

## **P7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LESSON FIVE FRIDAY APRIL 1, 2020**

### **TOPIC: THE SPIRIT MAKES US FREE**

#### **SUB TOPIC: FREEDOM AND AUTHORITY**

- Authority means having rightful power or control over other people.
- Freedom means not being under the power or control of someone else.

#### **Biblical teaching on freedom and authority.**

- All authority comes from God.
- Leaders should serve people they lead selflessly
- Leaders should give freedom to their people.

#### **Types of authority**

- ✚ Divine authority—possessed by God.
- ✚ Apostolic authority—messianic power Jesus gave to the church.
- ✚ Marital authority—possessed by husbands over their wives.
- ✚ Civil authority—possessed by civil leaders over people they lead.
- ✚ Symbolic authority—received from objects e.g. Constitution, Bible.

#### **Proper use of authority and freedom. (romans 13:1-7)**

- To keep law and order.
- Creating peace.
- To defend people's rights.
- Caring for the needy.
- Promoting unity.

#### **Misuse of authority and freedom**

- Leaders mistreat the people they lead.
- Leaders embezzle public funds.

#### **Ways people misuse freedom.**

- Dressing badly.
- Use of obscene words on radio shows.
- Abusing people in public.
- Disobeying leaders.

### **Relationship between freedom and authority**

- ❖ Both are God given.
- ❖ Authority affects the use of freedom and freedom affects the use of authority.
- ❖ The misuse of authority and freedom breeds evil.

### **Responsibilities of leaders.**

- To guide people.
- To protect people.
- To promote unity among people.
- To mobilize people for development.

### **Lessons from Jesus's perfect use of freedom and authority (John 13:5)**

- He used it to benefit all people.
- He used it to solve problems/difficulties.
- He used to serve others.

### **EVALUATION ACTIVITY**

1. Why did Jesus wash the feet of his apostles?
2. State three ways leaders misuse authority today.
3. In which two ways do people misuse freedom today?
4. Why are suspects taken to courts of law?
5. How did king Herod misuse his authority?

6. What enabled Jesus Christ to exercise his authority on earth?
7. Who were the apostles?
8. Which apostle is remembered for:
  - a) Denying Jesus Christ—
  - b) Betraying Jesus Christ—
  - c) Doubting the resurrection of Jesus Christ—
  - d) Loving Jesus Christ most—
  - e) Being loved most by Jesus Christ—
9. Give five types of leaders.
10. Why is the Bible used during swearing in of leaders?

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