#### 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.

### PreparationforThePoorLessons for the Great Lent

- Lesson Outline: Week 0
  - The poor makes us free from the bondage of material and the selfishness.
  - Anba Sarabamon, Bishop of Menoufya would go at night and give food to the poor.
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  - The Lord ordered us to care for the poor, as they are His brethren.
  - Almsgiving is one of the works of the Holy Spirit. It is an indication that we have attained brotherly love.

#### Word Bank

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Feed the poor



Anba Sarabamon



- Pope John II Anba Abraam



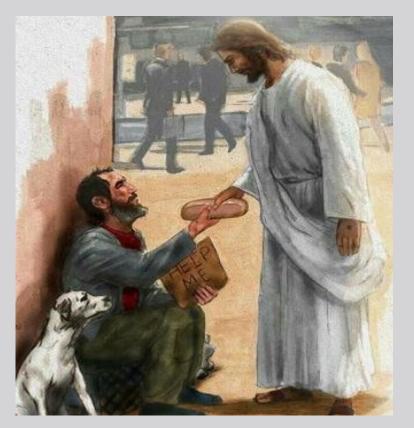
Almsgiving



## Objective: As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.



#### Memory Verse: "Truly, I say to you as you did it to one of the least of these brethren; you did it to me" (Matthew 25:35-40).



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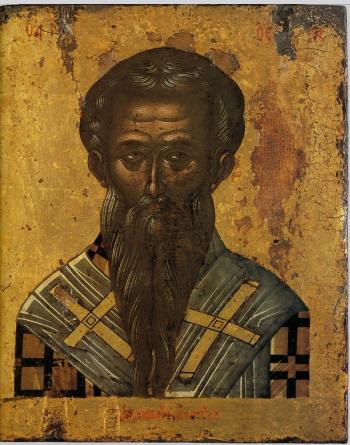


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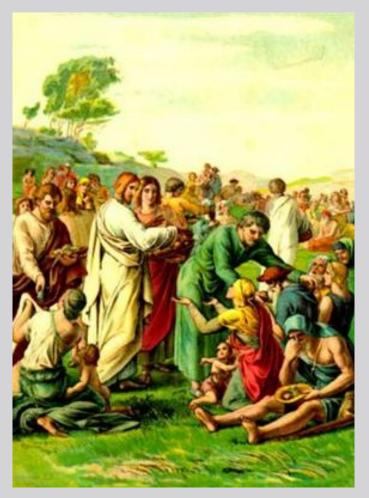
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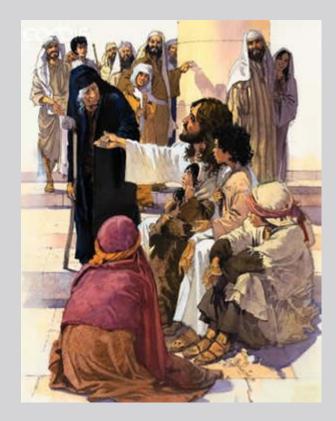
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

#### 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/Grade08.pdf