



Future-proofing our children

Confirmation 1

Lesson Title	My Bible
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A Parent's Guide
Sunday School Home Schooling



Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**My Bible**” 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	My Bible
Bible texts	Bible texts recorded in lesson summary below
Lesson Objective	The children learn to know the structure of the Holy Bible and its value. They can make use of the Bible for the benefit of their personal life of faith.

Lesson Summary:

1. The Bible is the basis for the teaching in our church

- It tells us about the past, brings comfort and knowledge in the present and reveals the future.
- Everything that we are taught in our church has its basis in the Bible (Scripture).
- Nothing in our doctrine can contradict the Holy Scripture.

2. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Bible

- The Holy Bible (Holy Scripture) is inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- God's will, and therefore also the Bible, can only be understood through the activity of the Holy Spirit. (**1 Corinthians 2:10-12**)
- As 'servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God' (**1 Corinthians 4:1**), the Apostles are also commissioned to interpret Holy Scripture.

3. The importance of the Bible for us and its role in our daily life

- By reading the Bible we increase our knowledge and understanding concerning God's plan of salvation.
- The Holy Spirit can help us understand much of what we read in the Bible and if we do not understand, we can ask our ministers.
- God can give us an answer to a question through a passage from the Bible.
- Through the Bible, God can comfort us (**Psalms 23**), He can give us strength (**Ephesians 3:14-17**) and show us that He loves us (**John 14:21**).

4. The structure of the Bible

OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
17 Historical books	5 Historical books
5 Doctrinal books	21 Doctrinal books
17 Prophetical books	1 Prophetical book
15 Apocryphal books	



- The **Old Testament** is about:
 - The story of the Creation
 - The development and history of the people of Israel
 - Doctrinal and prophetic books from the time before Jesus' birth.
- The **New Testament** holds the records concerning the:
 - Mission and activity of Jesus Christ and His Apostles,
 - Apostles' letters to the congregations of the early church,
 - Revelation of Jesus Christ
- The Apocrypha (hidden scriptures) are writings of the Old Testament which came into being between the 3rd and the 2nd century BC (Before Christ). These writings form a link (binding agent) between the Old and the New Testament and can be found between the Old and New Testament in the New King James Version of the Bible.

I ALSO WANT TO... make use of my bible! I have the desire to read my Bible daily!

What does this lesson mean for us today?

- The Bible is the basis of the teaching and the doctrine of our church.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Bible.
- The Bible gives us insight into God's plan of salvation.
- I want to make use of my Bible to grow in knowledge and understanding of my faith.

These are the questions and answers in the Workbook:

- 1. In which books are the accounts about the Lord Jesus' birth, death and resurrection found?**

Answer: In the gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

- 2. Which book covers the events following Jesus Christ's resurrection and the activity of the first Apostles?**

Answer: The Acts of the Apostles

- 3. Which verses in Jonah 2 describe how Jonah prayed to God in the belly of the fish?**

Answer: Verses 3-10

- 4. Which events are being referred to in the following Bible passages?**

Answer: John 14: 3

Christ's return.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 The transformation of the living and the resurrection of the dead when the Lord returns.



Acts 1: 9-11

The Lord Jesus' ascension and the promise of His return.

Revelation 19: 7

The marriage of the Lamb.

5. Which men of God are mentioned in the following Bible passages?

Answer: Genesis 39: 9 Joseph

Exodus 19: 24 Moses

Judges 7: 19-22 Gideon

1 Kings 19: 5-8 Elijah

6. Read Revelation 1: 1-3 and answer the following questions:

Answer: Who received the revelation? John.

Whose revelation is it? Jesus Christ's.

Who delivered it? One of His angels.

What does this book refer to? Events that will happen soon.

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.