#### Sunday School Grade 7 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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. Monica Lessons for the Month of January

#### Lesson Outline: Week 4

- St. Monica was the mother of St. Augustine.
- St. Monica wept and prayed to God to turn her son Augustine to Christianity.
- St. Monica was persistent. She continued praying for Augustine's salvation.
- St. Augustine turned to Christ from his wicked life. He was baptized by St. Ambrose.
- St. Monica thanked God before she died for answering her prayers.
- St. Augustine wept when his mother died. He wrote "...for many years she had wept for me that I might live..."

#### **Word Bank**

• St. Monica



Wept



Persistent



Turn to Christ





Thank God
 St. Augustine



Objective: Understand the importance of persistence in prayer. The love of a

mother.



Memory Verse: "Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:7-8)



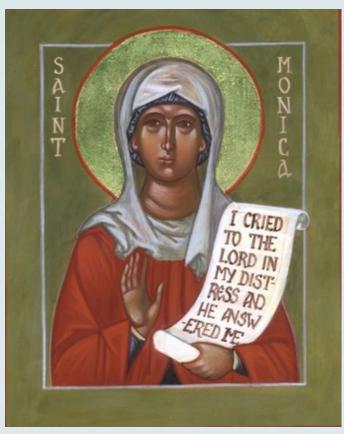
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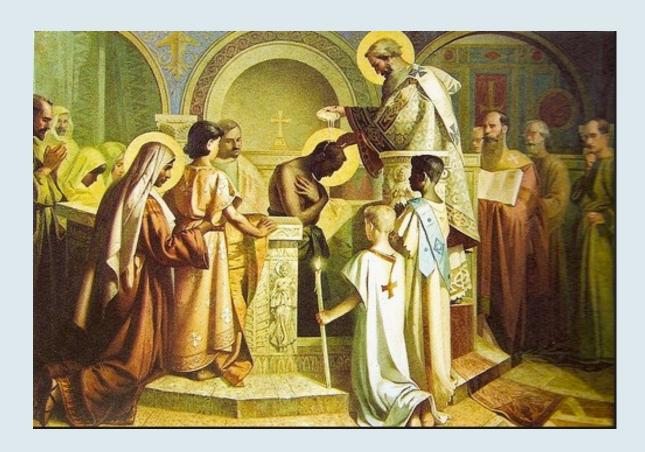
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

#### 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/Grade07.pdf