

Sunday School Grade 0

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 House on the Rock

Lessons for the Pentecost

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Jesus Christ was telling a story about two men building houses.
- One of the men brought good material and looked for strong land to built his house.
- He found a strong rock that was very hard and he built his house on it.
- Another man looked at the first land that was weak and sandy.
- He built his house on it. Then rain and wind came.
- The house on the rock stayed and the house on the sand fell and broke.

Word Bank

- Houses



- Material



- Strong



- Weak



- Rain



- Broke



Objective: To learn the story of the house built on the rock. To learn to listen and remember the word of God.



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**Memory Verse: “It did not fall”
(Matthew 7:25)**



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House on the Rock

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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/Grade00.pdf>