



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title	The Calling – Prophets (Part 2)
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A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The Calling – Prophets (Part 2)**” 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.	Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson: <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 Note: 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 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	The Calling – Prophets (Part 2)
Text	Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10 and 2 Kings 18 - 20
Lesson Objective	The children learn how God chose prophets and was active through them.

Lesson Summary:

- God ordained Jeremiah to be a prophet.
- He gave him the necessary gifts for his commission.
- God stretched out his hand, touched his mouth and said, “Behold, I lay my words into thy mouth” (Jeremiah 1: 9).
- Prophets are not bearers of ministry as today, for example:
 - > Jonah received a single commission from God.
 - > Jeremiah and Isaiah were active throughout their lives.
 - > God spoke personally to them.
- Hezekiah was 25 years old when he became king in Judah.
- He was God-fearing and kept the Lord’s commandments.
- He truly trusted God.
- Sennacherib the king of the Assyrians, waged war on Judah.
- He captured all of Judea’s fortified cities.
- He then took a big army to Jerusalem to also take the capital of the land where Hezekiah was staying.
- The Assyrians made camp close to the city of Jerusalem.
- Assyrian messengers mocked Hezekiah for trusting God.
- Hezekiah sent messengers to the prophet Isaiah to ask for help.
- He then went to the temple to pray to God.
- God sent the prophet to Hezekiah to tell him: “I have heard what you prayed because of Sennacherib. This is my word: He will not enter this city, I want to protect it.”
- That same night, the angel of the Lord went out and killed 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp.
- Sennacherib was killed by his sons while he was praying to his god Nisroch.



- Hezekiah became very ill and God sent Isaiah to him to tell him that he was going to die.
- Hezekiah wept bitterly and asked God for help.
- Once again the Lord sent the prophet Isaiah to him saying, “Thus says the Lord: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria.”

Read: Isaiah 2: 2-3

- We experience how this prophesy of Isaiah fulfils itself in our time.
- Isaiah recorded a prophecy which also for us still lies in the future.

Read: Isaiah 65 :17-18

- This prophecy has not yet materialized.
- However, what God revealed through his prophet will be fulfilled.
- The most important prophecy for us was given by Jesus himself in John 14: 3:
“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”
- We wait daily for this promise of Jesus to be fulfilled.

What does this lesson teach us?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord helped Hezekiah out of a hopeless situation. <p>We too can rely on God’s help, even in situations which seems hopeless.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hezekiah trusted God’s messenger. <p>We too trust God’s messengers (ministers) of our time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hezekiah trusted God. <p>We too want to place our trust in God.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God heard Hezekiah’s prayers. <p>God also hears our prayers.</p>
<p>God will fulfil His promise, He has been preparing for this event since before the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Our duty is:</p> <p>Remain faithful to the end!</p>	

Do Exercise 1 and 2 with your child/ren.



Answers to Exercise 1.

Verse 5 – Selection

Verse 8 – Equipment

Verse 10 – Commission

Some questions we can ask:

1. What happens at ordination?

Answer: Brothers receive the commission of a ministry through the laying on of hands and prayer of a living Apostle through which they are appointed to a specific ministry (Deacon, Priest, Apostle).

2. What do you think precedes an ordination?

Answer: Godly selection and calling

3. What tasks did prophets have?

Answer: To watch and admonish the people - they admonished the people of Israel to turn away from sin and to repent; To announce and predict events – through them God revealed things that were still in the future.

4. The prophets Isaiah and Micah foretold the coming of the Redeemer _____ years before Christ's birth.

Answer: 750 years

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

