

# Sunday School Grade 7

## 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 I Fast and Pray as Christ Did

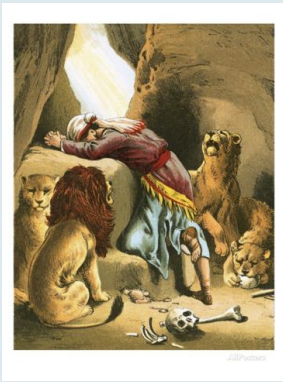
## Lessons for the Great Lent

- **Lesson Outline: Week 0**

- In the Old Testament many prophets fasted and prayed for their spiritual life, like Daniel.
- Christ said about the Devil “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting” (Mark 9:29).
- The Lord’s fasting was accompanied by prayer and spiritual struggle. We fast and pray with Him and through Him.
- Fasting is an exercise to humiliate the desires of the flesh. It is not an exercise to weaken the body itself.
- Praying is essential along with fasting for us to develop self-control and to grow spiritually.
- Fasting is accompanied by works of love and mercy.

# Word Bank

- Daniel



- Devil



- Fasting



- Self-control



- Prayer



- Mercy



# Objective: Sound spiritual practice of the acceptable fasting



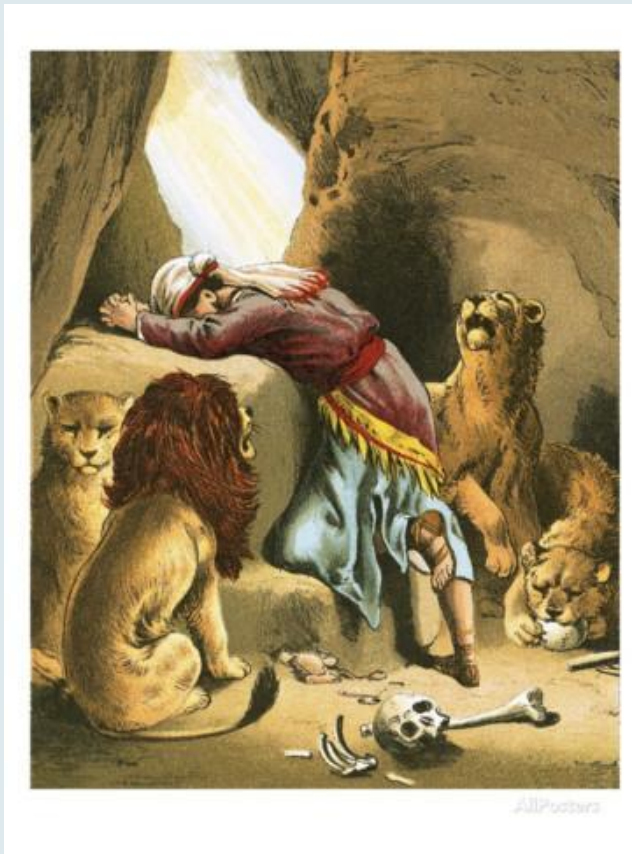
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**Memory Verse: “Give yourselves to fasting and prayer” (1 Corinthians 7:5)**



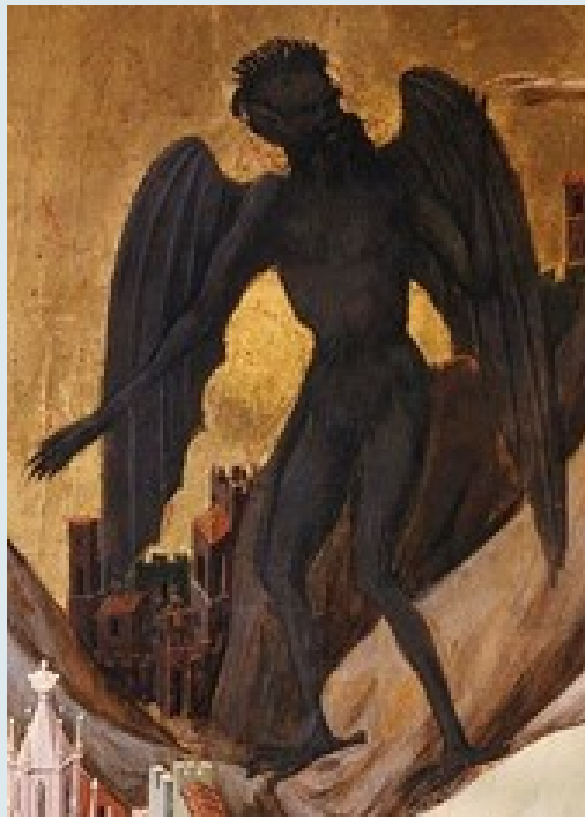
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**The Lord's fasting was accompanied by prayer and spiritual struggle. We fast and pray with Him and through Him.**



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# I Fast and Pray as Christ Did

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- **Conclusion**

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- Praying is essential along with fasting for us to develop self-control and to grow spiritually.
- Fasting is accompanied by works of love and mercy.

- 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>