the consequences of disobeying God's will.
- Prophets also foretold God's salvation plan and even spoke about Jesus' suffering, His return and events that will happen before and after Jesus Christ's return.
- Today, the promise of Jesus Christ's return is kept alive through the preaching of our Apostles and Ministers.
- It is very important that we believe the preaching of the Apostles and Ministers and make the right decisions by obeying God's will and by following His salvation plan.
- We must love God above all things and follow His commandments so that we could be found worthy to enter His Kingdom and have eternal life upon Christ's return.


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

**Answers to Exercise 2:**

1. Thus **says the Lord God.**
2. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, **says the LORD,**
3. Thus **says the LORD:** "Though they are safe, and likewise many,
4. Therefore **the Lord says,** The Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel,



### Some questions we can ask:

1. What does the word prophet mean?

**Answer:** One who claim or speak for God and interprets divine revelations

2. What did prophets do?

**Answer:** They were messengers/ spokespersons of God who spoke in His name; they were watchmen pointing out sin and calling on people to change their ways; they predicted things.

3. There are \_\_\_\_ prophetic books in the Old Testament, written by \_\_\_\_ prophets.

**Answer:** 17 and 16


### 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*