

# 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 What is My Goal in Life? Lessons for the Great Lent

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**
  - We are all members of the body of Christ. When one member hurts the whole body is in pain.
  - We need each other. No one is self-sufficient.
  - Love and serve: Help someone in need. Lend a helping hand. Visit the sick.
  - Raise our prayers for one another. Especially when one of us is in trouble, ill, sad, worried or is traveling.
  - Do good work in secret to the poor and the needy they are the Lord's brothers.
  - Do not blame others when they do not share your joys or sorrows. You do not know their circumstances.

# Word Bank

- One body



- Teamwork



- Helping Hand



- Fellowship



- Good Works



- Share



**Objective: My Life is not for me but for others.**



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**Memory Verse: “But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you” (Luke 12:31)**



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# What is My Goal in Life?

## Lessons for the Great Lent

- **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/Grade07.pdf>