



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title	The Bible
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A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The Bible**” 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>https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</p>
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.	<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:

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 Bible
Text	Jeremiah 36: 4 and Revelation 1: 3
Lesson Objective	The children find out that the Bible is a collection of holy writings which testify of the triune God and His activity.

Lesson Summary:

- The Bible reports that Jeremiah the prophet had a scribe named Baruch. Read - Jeremiah 36: 4.
- As described in this Bible reading, God spoke through prophets and told them what they should say to the people. These words were written out by hand and became books of the Bible.
- The books were copied by those who knew how to write and they copied it out again and again.
- They primarily wrote on parchment (shaved and treated goat skin), later on papyrus and the most expensive material used was leather.
- Scrolls were used, until much later when the art of printing was invented and it was published in the current book form we have today.
- The Bible, also known as the Holy Scripture, is owned by almost every family.
- It reports about the workings of the forces of God and also indicates what will happen in the future.
- The book of the Prophet Isaiah was written in Hebrew.
- The first part of the Bible is called the Old Testament. These books were gathered and compiled over many years and were written in Hebrew and a few sections in Aramaic, 100 years before Christ was born.
- The second part is called the New Testament and these books, mainly written in Greek, originated in the first century after Christ's birth.
- We call the collection of the Old and New Testament books the "Bible".
- In the past, because it was such a difficult task to copy the Bible, only a few people were able to read the Bible.
- Today, we all have access and are able to read the Bible.



What does this lesson teach us?

- The Bible is important to us and forms the basis of the teaching of the New Apostolic church.
- The Bible furthers our knowledge about God's plan of salvation and redemption.
- The Bible gives us advice on how to reach the goal of our faith by:
 - Ø providing us with the commandments, rules and conduct, to lead a God-pleasing life,
 - Ø reporting about Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour and
 - Ø warning us about dangers, such as disobedience (Saul) or arrogance (Pharisees).
- The Bible:
 - Ø testifies of God's omnipotence (all-powerfulness),
 - Ø reports about how God led His people – example Noah and Abraham and
 - Ø shows that God loves mankind.
- The Bible is the basis of the sermon in every divine service.
- **God Himself is the true author of the Bible and it is important for us to read the Bible regularly.**

The Bible is a source of: Comfort, Strength, Answers, Hope, Knowledge, Understanding, and so much more for us. The Bible has all the answers!

Do Exercise 1, 2 and 3 with your child/ren.

Answers to Exercise 2: Insert the following words and phrases below.

about 1000 BC to AD 100
meaning the books
a collection of writings; different authors
on parchment, expensive leather and later on papyrus
Scrolls were used. Until the art of printing
also known as Holy Scripture
in the future.

Answers to Exercise 3:

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of his prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it, for the time is near. in the future.



Some questions we can ask:

1. On what material was the Bible written on in the past?

Answer: parchment, papyrus and leather

2. Name the two parts that the Bible is divided into?

Answer: The Old Testament and The New Testament

3. How many books does the Old Testament have?

Answer: 39 books

4. How many books does the New Testament have?

Answer: 27 books

5. What is the name of the last book in the Old Testament?

Answer: Malachi

6. What is the names of the first and last books in the New Testament?

Answer: first book – Matthew and last book Revelation

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

A prayer after the lesson:

Dear Heavenly father

Thank you for keeping us safe and giving us the Bible to guide us

Help me to be kind to everyone.

Thank you for being the Good Shepherd who loves and guides us.

Amen