

# Sunday School Grade 8 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The AGAPE curriculum is for exceptional student education [ESE] for Sunday School. It is designed by the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States.
- This is a modified curriculum designed for individuals with special needs.
- This curriculum is intended to be taught alongside with the general Sunday School program for each grade.

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- Inclusion is an important aspect of the social and learning paradigm of individuals with special needs.
- Stewards serving children and youth with special needs should try to integrate the students in the mainstream classes for as much time as can be tolerated by the student with special needs.
- Integration and inclusion foster friendships among the same age peer group.

# Preparation for The Monk as a Messenger

## Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- The monks devote long times to prayers for the people and the world.
- The monks wrote books about prayer, hymns and many other writings.
- Monks translated the church books into different languages.
- When people are asleep, the monks raise their prayers like pillars of light.
- Monks dedicate their lives to God and to serve His holy name.
- Monasticism is a spiritual power in the church.

# Word Bank

- Monk



- Devote



- Messenger



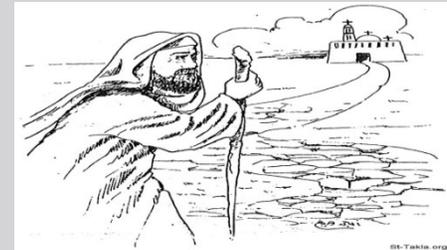
- Prayer



- Serve



- Monasticism



**Objective: Emphasizing the fact that the monk leads a positive life for the church, the service and the society.**



**Memory Verse: “I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk” (Acts 3:6).**



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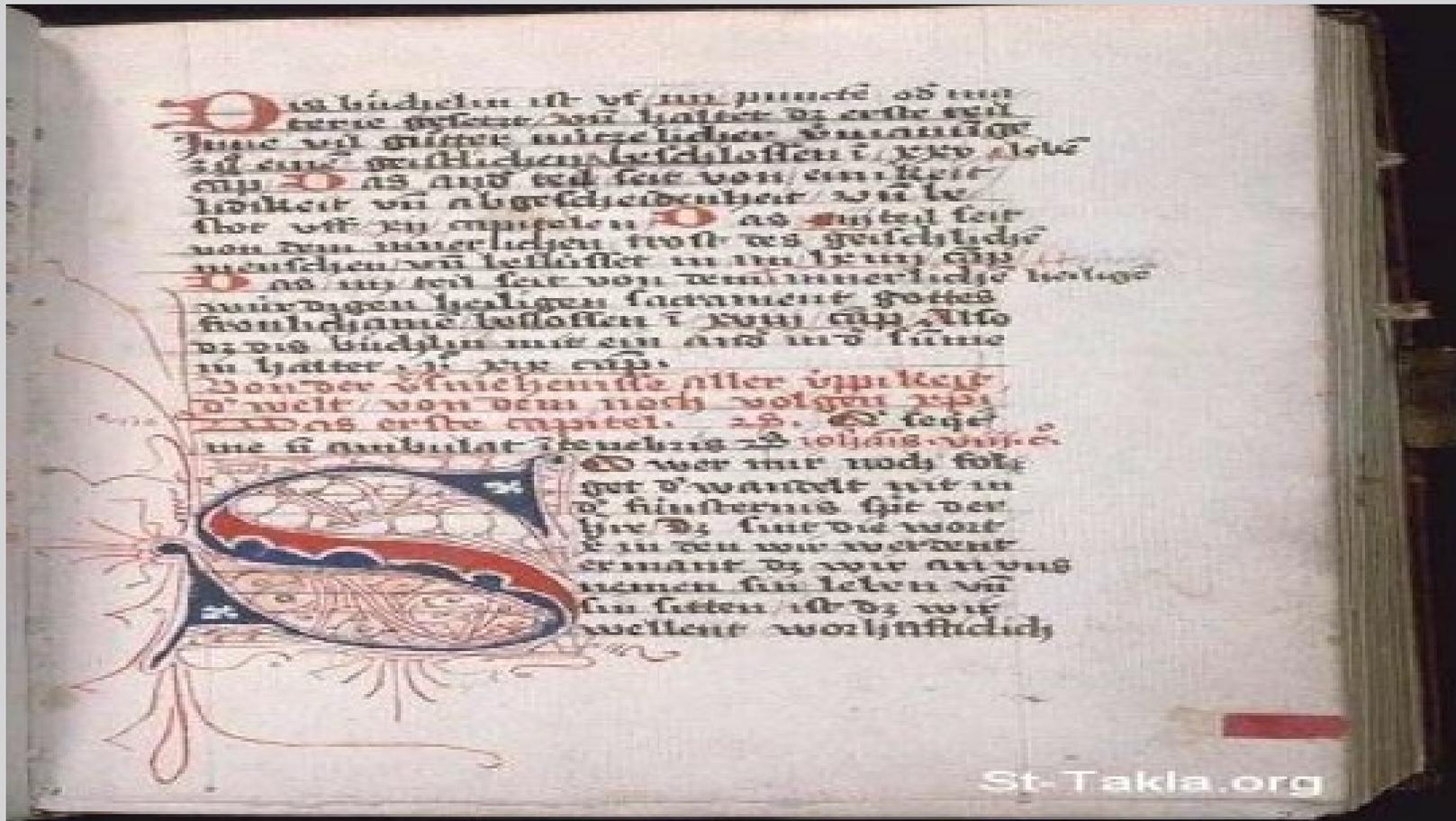
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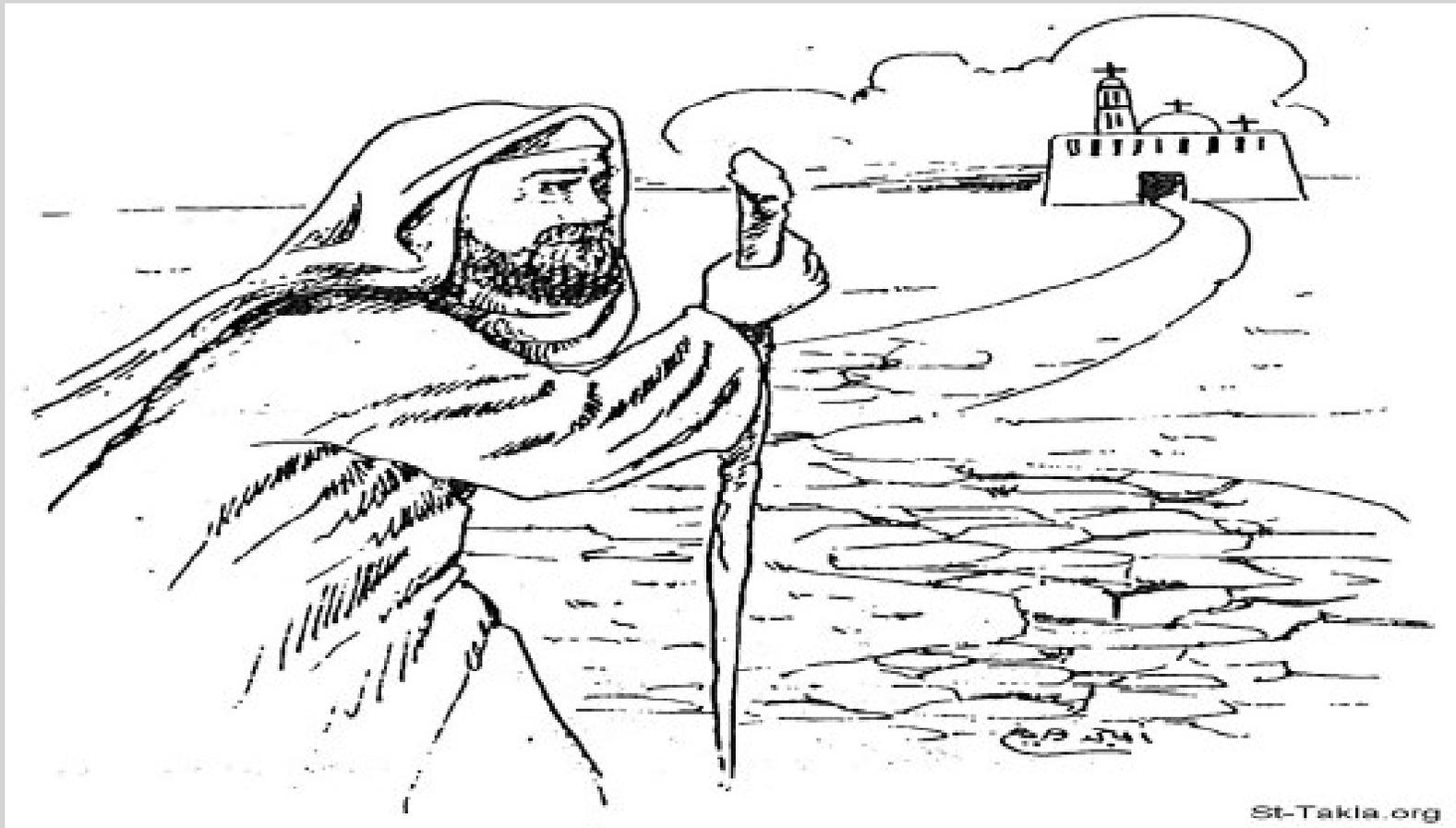
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# The Monk as a Messenger

## Lessons for the Month of January

- **Conclusion**
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  - Monasticism is a spiritual power in the church.
- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

# Resources

- Application
  - Coordinate a time for A.G.A.P.E. students to interact with non- A.G.A.P.E. students.
- Activities—Customize according to student abilities, speech, and fine and gross motor skills.
  - Coloring/Painting
  - Cut and Paste
  - Music/Games
- References
  - <http://www.suscopts.org/ssc/Grade08.pdf>