

# Sunday School Grade 4 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 St. Hilaria

## Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- St. Hilaria lived in a palace with her parents and her sister Theopesta.
- Since St. Hilaria was a little girl, she loved praying. She also loved reading the Holy Bible.
- When she was 8 years old she cut her hair like a boy. She left the palace to go to St. Macarius monastery.
- St Hilaria was ordained a monk. Her sister Theopesta got very sick. Her father sent her to the monastery.
- St. Hilaria recognized her. She wept, prayed and kissed Theopesta continuously. Her sister was healed.
- Her father wanted to meet the monk that healed Theopesta. When he saw St. Hilaria, he was pleased to find her alive.

# Word Bank

- St. Hilaria



- Palace



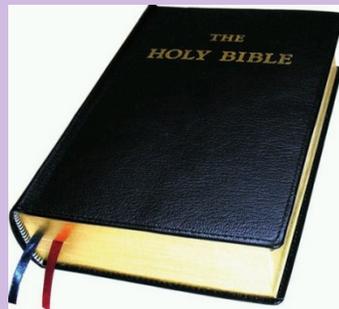
- Pray



- Monk



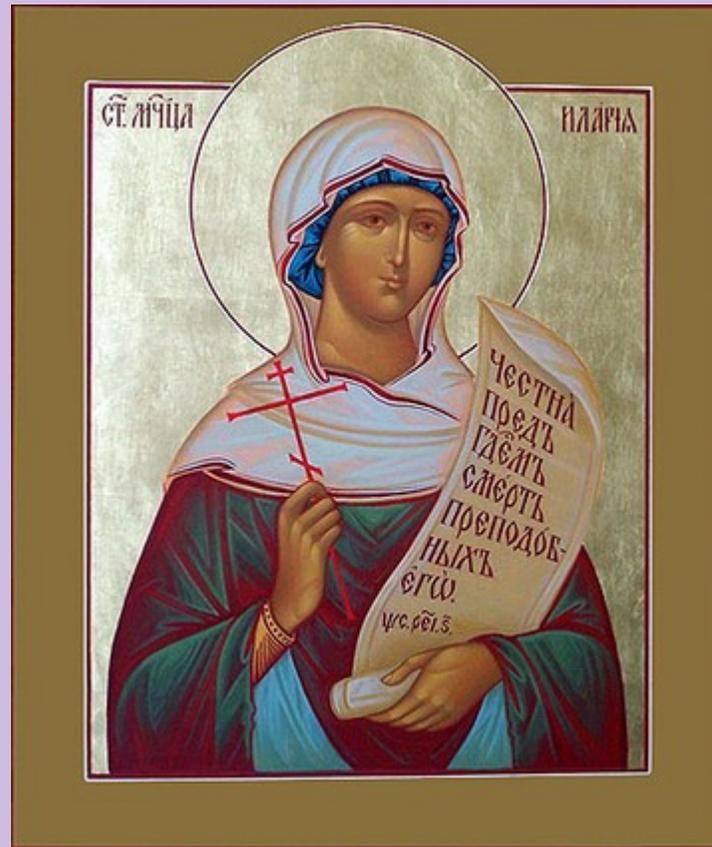
- Holy Bible



- Weep



# Objective: Learn the life story of this saint



**Memory Verse: “Happy are the people  
whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 144:15)**



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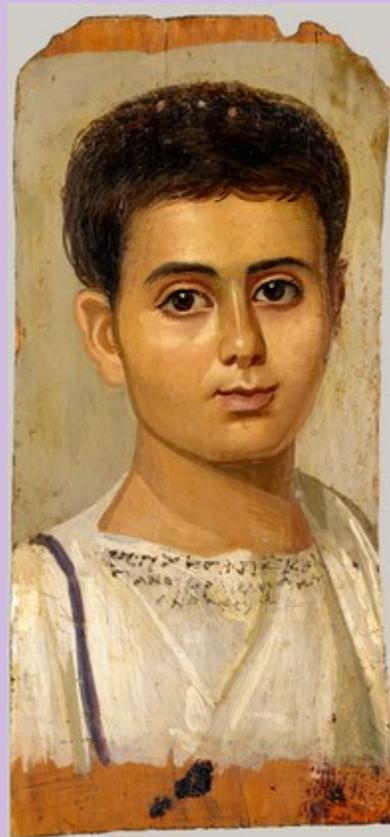


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- **Conclusion**

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- 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/Grade04.pdf>