



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title	Confirmation Instruction
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A Parent's Guide

Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Confirmation Instruction**” Confirmation 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 lesson in PDF format that is already prepared • Child’s workbook and a pen, etc. • The Video Clip which is an additional/ optional resource tool • Catechism and Questions and Answers (especially for Confirmation) <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 (brief) as possible, bearing in mind the attention 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 lesson is class specific (Confirmation 1).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your Confirmation Teacher if you need any assistance or 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 Confirmation 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 child/ren are at the same level. Example: Sit around 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.
9	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning.
10	Refer your child to the activity in the child's workbook (I Also Want To.....)
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 Confirmation 1 family.
2. Discuss the lesson with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct (do) your own research for additional (extra) information.



The Lesson

Lesson Title	Confirmation Instruction
Lesson Objective	<p>The children and their parents recognise the importance of Confirmation and the time of preparation.</p> <p>They know the contents of the lessons.</p> <p>The parents are prepared to support the confirmands.</p>

Lesson Summary:

1. Confirmation Instruction – a time of preparation!

- Parents make a commitment on behalf of their children, to surrender them to God in faith through the baptism of water and the Spirit.
- Confirmation Instruction puts the child in the position to pledge this loyalty and faithfulness to God, themselves.
- Confirmation instruction will give the confirmand insight into God's work, the teachings of Jesus Christ and everything that is important to our spiritual life.
- At the end of this preparation time, the confirmand should know the significant matters of faith and the essential aspects of God's plan of salvation. They should have the desire within their hearts to **want to consciously live their faith!**
- On the day of confirmation the parents are relieved from the responsibility for the confirmand's spiritual life and the confirmand will then personally take on this responsibility **with the blessing** of our Heavenly Father.
- Confirmands will express this responsibility with their confirmation vow:

I renounce Satan and all his works and ways, and surrender myself to You, O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in belief, obedience, and the earnest resolution to remain faithful to You until my end. Amen.

- By laying His blessing upon this vow, our Heavenly Father wants to help the confirmand to keep their pledge of loyalty and faithfulness.
- The confirmand will not only learn and say the confirmation vow, but also understand its meaning.

2. Introduction of the classes – what are the lessons all about?

In the first year of confirmation, the following topics will be covered:



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| - Confirmation instruction | - Prayer |
| - The post-apostolic age | - Christianity in Europe – Enlightenment |
| - Divine service for the departed | - Special services during the year |
| - The significance of the Roman emperor Constantine | - The Albury Circle |
| - Our Creed | - The first apostles of the end-time are called |
| - Catechism | - The Catholic Apostolic Church |
| - The Reformation I | - The New Apostolic Church comes into being |
| - The Reformation II | - Growth of the New Apostolic Church (Part 2) |
| - World Religions - Judaism, Christianity, Islam | - Our divine service |
| - My Bible | - Protecting God's creation |
| - The Ten Commandments | - Chief Apostle ministry |
| - The fear of God - 1st and 2nd Commandments | - Our congregation and district |
| - Keeping the Sabbath holy - 3rd Commandment | - The present and the future |
| | - Confirmation vow |

3. Introduction of a lesson – what happens during a lesson?

Every lesson will have the same structure. Each lesson includes:

- An objective (the purpose of the lesson) and a brief summary of the lesson
- Relevant pictures to stimulate your thinking and discussions
- An exercise (in the workbook)
- Lesson material (only in the teacher's manual or parent guide)
- Main points of the lesson (at the end of each lesson which you have to summarise the most important aspects)
- **I also want to...** a desire prompted within your heart by the lesson that can help you live your faith consciously
- Homework.

The teacher (or parents) will have a teacher's manual (or a parent guide).

The confirmand will have a workbook.

This is a special time – it is a time to learn, to grow, to ask questions – participate and contribute. Discussions with the teacher and parents are important elements of the confirmand's instruction and understanding his/her faith.



What does this lesson mean for us today?

- On the day of my Confirmation, I take an important responsibility: the responsibility for my spiritual life!
- I want to be prepared for this day!
- I want to consciously live my faith.

Some questions that we can ask:

1. Do I have to learn and know the lessons off by heart?

Answer: It is important that you understand the content of the lessons and that the purpose of each lesson takes root in your heart and grow.

2. I'm a little scared, this is a big responsibility. Will I be ready?

Answer: During the course of the year, you will grow in knowledge and understanding. You will not know and understand everything and that is okay. You will be supported by your parents, your teacher and our ministers. Most importantly, God wants to bless you. God's blessing will help you to fulfil your commitment to Him.

3. Is Confirmation 2 more difficult?

Answer: Confirmation 2 builds on and increases your knowledge and understanding. It is a very exciting time as you are closer to your big day and before you know it, you have joined the Young People in your congregation! There are lots to look forward to!

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.*