



Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 2

Lesson Title	The resurrection of Jesus Christ
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to “**The resurrection of Jesus Christ**” Religious Instruction 2 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:

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 2 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 resurrection of Jesus Christ
Text	Matthew 28: 1-8 and Luke 24: 13-49
Lesson Objective	The children learn that through His resurrection, Jesus Christ provided the prerequisite for our transformation.

Lesson Summary:

- On the evening of the crucifixion, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea, who was also a disciple of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked him for the body of Jesus.
- He saw to it that Jesus was buried as was customary for those of high rank.
- After the burial, the tomb was sealed with a large stone and guarded, as the high priests and Pharisees were afraid that Jesus' disciples would come and steal the body and claim that Jesus had risen. (Matthew 27: 57-66)
- On the third day after the crucifixion, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake.
- An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, rolled the stone away from the entrance and sat on it.
- His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards were so afraid that they trembled and became like dead men.
- To the women the angel said, "Fear not, Jesus is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Look at the empty grave and go tell the disciples that He is risen from the dead".
- Along the way Jesus met them, and said, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him.
- Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."
- Jesus was without sin and had to die in accordance with the will of His Father. By the power of God, He was able to arise from death and resurrect.
- Through Jesus' resurrection, God created something new, a new body that does not return to its former existence.
- In His resurrected body, Jesus was able to make Himself visible to others, and instantly be at a different place. He could also speak and eat.



- Luke 24: 13-49 reports of what happened to some who encountered the Risen One.
- Two of Jesus' disciples on their way to Emmaus encountered Jesus.
- They knew about Jesus' crucifixion and heard that He had resurrected, but did not believe it.
- While the Lord Jesus was walking with them, they did not recognize Him.
- Only when Jesus broke bread and gave it to them, were their eyes opened, and they recognized Jesus. At the same time Jesus vanished from their sight.
- The two disciples went to the Apostles and told them what happened to them. While they were talking, suddenly Jesus stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you." They were frightened because Jesus came through the closed door.
- They thought that He was a spirit. He showed them His hands and feet, and asked them to touch Him saying, "a spirit does not have flesh and bones as I have".
- They were amazed and could not believe it.
- Only after Jesus ate the fish, they offered Him, did they believe that He was not a spirit, but Jesus Christ, the Risen One.

What does this lesson teach us?

- Jesus Christ made the sacrifice to die for our sins and was resurrected.
- We believe in Jesus Christ's resurrection and confess this in the second Article of Faith of our Creed.
- Jesus Christ's resurrection is the prerequisite for the resurrection of the dead.
- When Christ returns, the dead in Christ will be the first to arise (first resurrection).
- His own, who at the time of Christ's return still live on earth, will be transformed and receive the resurrection body in this manner.
- When Christ returns, we want to be transformed or resurrect.
- To be accepted upon Christ's return we must get rid of self-righteousness, an I-know-it-all-attitude, envy and jealousy in our lives and accept God's word and grace.

**We want to live according to God's will and remain faithful to the end.
Remember, prepare for Christ's return and be part of the first resurrection.**

Do Exercise 1 and 2 with your child.



Some questions we can ask:

1. What is the prerequisite for the resurrection of the dead?
Answer: Jesus Christ's resurrection
2. In which article of faith of the New Apostolic Creed do we confess the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
Answer: The second article of faith
3. What must we do to be accepted upon Christ's return?
Answer: We must get rid of self-righteousness, an I-know-it-all-attitude, envy and jealousy in our lives and accept God's word and grace. Live according to God's will.

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.

Help me to be kind to everyone.

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

Amen